

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 4		
Sunday, May 4		
8:30 am	Confirmation Sunday	
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	classrooms
11:15 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
5:30 pm	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Dinner & Missions event	
Monday, May 5		
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 6		
6:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, May 7		
1:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, May 8		
9:15 am	Preschool Letterland Parade	Drive-thru
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
Friday, May 9		
9:15 am	Preschool Letterland Parade	Drive-thru
Saturday, April May 10		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
7:15 am	Women’s Bible Study	Room 300
Sunday, May 11		
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
6:00 pm	Worship & Music committee	Room 307
6:30 pm	HS Refresh Youth	
	Value Village Formal	TBD
7:00 pm	Finance committee	Room 222

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
Ted Mikels	Susan Poore	David Handy
Zach Miller	Johnny Robertson	Rachel van Harn
Jayson Stutts	Lynda Robinson	Trent Newell
Laura Wright	Al White	Donna Welsh

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
**May 4, 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  
Greg Thompson - organ

WELCOME  
Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Psalm 150

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; give praises in the firmament of heaven.  
**People: Praise God who is mighty in deed; give praise for God’s excellent greatness.**  
Leader: Praise God with the blast of the ram’s-horn; give praise with lyre and harp.  
**People: Praise God with timbrel and dance; give praise with strings and pipe.**  
Leader: Praise God with resounding cymbals; give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.  
**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

INVOCATION

**Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, in Jesus Christ you came to redeem us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. Give us breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 308: *This Joyful Eastertide*  
Tune: VRUECHTEN

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* Moses Camacho  
**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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 502: *Be Thou My Vision*  
Tune: SLANE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION Dave Rockness

\*HYMN OF CONFESSION 353: *Grace Greater than Our Sin*  
Tune: MOODY

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-28

SERMON: *Follow Me* Zeb Nelson

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Dave Rockness

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
All professing and baptized Christians are invited to commune today, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament. The elements are served at the front of the sanctuary by pastors and Elders through intinction. Gluten-free and prepackaged bread and juice are available. May the risen Christ nourish your soul as you commune.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

\*INVITATION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Zeb Nelson

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 740: *“The Lord’s Prayer”*  
Tune: MALOTTE  
**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.:**

\*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.

**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!

**8th grade confirmation:** We had 3 students confirm their baptism in the 10am service this morning: Avery Stutts, Reagan Blair, and Evan Sileo. Additionally, they shared their statement of faith and were given a bible from the youth department. Congratulations confirmands!

**Invitation:** You are invited to join this evening (5/4) in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm for dinner. It will be immediately followed by a program with our guest speaker, Emmanuel Muhammed. His bio is provided as an insert in this bulletin.

**Birth Announcement:** Congratulations to Brandon and Jessica Abernathy on the birth of their baby Campbell Louise Abernathy on April 29, 2025. Grandparents are Steve and Jane Abernathy, and big brother is Greyson.

**Spirit night at Barcelona Grill!** This Thursday, May 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Troop 1166 is raising money to help with camperships (Scouting scholarships) for Scouts needing financial support and other Troop equipment needs. Please join us for a night out of good food!

**High School Senior Graduation Sunday (Combined Service at 11:15am in the sanctuary):** We invite you to join us in celebrating our high school senior graduates on May 18<sup>th</sup> with a special combined service at 11:15am! There will be childcare available in the duck room on the second floor for kids in kindergarten and younger. Following the service, we will head over to Cornelius Rd Park for a church picnic as well! If you are a high school senior that would like to be recognized in this service, please confirm with our Youth Director (Zeb Nelson) if you have not already, and he will get you all the information that you need. Zeb’s email is [zeb@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:zeb@moorevillefpc.org)

**You’re Invited - Baby Shower for Moses & Jordin Camacho-Greer:** Join us in celebrating the upcoming arrival of Moses and Jordin’s baby! It will be on Saturday, May 17, 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall & Courtyard. Come and go as you’re able | Light refreshments provided | Time of prayer over the family. Please bring a box of diapers (sizes 1–4) to enter the diaper raffle! For those who’d like to bless the family in other ways, their registry can be found at: [my.babylist.com/jordin-camacho-greer](https://my.babylist.com/jordin-camacho-greer) Optional RSVP: [greerjo@me.com](mailto:greerjo@me.com)

**Saints Alive:** May 20th will be our last Saints Alive until we meet again in September. Bob Amon will be joining us to share a tribute to honor WWII and veterans. If you would like to join us for lunch at 12:30 please RSVP to [melissaf@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:melissaf@moorevillefpc.org) by May 17. \$10 per person. 12:30 - 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Scholarship Recipients 2025:** Recipients of the Agnes P Neel Scholarship: James Miller, Camryn Stissel, John Robinson. Recipients of the Cora Freeze scholarship: Alana Creech, Karli Rockness, and John Miller. Congratulations!

**VBS Donations:** BUZZ on by and grab a bumble bee from our VBS bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. Each bee has an item or items you can choose to donate towards our MAGNIFIED VBS this summer. We are asking that all donations be delivered to the front office by June 10th. Any questions, please contact Melissa Foulke at [melissaf@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:melissaf@moorevillefpc.org).

**Youth Summer Camp Fundraiser:** Do you have a specific job or yardwork that needs to be done? If so, some of our youth are willing to help you in exchange for a donation towards their summer camp trip to South Carolina on June 2nd-6th! Please contact Zeb Nelson (our Youth and Young Adults Director) at [zeb@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:zeb@moorevillefpc.org) if you would like to make a request. He will reach back out to you, and if possible connect you with some students to do the job. Thanks so much!

## 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	Billie Brawley	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Peggy Davidson
John Neely	Jean Chislaghi	Faye Wright

Members of the Church		
Family of Beverly Stowe	Family of Charles Bittinger	Pete Peterson
Justin Foulke	Donna Snyder	Family of Mandy Amon
Jane Peterson	Family of Martha Gates	Family of Jack Moore
Family of Doris Skeen	Family of Helen Neely	

Friends of the Church		
Barbara Newton	Josiah Dillingham	Cindy Crowell
Seth Snodgrass	Dick Scovil	Kristi Smith
Family of Jane Wright	Rick & Delores Spielman	Family of George Potts
Terri Luchini	Family of Jacki Rullman	Barbara Weyer
Sharon & Jim Veley	Clare Ormond	

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		