

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

Sunday, September 11

	Camp Grier Retreat	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School	Room 301 & 309
10:00 am	Men’s Bible Class	Room 122
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Fall Kickoff Dinner	Jim and Jackie Webb’s House
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Session Room 12

Monday, September 12

9:00 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 13

10:00 am	Circle 4	143 Broad
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, September 14

	Preschool Fall Pictures	
1:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	MSM/Logos begins	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Together Dinner	143 Broad
5:30 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, September 15

	Preschool Fall Pictures	
6:00 pm	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad

Friday, September 16

	Preschool Fall Pictures	
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Saturday, September 17

7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
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Sunday, September 18

	New Members Sunday	
8:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:40 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting	Parlor
3:00 pm	Card Making Group	Room 300
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH  
SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten	Allen Brawley
Zach Miller	Chris Creech	Judy Daniel
Trent Newell	Ross Culp	Garrett Howard
Bill Omohundro	Lynda Robinson	Tom Kirkland
Liz Rader	Scott Mauney	Karen Shore
Mickey Russell	Sue Stevens	Ken Stissel

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Ushering Volunteers Needed!** On September 11, we will resume full ushering support for both services and need approximately 50 volunteers in addition to those already serving. Each usher will serve for one month assisting the designated Head Usher. Written instructions will be provided. If you are interested, please fill out the volunteer form or contact the Church Office or Andrew Coates ([andrewcoates20@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewcoates20@yahoo.com); 704.658.7203). Please indicate which service you would like to volunteer for, and any preference for month of service.



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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

**September 11, 2022 ♦ 11:00 A.M.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE	Greg Thompson - Organist Piano, Brass, and Timpani
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WELCOME	Dave Rockness
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CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 59: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*  
Tune: Hymn To Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;  
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

ORGAN SOLO: “*Rhosymedre*” Melody by J.D. Edwards  
Soloist: Greg Thompson Setting by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

This piece is a setting of the hymn, “*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*”. The text was originally set by Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737), a German Lutheran writer of hymns. This setting for organ is by Paul Manz (1919-2009). Today’s organ improvisation is based on Psalm 27:4, Isaiah 30:19, and Psalm 3:1.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:1-6  
“<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.”

SERMON: “*The Good News: Rejection of Jesus?*” Dave Rockness

PRAYER CHORUS 492: “*Spirit of the Living God*”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN 442: “‘*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*” Tune: Trust In Jesus

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word, just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:*  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood, just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain.*

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease, just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain.*

I’m so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend, and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end. *Refrain.*

\*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson - Piano

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by Tom and Emily Kirkland in honor of their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 8.

**Flowers:** Please call the church office if you are willing to provide a sanctuary flower arrangement during the next few weeks. If every family could donate one arrangement per year, we would have flowers every week! Thank you!!

**Are you a first time visitor?** If so, please make sure to check-in at the welcome table in the church parlor after the service. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

**Music Update:** Handbells rehearse weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm. Chancel Choir rehearse weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm. Both groups meet in the Choir Room. Please contact Nathan Cole for further information ([nathan@mooresvillefpc.org](mailto:nathan@mooresvillefpc.org)).

**New Service Times:** Starting September 18<sup>th</sup>, our contemporary services will commence at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Sunday school will also commence at 10:00 am followed by our traditional service at 11:15 am. Please make note of these changes and continue to pray for the growth of our church.

**Philippians Bible Study:** This fall we will be offering a 10-week bible study (Sept. 14-Nov. 30) for all ages in the 143 Building that will include dinner (\$5/pizza & salad), guided group discussion, and pastoral insight. *Dinner will be available 5:30-6pm in the 143 Building and then will transition into bible study which ends at 7pm.* If you simply would like to attend the bible study, we will begin promptly at 6pm. Those who arrive late for the dinner portion can still grab a quick bite to eat and join the group. The study will be led by Pastor Dave Rockness.

**We welcome the following new members to our FPC family:** Jessica Babington, Rick & Rachel Van Harn (Iris, Willow), Jeffrey & Ginger Padgett (Mallory, Meredith), and Dexter & Lynette Roberts. They were all introduced at the 9:30 am service this morning.



**Stephen Ministry** is your ministry. You have an important role to play. Pray for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our Stephen Ministry. Accept care from a Stephen Minister. God does not expect you to bear your burdens alone. Tell a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who needs care about our Stephen Ministry. If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, prayerfully, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Talk to our pastors or call Jaclyn Webb, your Stephen Leader, at (561)222-4380.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The Saints Alive group, our older adult group, will begin meeting again at the church for a monthly luncheon on the third Tuesday of each month. This month’s luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 12:30 pm. We will enjoy a meal, devotions and fellowship together. Reservations are necessary; please call or email Ellen Auten by Monday, September 19 ([ellen@mooresvillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@mooresvillefpc.org); 704-664-5275). Cost is \$10.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. **Prayer concerns will remain for six weeks. If you wish people to remain longer, please contact the church office and ask to have the period extended.** If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

### Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Alecia Miller	Billie Brawley	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Peggy Davidson

### Members of the Church

Mary Matheson	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Paul Winokur
John and Helen Neely	Tom Trosuk	Chuck Hunter
Addison Carpenter		

### Bereavement – Family of Maddie Taylor (friend to Becky Deal); and the Family of Janie Layton

### Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Family of Sarah Crotts
Susan Britt	Cathy Moore	Sibyl Newton
Dick and Jane Scovil	Al Daniel	Jim Maxwell
Barbara Hinson	Joe Wilkinson	Kay Burklin
Aldo Martinez	Leigh Hudson	Stephen Catanzaro
Seth Snodgrass	Brenda Biggins	
Barbara & Herman Newton	Family of Sharon Waldron	

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Maj. William Matheny, Army	LTC Rodney Tatum