

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 22

Sunday, April 22nd		
9:00 am	First Praise w/Communion	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship w/Communion/Confirmation/Baptism	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Confirmation Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
5:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
Monday, April 23rd		
2:00 pm	E 100 Study Group (Ellen)	Library
5:30 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, Room 300 & 301
6:15 pm	Exaltation Ringers	Music Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Parlor
Tuesday, April 24th		
6:30 pm	E-100 Study Group (Zoot)	Classroom
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	E-100 Study Group (Weyer)	Parlor
Wednesday, April 25th		
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, April 26th		
9:30 am	Preschool Spring Sing	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	E 100 Study Group (Women)	Parlor
7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 27th		
9:30 am	Preschool Spring Sing	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 28th		
10:00 am	E 100 Study (All ages)	Parlor
Sunday, April 29th		
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
5:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Roger Hyatt
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Class of 2019

Bill Brawley
C. P. Chappell
Janice Pluer
Steve Robinson
John Streb

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2020

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

DIACONATE

Scott Mauney, Moderator

Class of 2018

Sandy Bickett
Maria Heilman
Pat King
Paul Manning
Scott Mauney
Carol McClure
Tom Trosuk

David Ramey, Associate Moderator

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

Class of 2020

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Teresa Trimble

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

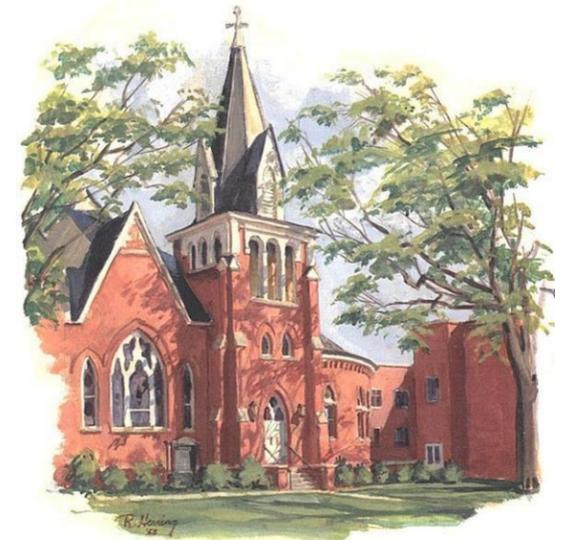
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Bryan Cerrone, Director of Youth Ministries
Alan Sledge, Director of Music
Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education
Lori Stewart, Director of Preschool
Tonya Stinson, Office Assistant
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Head Usher
Assistant Usher
Ushers
Youth Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Bell Ringer
Soundboard
Lay Reader
Special Offering Ushers

David Ramey
Paul Manning
Chris Creech, Carolyn Brawley
Anna McNeely
C.P. Chappell, Bill Brawley
Samuel Creech
Alana Creech
Tony Ervin
Sue Stevens
Samuel Creech, Alana Creech
Caroline McMillan, Peter Sentas



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
April 22, 2018 ♦ 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: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* J.S. Bach
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106:1-5 Bryan Cerrone
Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Can anyone declare the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all God's praise?

Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;

that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.

INVOCATION

Merciful God, remembering your covenant, you graciously pardoned those who rebelled against you. Grant that, where sin abounds, grace may abound more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 406: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

*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.**

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicole Elizabeth LaFone, Nathaniel James Sentas, Jordyn Lee Trimberger

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue Stevens

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 15:6 pg. 10

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION Dave Rockness

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*
Chancel Choir Processionale, Paris, 1697/ Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show Thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like Thee; Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield; Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED BY CHILDREN

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 15:1-11 pg. 899 Mary Davidson

SERMON: "In Defense of the Gospel" Bryan Cerrone

HYMN 436: *Grace Alone*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. As you pass the elements to your neighbor, please say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you" and "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." May the risen Christ nourish your soul as you commune.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 740: *The 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. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *God of Grace* setting by Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Preschool and elementary children during worship: Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age during all Sunday morning activities. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders through fifth grade children** are invited to participate in First Kids' Worship following the *Time With The Children*. The service is designed as an age-appropriate worship service for elementary age children and is held in the fellowship hall; parents will pick their children up in the fellowship hall. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Robertson by her family.

The flowers in the vestibule this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of this year's Confirmation class and their faithful leaders, Rev. Dr. Dave Rockness and Bryan Cerrone. Our 2018 Confirmation class includes: Nicole Lafone, Julianna Morrow, Claire Omohundro, Amelia Rider, Jackson Schaen, Nathaniel Sentas, and Jordyn Trimberger.

Confirmation Luncheon: The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon today, honoring and welcoming our Confirmation class. The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, with no charge for children under 4; maximum family cost is \$20. Come welcome our newest members to the church family.

The anthem this morning originated as Gregorian chant first published in the Processionale, Paris, in 1697. Over the ages, this chant melody has enthralled many by its simplicity and beauty. This setting embraces that mesmerizing effect as medieval tonal colors emerge to magnify the mystery and wonder of God. The original Latin text (*Adoro te devote*) was attributed to Thomas Aquinas. The text this morning is by Thomas Lynch (1818-1871) with the fourth verse added by the arranger, K. Lee Scott.

Special offering received by children today, which enables us to assist the needy in our area. The offering received supports the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, Christian Mission, and Food for Days.

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. 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 - Frances Howie

Joan Gibson	Margaret Carrigan	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Mary Fortanbary	Margaret Sanders
Estelle Mott	Lois Kirk	John Westmoreland

Bereavement - Brian & Sherry Noe, death of Brian's Aunt, Rita Hoskins

Members of the Church - Lucile McClure, mother of Zoot McClure

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Shirley Morrow	P. J. DeCastro	Bedo & Pat Culberson
Rosemary LaBarre	Larry Putnam	Bobby Lytle

Ralph Herring

Friends of the Church - Ryder Woeckener, child of David & Ellen Woeckener Paul, friend of Maria Heilman

Donna Buyer	Joe Moncheski	Ed Barber
Barbara Gepford & family	Libby Ebert	David Childers
Maureen & Richard	Shirley Abele	Ava Lawrence
Teresa Knutsen	Jayden Hoppel	Judy Nickliss
Brian Leon	Jade Knittel	Linda Rice
Christine Morgan	Louis Newton	Jane Scovil
Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott	Patt Seyller
Ronnie Shultz	Dick Scovil	Deb Shultz
Jennifer Torsiello	Beckye Smith	Tina Swanson
Jenny Wheeler	Becky Starnes	Mike & Candi Hawkins
Linda Wilson	Voils Family	Claire & Manny Fontaina
Daniela	Jan Zamudio	Mary & Bill Clowney
McKenzie Graham	Douglas	Norton Turner
Wanda Cravens	Maddy McCoy	Sharp Family
Jeff Kelly	Paul Sharp	John Redding
Matt Childers	Keith Zimmerman	Berman Noe
Brandy & Chris Cottrell	Tom McAdams	William Merrill
Asa Thurston McNeely	Jack Esala	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT James B. Eilers, USN
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC	Ens Dylan Powell, USN
Maj. William Matheny, Army	Major Ben Peacock, USAF	

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

2018 Flower Calendar dates available: We have openings for flowers for the sanctuary for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship. The available dates are May 13th, 20th, 27th, & June 3rd. 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.

Race City Festival will be held on May 12 in downtown Mooresville. There will be a large FPC presence in our parking lot. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office with two time slots, 9:00 am– 11:30 pm or 11:30 pm – 3:00 pm. However, any time you can volunteer is appreciated. We will need smiling face to serve hot dogs, pass out bottled water and popcorn, monitor inflatable jump houses, or just plain welcome people to our church. Contact the church office by May 1 to volunteer. Each volunteer that did not receive a t-shirt last year will receive one. Please let the church office know your t-shirt size when you sign up to volunteer.

Work Trip to Tarboro, NC - May 16- 20 - Join a group from the church to serve those still recovering from Hurricane Matthew. We will leave on Wednesday, work Thursday- Saturday, and then head home after we worship with a local church in Tarboro. All skill levels welcome. Contact church office for application or Jason Sentas if you have questions.

ManUp is Saturday, June 2, 2018; 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. - Join the men of the church at Forest Hill Church in Charlotte for a dynamic day of worship, fellowship, teaching, and breakout sessions. Carolina Panthers Thomas Davis, Panthers Broadcaster Eugene Robinson, and Pastor Miles McPherson, along with Pastor Dave Rockness will speak to important issues in relation to men and fathers of faith. Please register at ManUpCharlotte.org. This includes access to the days' events, breakfast and lunch.

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