

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 18

Sunday, April 18

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	Session with Confirmands	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

Monday, April 19

Tuesday, April 20	Newsletter Deadline	
2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad

Wednesday, April 21		
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad

Thursday, April 22		
7:00 pm	Choir Study	Zoom

Friday, April 23

Saturday, April 24		
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad

Sunday, April 25

9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Confirmation	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

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
Cathy Irwin

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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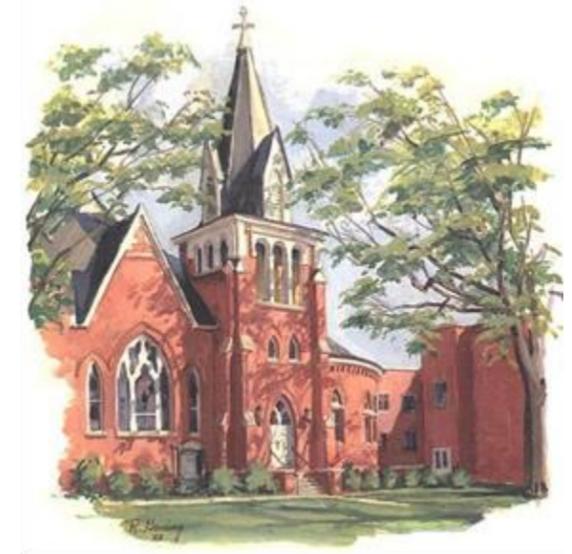
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
April 18, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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 Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Rise Up, O Saints of God"*

Rise up, O Saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, his word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
And quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God.

*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 *"There Is a Redeemer"*
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain:
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain:*

When I stand in Glory, I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain:*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:36-49
"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled. "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

SERMON *"Commissioned"* Jason Sentas

*HYMN: *"Open My Eyes, That I Might See"*
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free. Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear; and while the message sounds in my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with your children thus to share. Silently now on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

*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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Winkie Powell and Ann Lowe by Audry Harris.

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.

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:
April 18 – Total Commitment
April 25 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not Of It, Innocent Blood, Part 1
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.

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.

2021 Scholarships: Applications are 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	Jerilyn Fair
Sherri Hodge	Tom Kirkland	Bill Morrow & Family

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Tom Castilano	Patty McNeely Beamish
Margie Overcash, sister to	Patti Dancoff	Jim Hemphil
Marilyn Beaver		
Larry Creech		

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