

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Grades 1 st – 5 th Sunday School Class	Room 322
10:45 am	Logos Parent Meeting	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Logos Parent Meeting	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 30

7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor

Tuesday, August 31

6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300&301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 1

6:30 pm	Logos Parent Meeting	143 Broad
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Thursday, September 2

Preschool Closed Labor Day Break

Friday, September 3

Preschool Closed Labor Day Break

Saturday, September 4

10:00 am	Camp Grier/Retreat	Old Fort, NC
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Sunday, September 5

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Grades 1 st – 5 th Sunday School Class	Room 322
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 6

Office Closed – Labor Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

Perspective's Class Available: If you have a heart for or growing interest in Missions and would like to learn more about how to take part in God's work around the world, there is a Perspective's class taking place in Huntersville that does it all. Information about the class can be found at www.perspectives.org/charlottenc. If you have any questions about the class please reach out to Pastor Jason at jason@moorevillefpc.org.

Chancel Choir News: We would like to announce a fantastic opportunity to anyone who has an interest in good singing and taking part in a special Christmas concert. A fabulous orchestra will accompany us in presenting the music of John Rutter and Leroy Anderson. This invitation is extended to both church congregations, the wider Mooresville community and friends of our church, far and wide. If you can commit to the weekly rehearsal schedule, we would love to see you!

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

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
Cathy Irwin

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
August 29, 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 68: *“Come thou Fount of every Blessing”*

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*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 502: *"Be thou my Vision"*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won; may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 1:1-11

"The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chisleu, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, ²one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³They replied, "The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire." ⁴When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; ⁶let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. ⁷We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; ⁹but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name.' ¹⁰They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering

your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!" At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

SERMON "Priority of Prayer" Dave Rockness

*HYMN 373: "Change my heart, O God"
Change my heart, O God; make it ever new. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I say.

Change my heart O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (Repeat)

*INVITATION

* BENECTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

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.

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

Adult Sunday School: 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." Upcoming class sessions include these topics:
August 29 – City of the Great King – Part 2

Logos/ Middle School Ministry (MSM): The Logos /MSM program is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 15. Logos/MSM is a mid-week program for children and youth in 1st – 8th grades, and consists of 4 parts- Bible study, recreation, worship skills, and dinner hour. The program meets Wednesdays from 4:30-7:00 pm. Logos is for grades 1-5 and MSM is for grades 6-8. Cost is a \$35 registration fee and \$55 per semester tuition fee (scholarship help is available). Parents must attend a parent meeting and volunteer in some capacity. Parent meetings will be held:

- Sunday, August 29 – 10:45 am in 143 Broad Building
- Sunday, August 29 – 6:00 pm in 143 Broad Building
- Wednesday, September 1 – 6:30 pm in 143 Broad Building

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 8. Please contact Ellen Auten (704 664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) if you have any questions about Logos/MSM.

Camp Grier Day Retreat: Make plans to join the church family at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for a Day Retreat on Saturday September 4. Activities will be held from 10:00 am – 8:00pm – come for all or part of the day. Information may be found in the church parlor, the church office, and in the 143 Broad building. Register online at www.moorevillefpc.org. Please contact Ellen Auten (ellen@moorevillefpc.org) or Jason Sentas (jason@moorevillefpc.org) if you have any questions about the retreat.

Wednesday Night Together

Gospel of Luke Bible Study- This fall we will be offering an 11-week Bible study (Sept. 15-Dec 8) for all ages in the 143 Building that will include dinner, a short video presentation, guided group discussion, pastoral insight, and a guidebook for further study. Dinner will be available 5:30-6pm in the 143 Building and then will transition into Bible study which ends at 7pm. 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.

"Lost & Found" Women's Bible study- A woman's study will be offered as well and is entitled *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa Terkeurst. This study will be led by Jodi Rockness. Those attending can register for dinner as well. **Those interested in dinner-** Please register at the welcome booth after the service or through our church's website (moorevillefpc.org). Dinner will include pizza, salad, and drinks for \$5/per person.

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	Peggy Rogers
Peggy Davidson		

Bereavement- Glenda Stutts and family in death of her mother, Mabel Roach, grandsons; Jayson Stutts, Patrick Stutts, granddaughter; Stacey Faulkenberry, great-grandchildren; Avery, Emerson, Howard, and Wiley Stutts, John, Rachel and David Faulkenberry

Members of the Church- Adonna Dickerson

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Robinson Family
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Seyller Family
Valerie Mauney & Family		

Friends of the Church- Tom Thetga, Debbie Hunter's godson; Sibyl Newton

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Margie Overcash,	Patti Dancoff	Tom Thetga
sister to Marilyn Beaver		
Aldo Martinez		

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