

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

Sunday, December 7	Stewardship Sunday	
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Installation service for Jordin Camacho-Greer	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS Refresh Youth	143 Broad
6:30 pm	HS Refresh Youth	143 Broad

Monday, December 8		
2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Personnel committee	Room 222
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 9		
10:00 am	Circle 4	143 Broad
12:30 pm	Circle 5	143 Broad
5:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Circle 3	Kim Streb’s home
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 10		
1:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, December 11		
9:00 am	Preschool Christmas program	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad

Friday, December 12		
9:00 am	Preschool Christmas program	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Amahl & the Night Visitors	
	Dress rehearsal	143 Broad

Saturday, December 13		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Amahl & the Night Visitors	143 Broad

Sunday, December 14		
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Amahl & the Night Visitors	143 Broad
5:00 pm	MS Refresh Youth	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Worship & Music committee	Room 307
6:30 pm	HS Refresh Youth	143 Broad

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Cathy Irwin	Robert Holman	Brent Curtis
Scott Lumadue	Vic Petrenko	Philip Heilman
Zach Miller	Susan Poore	David Handy
Jayson Stutts	Johnny Robertson	Rachel van Harn
Laura Wright	Lynda Robinson	Trent Newell
	Al White	Donna Welsh

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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CHURCH EVENTS?

CALENDAR?

INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

December 7, 2025 ♦ 11:15 AM

*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 *Bethlehem Night*

Spirit Choir

*On this night a King is born, in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep Him warm in His manger bed.
Shepherds, watching flocks by night in the fields nearby,
See an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky!
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?
Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy:
Now a Savior comes to you, in this Baby Boy.
Love has come out God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.*

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 11
Leader: Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.
People: And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.

Leader: They will not harm or destroy each other on my entire holy mountain, for the land will be as full of the knowledge of the Lord as the sea is filled with water.

People: On that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples. The nations will look to him for guidance, and his resting place will be glorious.

INVOCATION:
Lord our God, Come and fill us with the Spirit of the promised Root of Jesse. Gather us in Your peace, teach us Your wisdom, and make Your presence glorious among us. As the earth will be full of Your knowledge, let our worship be full of You today. In Christ’s holy name, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 182: *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

*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.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: The Linen family

ANTHEM: *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* from *Oratorio de Noël*
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) Chancel Choir
*Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation, bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house!
Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful, on earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord for He cometh, Alleluia!*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Dave Rockness

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD’S PRAYER
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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 184: *What Child Is This?*
Tune: GREENSLEEVES

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:1-13

SERMON: *As Christ Welcomed You* Moses Camacho-Greer

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 189: *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*
Tune: REGENT SQUARE

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: Greg Thompson – organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Mack and Janie Morrow, by Jim Morrow.

Flowers: Please call the church office if you are willing to provide a sanctuary flower arrangement during the next few weeks. You may also sign up on the flower calendar in the parlor. If every family could donate one arrangement per year, we would have flowers every week! Thank you!

Pledge Sunday: Sunday, December 7th, will be pledge Sunday for both the operating budget and Legacy Campaign. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

Special Ordination Service for Jordin Camacho-Greer today! At 3:00 pm in the sanctuary, we invite you to a joyful and meaningful service as we officially install Jordin into the ECO North Carolina Presbytery. This special event celebrates her journey as she transitions her ordination from the EPC to ECO and affirms her calling to serve as a validated minister among us. This is a joyful opportunity to celebrate and affirm Jordin’s ministry and to pray over her as a church family. Please join us for this special afternoon of worship and celebration. We look forward to seeing you there and giving thanks together!

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a musical drama, will be performed on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the 143 Broad Worship Space. Last year we had a wonderful turnout and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performances. Amahl is the story of a poor shepherd boy and his mother who are visited by The Three Kings, who are on their way to Bethlehem to visit Jesus. Amahl, his mother, and the kings witness a life-changing miracle. The church has come together in a wonderful way by serving through set and lighting design, costumes and props, and by sharing musical and dramatic talents. Please plan to attend this meaningful Christmas performance.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregation meeting on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the 11:15 am service. The purpose is to approve the slate of officers presented by our Nominating Committee. The current nominees are Michelle Droddy, Nathan Glad, Dave Ramey, Nikki Robinson, Sue Stevens, and Michelle Stissel. Any member at the meeting is welcome to add a name to the slate, assuming the person has been approached in advance.

Saints Alive: December Saints Alive will be next Tuesday December 16. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 - 1pm. Afterwards we will head to the sanctuary to enjoy an advent concert put together by David Hamilton. David Hamilton and Meredith Whitlow will be singing as Greg Thompson accompanies them. The Advent Concert will be from 1:15 - 2pm in the Sanctuary - All are welcome! Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to the church office 704-664-5275, or to melissaf@moorevillefpc.org.

Children's Ministry volunteers needed: The children's ministry is in need of 1 volunteer a week for the 11:15 service. Over the last year our 11:15 children's ministry has grown and we now serve families weekly. If you are willing to serve 1x a month please contact melissaf@moorevillefpc.org. Thank you for serving our young families in such a meaningful and impactful way.

Youth Meal Train: We will regularly have dinner together at youth group on Sunday nights now! If you would like to help support youth group meals, please sign up to bring an item with the attached Meal Train link. If you are unable to use Meal Train, please reach out to Zeb Nelson (our Youth Director) and he will let you know how you can help that week. Thanks! Meal Train Link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/kyvgqd>

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
Joyce Johnson Faye Wright Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson Mary Mason Jean Chislaghi
John Neely

Members of the Church
Justin Foulke Kelly Williams Peaches Piper
Jon Putnam Grady Woodward Family of Joe Irwin
Family of Joseph Cuciniello Family of Peggy Davidson

Friends of the Church
Barbara Newton Jeff Poore Cindy Crowell
Seth Snodgrass Sharon & Jim Velej Barbara Weyer
Family of Jane Wright The Chester Family Daniel Hinkle
Terri Luchini Family of Jacki Rullman Family of Joyce Rosko
Barbara & Dennis Atwood Joe Anderson

Armed Forces
LTC David Dennison, Army Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC LT Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF Alix Davis, USN LTC Rodney Tatum
Maj. William Matheny, Army James Regan, USN Karen Regan, USN
Michael Regan, Army