

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9

Sunday, January 9		
9:30 am	Logos Registration Deadline	
9:45 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:30 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:45 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
12:15 pm	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Congregation Meeting	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 10		
2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor
Tuesday, January 11		
10:00 am	Circle 4	143 Broad
12:00 pm	Circle 5	143 Broad
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Circle 3	143 Broad
Wednesday, January 12		
Thursday, January 13		
6:00 pm	Preschool Pancake & PJ Day PYF Parent Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Friday, January 14		
6:00 pm	Preschool Pancake & PJ Day Officer’s Retreat	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 15		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	Zoom
9:00 am	Officer’s Retreat	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 16		
9:30 am	Officer’s Installation	
9:45 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:30 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:45 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
5:00 pm	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Combined PYF	Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS....
The 2022 Flower Calendar is available in the parlor for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship in the coming year. The calendar will remain in the parlor until the end of January. This is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or honor a loved one. Your flowers can also encourage someone who is ill or homebound if you wish to leave them to be used by our flower ministry volunteers. Your arrangement will be used to create smaller bouquets that will be distributed on Mondays to brighten someone’s day

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH
SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Mike Campbell	Phil Heilman	Mark Auten
Brent Curtis	Zach Miller	Chris Creech
Tom Morrow	Trent Newell	Ross Culp
Mike Toma	Bill Omohundro	Scott Mauney
Gene Vaughan	Mickey Russell	Sue Stevens

Andrew Coates, Moderator		Liz Rader, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Beverly Chappell	Carolyn Brawley	Chet Carpenter
Andrew Coates	Pat King	Laura Christman
Hillary Cole	Liz Rader	Lucy Hastings
Angie Copeland	Kendall Reid	Cathy Irwin
Debbie Lackey	Ginny Swedenberg	
Jane Peterson		
Teresa Trimble		

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
January 9, 2022 ♦ 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, piano
WELCOME	Jason Sentas
CALL TO WORSHIP	
INVOCATION	

*HYMN OF PRAISE 236: *“As with Gladness”*
As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright, so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore, so, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

*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.

*HYMN 469: *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12
“**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a

dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.”

SERMON “*Epiphany*” Jason Sentas

*HYMN 243: *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*
Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise; once revealed, when heaven’s star brought the wise men from afar; branch of royal David’s stem in your birth at Bethlehem.

Refrain:
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed at Jordan’s stream, prophet, priest and king supreme; once revealed in power divine changing water into wine; Cana’s holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best. *Refrain*

God revealed in valiant fight, conquering the devil’s might; sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed; once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill. *Refrain*

Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made; Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign; all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear. *Refrain*

*INVITATION Dave Rockness

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: Greg Thompson, piano

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.

A called congregational meeting will take place immediately following the 11am worship service today. Its purpose will be to approve the nomination slate for the office of elders.

Our church officers, Class of 2021, will rotate off the Session and Board of Deacons this morning. We express appreciation to them for their dedicated service to Christ and our congregation.
The retiring elders: Mike Campbell, Brent Curtis, Tom Morrow, Mike Toma, and Gene Vaughan
The retiring deacons: Carolyn Brawley, Chet Carpenter, Beverly Chappell, Laura Christman, Andrew Coates, Hillary Cole, Angie Copeland, Lucy Hastings, Cathy Irwin, Pat King, Debbie Lackey, Jane Peterson, Liz Rader, Kendall Reid, Teresa Trimble, and Ginny Swedenberg White
Officers-elect will be ordained and/or installed next Sunday, January 16. Ordination is the act by which the church sets apart persons to be ministers, elders and deacons, and is accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands. The office of elder and deacon is perpetual; therefore, those previously ordained to their office will only be installed.
Our elder nominees for the Class of 2022: Liz Rader
Our elder nominees for the Class of 2023: Lynda Robinson
Our elder nominees for the Class of 2024: Allen Brawley, Tom Kirkland, Judy Daniel, Garrett Howard, Karen Shore, and Ken Stissel.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM) Registration: Registration is underway for the second semester of our Logos/MSM program. Logos/MSM is our mid-week program for children in grades 1-8; the program meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 - 7:00 pm, and includes Bible study, choir, recreation and dinner.
If you are interested in registering as a new participant for 2nd semester, please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorestvillefpc.org) by Sunday, January 9. Current participants should return the second semester intent form to Ellen Auten by Sunday, January 9 (these forms have been mailed to current participants). 2nd semester is scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 19. Please note change in starting date.

Circle 5 will be meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 11 in the chapel at 143 Broad.

Saints Alive: The Saints Alive “Lunch Bunch” group plans to meet for lunch on Tuesday, January 18, at 11:30 am at Olive Garden, located at 438 Talbert Road. The Saints Alive group is our “older” adult group. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorestvillefpc.org) by Monday, January 17 to make a lunch reservation.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT)- Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts, beginning Wednesday, January 19th in the 143 building. It will meet weekly (6-7pm) and is open to men and women of all age groups. Pizza and salad will be available for dinner (5:30-6pm) for a suggested donation of \$5 per/person. If interested in dinner, please contact the church office (704-664-5275) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

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	Kathleen Bates
Alecia Miller	Mary Mason	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Peggy Davidson	

Members of the Church – Jeff Stonestreet

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Pat Hunter Family
Marilyn Beaver Family		

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Patti Dancoff	Tom Thetga	Sibyl Newton
Robb Parker	Renee Long	Tillie Coyne

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