

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

Monday, March 1

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad

Tuesday, March 2

2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad
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Wednesday, March 3

4:30 pm	Confirmation Class	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad

Thursday, March 4

7:00 pm	Ephesians Book Study with Jason	Zoom
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Sunday, March 7

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2021

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

Class of 2022

Phil Heilman
Zach Miller
Trent Newell
Bill Omohundro
Mickey Russell

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2023

Mark Auten
Chris Creech
Ross Culp
Scott Mauney
Sue Stevens

DIACONATE

Andrew Coates, Moderator

Class of 2021

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Debbie Lackey
Jane Peterson
Teresa Trimble

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2023

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

February 28, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*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

WELCOME Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name. Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness, Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died; He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation, Hail him, hail him, Jesus the crucified. Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows; love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. *Refrain:*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever. Crown him, crown him, Prophet and Priest, and King. Christ is coming, over the world victorious, power and glory unto the Lord belong. *Refrain:*

*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, 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.

SONG OF WORSHIP *"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love whatever you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-19

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my

own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father. Again the Jews were divided because of these words.”

SERMON *“Signs and Statements: The Good Shepherd”* Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *“I Am Thine, O Lord”*

I am thine, O Lord I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.
Refrain:

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. *Refrain:*

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.
Refrain:

*INVITATION

* BENECTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Messages: There will be a Children's Message posted on the church website (moorevillefpc.org) at the end of each week. Click on Ministries tab, then Children tab.

Small Groups and Classes- We have a number of offerings for you to grow as a disciple here at the church. To register or to find out more information, please go to the website or call the office. Moorevillefpc.org/small-groups-and-classes.

- Circle 1 – 2nd Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Circle 3 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Circle 4 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- Circle 5 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon.
- College Study – Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.
- Lost and Found Bible Study – (Women) the group meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Men’s Bible Study – Monday mornings at 7:00 a.m.
- Sermon Study with Dave – Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Men’s Bible Study with Dave – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Ephesians Bible Study with Jason – Thursdays on (Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

Flowers: Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) if you would like to provide flowers for worship services, in honor or memory of loved ones.

PYF Groups Meeting Schedule:

The MS PYF groups meet on Sundays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

The HS PYF groups meet on Sundays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Adult Sunday School Class: We are offering an in-person Sunday School class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The class is led by John and Judy Daniel, and uses the Ray Vander Laan DVD series, “That the World May Know.” This study, “Promised Land,” focuses on how God revealed himself to his ancient people, and how the stories of the Bible reveal His mission for our lives.

Tables and chairs are set up and spaced so that participants may easily sit 6 feet apart. We strongly recommend wearing a mask and sitting only with people in your household. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) if you have questions.

2021 Scholarships: Applications are now available for two scholarships for First Presbyterian Church members who are graduating seniors or college students. The Agnes Neel and Cora Freeze scholarships are valued at \$2,500 each. Applications can be obtained from the church website, www.moorevillefpc.org, or from the church office (704) 664-5275. Deadline to be completed and returned to the church office is Monday, April 26.

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

Joan Gibson	Billie Brawley	John Westmoreland
Lecie Miller	Mary Mason	Kathleen Bates
Pat Hunter	Dot Nelson	Christy Floyd
Peggy Rogers		

Members of the Church

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Gene Harris	Faye Wright	Tom Trosuk
Sheri Mack	Lorra Lee Holshouser	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Tom Castilano	Patty McNeely Beamish
Margie Overcash, sister to Marilyn Beaver		

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