

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

### Sunday, October 14

9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Thelma Vaughan's Home
4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
5:30 pm	Deacons' Mtg.	Room 300
6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
7:00 pm	Committee Mtgs.	Classrooms

### Monday, October 15

5:30 pm	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Vision Team Mtg.	

### Tuesday, October 16

10:30 am	Saints Alive Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Essential Jesus Bible Study	Parlor
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Room 300 & 301
6:30 pm	Men's Dinner	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, October 17

1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	PYF Supper Club	Bojangles
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Thursday, October 18

11:30 am	Ladies who lunch	
6:30 pm	SCAN: Candlelight Vigil	
7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, October 20

9:00 am	Essential Jesus Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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### Sunday, October 21

9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Adventures in Faith	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Church Dinner	
7:00 pm	Adventures in Faith w/ Exaltation Ringers	Sanctuary

## 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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### PASTOR EMERITI

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  
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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher  
Assistant Head Usher  
Ushers  
Youth Usher  
Greeters  
Acolyte  
Bell Ringer  
Soundboard  
Lay Reader

Ross Culp  
Sandy Bickett  
Jimmy Pearce & Betty Pearce  
John Morrow  
Tom Morrow & Julie Morrow  
Chloe Coates  
Peter Sentas  
Nate Sentas  
Sue Stevens



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
October 14, 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: *This Is My Father's World* arr. Jerry Westenkuehler  
Greg Thompson, Organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 87: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Jason Sentas

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO FIRST KIDS WORSHIP

ANTHEM: *Tongues of Fire* Carol Dare  
Middle School Handbells

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sue Stevens

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:1-5 pg. 581-582

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION & 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.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:  
*I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* arr. H. Helvey  
Chancel Choir with Greg Thompson and Bethany Howard, piano

I’m gonna sing when the spirit says sing and obey the spirit of the Lord.  
I’m gonna preach when the spirit says preach; I’m gonna pray when the spirit says pray; I’m gonna shout when the spirit says shout and obey the spirit of the Lord.

\*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 Matthew 3:1-12 pg. 784

SERMON: *“The Essential Jesus: Preparing the Way”* Dave Rockness

HYMN 152: *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

\*INVITATION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 132: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1)*  
**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, free it from sin, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

\*POSTLUDE: *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* arr. Jack W. Jones

## 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. The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. **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.

**Essential Jesus Reading Program** - There are two Sunday school classes and two reading groups that will meet most weeks throughout the reading program to discuss the Essential Jesus readings. Those who wish to join a reading group may do so by signing up in the fellowship hall, church parlor, or church office.

- Tuesday at 2:00 pm in parlor. Facilitated by Pastor Dave Rockness
- Saturdays at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Pastor Jason Sentas.
- The Men's Bible Study Class - Meets under the Sanctuary at 10 am on Sunday mornings.
- Connect Four Class - meets at 10 am in Room 222 on Sunday Mornings - Facilitators - Jason Sentas and Jodi Rockness

**Extraordinary Women Conference:** All women are invited to attend the *Extraordinary Women* Conference at Cabarrus Arena in Concord, Oct. 26-27, 2018. The event will feature inspiring guest speakers and worship artists including Chonda Pierce, Liz Curtis Higgs, Angie Smith, and Jeremy Camp. For more information and/or to order tickets go to the *Extraordinary Women* website at: [www.ewomen.net](http://www.ewomen.net). Tickets can also be purchased through the Cabarrus Arena website at: [cabarrusarena.com](http://cabarrusarena.com) \*If you are interested in either carpooling or meeting at the event with the group of women from First Presbyterian Church Mooresville who will be attending, please contact Kathy Ballard at (704) 677-3433.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Everyone is encouraged to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year by filling a shoe box with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for needy children around the world, through the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. Empty shoeboxes and informational brochures will be distributed this morning, following First Praise and the 11:00 am worship service. Please help us reach our goal of filling 100 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. In addition to the small gifts, children also receive instruction in “The Greatest Journey,” where they hear the good news of Jesus Christ through discipleship classes. If you are unable to fill a shoe box, please consider donating money to help with shipping costs (suggested donation is \$10 per box for shipping). Shoe boxes should be returned by Sunday, November 11.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$5) will be held this Tuesday, October 16 in the fellowship hall. Activities will begin with coffee and tea at 10:30 am, with the program beginning at 10:45 am. This month's program will be presented by Jodi Rockness, who will provide information about Miriam Rockness' (Dave's mother) research and books about the life of Liliias Trotter, an artist and devotional author who spent over 40 years serving the Arab people in Algeria.

**The Men’s Dinner:** The Men's Dinner group will meet this Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have lasagna and will look Matthew 3 and what it means for the church to be faithful in an increasingly wild world.

## 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

Joan Gibson	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Margaret Sanders	Estelle Mott
John Westmoreland	Mary Fortanbury	<b>Ray Brawley</b>

**Bereavement – Liz Rader, death of mother; Ellie Rader, death of grandmother, Elizabeth “Betty” Boyd  
Angie Toma, death of mother, Genie Carns**

### Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Rosemary LaBarre	Bedo & Pat Culberson	Dick Nelson
Tom Morrow & Family	Bob Campbell	Ginny Swedenberg
Glenn Crowley & Family	Sarah Deese & Family	Pat King & Family
Lynelle Owen		

### Friends of the Church – Dottie Dennis, cousin to Christy Floyd

Glenn Scott	Maureen & Richard	Ronnie Shultz
Judy Nickliss	Teresa Knutsen	Jenny Wheeler
Jane Scovil	Christine Morgan	Ken & Ginny Lawton
Joseph Ross and family	Paul Sharp	Becky Smith
Wanda Cravens	Jeff Kelly	Sharp Family
Dick Wall	Abby	Jack Esala
Matt Childers	Asa Thurston McNeely	John Redding
Mason Swanson	Linda Rice	Jacob Cameron
Amanda Hall	Judith McLean	Louis Newton
Doug Vinez	Karen Ketchie	
Shirley Abele		

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
P03 Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT H. Craig May,USMC	Major Ben Peacock, USAF
Maj. William Matheny, Army		