

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

Sunday, November 20		
9:00 am -	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am -	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am -	Worship with New Members	Sanctuary
12:00 pm -	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
3:00 pm -	MS PYF	Room 310
5:00 pm -	HS PYF	Room 313
7:00 pm -	Finance Committee	Room 222

Monday, November 21		
10:45 am -	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm -	Rooms in Use	FH, Rooms 300 & 301
6:15 pm -	Exaltation Ringers	Music Room
7:00 pm -	Boy Scouts	Scout Building
7:15 pm -	Christian Education Committee	Room 222

Tuesday, November 22		
10:45 am -	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm -	Cub Scouts	Third Floor

Wednesday, November 23

Thursday, November 24 Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26		
2:00 pm -	Eagle Scout Ceremony	Parlor

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent		
9:00 am -	First Praise with Communion	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am -	Advent Workshop	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am -	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am -	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
6:30 pm -	Session Meeting	Room 300

Advent Workshop

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The event is held during the church school hour, and is for all ages. Participants will have an opportunity to make Christmas crafts and Advent wreaths while enjoying wonderful holiday refreshments and fellowship with our church family. It is a wonderful way to begin the meaningful Advent season. Young children need to be accompanied by their parent or an adult or teen helper to assist with craft projects.

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Provide homemade refreshments.
- Help with refreshment table during the Workshop
- Help with craft project
- Help with clean up
- Provide aluminum pie pans
- Provide fresh greenery for wreaths
- Help with assembly of Advent wreaths
- Provide garden clippers and garden gloves

Please contact Ellen Auten if you can help with these volunteer needs. Be sure to include this date on your calendar as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Allen Brawley	Christy Floyd	Mark Auten
Brent Curtis	Phil Heilman	Paul Dame
Marion McClure	Sparky Hitchcock	Karen Shore
Jim McDonnell	Rog McCrea	Sue Stevens
Trent Newell	Dot Nelson	Paul Trimble
John Streb		Harry Weyer

DIACONATE

David Ramey, Moderator		Chris Creech, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Billie Brawley	Chris Creech	Sandy Bickett
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Dave Culler	Maria Heilman
Joyce Lytle	Karen Johnson	Pat King
Jane Peterson	Tom Kirkland	Paul Manning
David Ramey	Susan Poore	Scott Mauney
Jeff Robinson	Bill Raffety	Tom Trosuk
Lucinda Weyer	Amy Williams	

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff dave@moorevillefpc.org

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Greg Thompson, Organist	greg@moorevillefpc.org
Jerilyn Fair, Hostess	jerilyn@moorevillefpc.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Susan Poore
Assistant Usher	Billie Brawley
Ushers	Sue Stevens, John Streb
Greeters	Sparky Hitchcock, Trent Newell
Acolyte	John Robinson
Bell Ringer	Emma Newell
Soundboard	Paul Trimble



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
November 20, 2016 ♦ 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: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. James Plethel
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 508: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

*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.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
HYMN 437: *Jesus Loves Me*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Angel Tree Sandy Bickett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Fern Alexander

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-4 pg. 168

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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Don’t be Weary, Traveler* arr. Karen Seals
Chancel Choir

Don’t be weary traveler, Come along home to Jesus. My head got wet with the midnight dew, Angels bear me witness too, Come along home to Jesus. Where to go, I did not know, ever since He freed my soul, Come along home to Jesus. I look at the world and the world looks new, Come along home to Jesus.

*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: Isaiah 40:28-31 pg. 583

SERMON: *Vision for the Future* Dave Rockness

*HYMN 499: *He Leadeth Me*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 502: *Be Thou My Vision* (vv. 1 & 3)

**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

*POSTLUDE: *Lead On, O King Eternal* arr. Henry T. Smart

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. **Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age** during both worship services. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders and older children remain in the sanctuary** following the *Time With The Children*. Worship bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

Happy thanksgiving to all! The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

May the beauty of the flowers today bring glory to God and enable us to better worship Him in spirit and in truth. May we remember, with thanksgiving, all our church members who worshipped God in past seasons who are now a part to the Church Triumphant. Miriam McNeely has given today’s flowers in loving memory of her husband Asa and their son Milner who were lifetime members of this church family. Their birthdays are in November.

We are pleased to welcome new members today: David and Susan Blalock, Jacqueline Junkins, Pat McLaughlin, and John Robertson met with Pastor Dave and members of our Session and were received into membership this morning. Please give our newest members a warm welcome.

Erik and Jill Nordin, and their daughter, Elle invite you to share in the joy and witness as their son, **Bo Torbjorn Nordin** receives the Sacrament of Baptism today.

The anthem this morning, “Don’t be Weary, Traveler” belongs to a genre of music known as the spiritual. This type of religious folksong is closely associated with the slave movement of the American South. The term "spiritual" is derived from the King James Bible translation of Ephesians 5:19: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." According to Emma Hairston Belle, our text this morning urges those weary travelers on as well as encourages them to turn to Jesus during times of weariness. “When your way is rough and your cross is heavy, you need a cross-bearer. King Jesus is always the answer.” Jesus gives the invitation: “Come to Me, all you who are weary.” Matt. 11:28

There will be a congregational meeting following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for the class of 2019. Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the meeting, if the nominee has given consent before their name is placed in nomination.

The congregation is invited to an Eagle Scout ceremony Saturday, November 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Congratulations to Emory McNeely and Andrew Blocker who will receive their Eagles.

Pledge cards and Time and Talent surveys are available in the pew racks for your convenience. If you haven’t already done so, please be sure to fill out your 2017 pledge card and Time and Talent survey and turn them into the church office as soon as possible.

It’s that time of year again... time for the Angel Tree: An angel tree is available in the parlor for you to select an angel (or more) to provide Christmas gifts to a needy child. With each angel, you will be provided with a local child’s wishes and needs for Christmas, along with their clothing and shoes sizes. Instructions are also available on how to wrap and return your gift to the church. Please plan to spend at least \$25 with each angel. All gifts must be returned to the tree or the church office by **December 2**. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Bickett (sandy.h.bickett@gmail.com or 704-664-1423).

Weather permitting, Top Notch Tree Service will begin taking down the six trees along Academy St. and McLelland Ave. on Monday, November 28. This work will require about 4-6 days’ time. The remaining stumps will be ground down to just below the lawn surface. The street between the education building and the auto repair shop will be closed. Please use care on entering the parking lot in this area.

The First Presbyterian Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Bryan Cerrone will begin work as our Director of Youth Ministries on December 1, 2016. Please pray for his wife, Victoria, and two daughters, Clarabella and Ruthie, as they attempt to sell their home in the Boston, MA area and transition to the Mooresville community. We look forward to welcoming them into our church family.

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Volunteers: We have an opportunity to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on Tuesday, November 29. Volunteers will be processing donated shoe boxes for shipment overseas. We plan to leave at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in volunteering.

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.

Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Willie Allison	Rena Bishop	Margaret Carrigan
Mary Fortanbary	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Mary Matheson	Lecie Miller	Estelle Mott
Bill Skeen	Claude Voils	John Westmoreland
Louise Westmoreland	Opal Westmoreland	

Bereavement

Tonya Stinson, death of father Wayne Bowman

Members of the Church

Rosie Crouch	Bedo Culberson	Al Culp
Nancy Davidson	P. J. Decastro	Shirley Morrow
Margaret Sanders	Beth, Corinne, & Rose Sink	Joyce Sloop
LuAnne, Alan, Graham, Jordan, and Cameron Sledge		

Friends of the Church

Scott Campbell, nephew of Joyce Lytle
Paulette Lytle, daughter-in-law of Joyce Lytle
Edward Parnell, father-in-law of Sue Parnell and grandfather of Meredith Parnell

Amos Family	Norm Askin	Verena Bagshaw
Ed Barber	Elsie Benfield	John Burgess
Donna Buyer	Diane Church	Joanna Cook
Richard Diedrich	Libby Ebert	Dianne Haynes
Justin Henson	Henry Hooper	Jayden Hoppel
Connie Johnson	Ron Lane	Sherry Long
Brian McLure	Thomas McMillan, Sr.	Jerri Miles
Anne Moore	Christine Morgan	Butch Moss
Cal Nelson	Louis Newton	Jennifer Peoples
Bonnie Redding	Mary Rhodes	Milton Rice
Charles & Judy Russell	Glenn Scott	Isaac Sobek
Robin Springer	Karla Wells	Laurie Werner
Linda Wilson	Dwight Windsor	Donella Wright
Douglas	Julie S.	Windy

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	LTJG James B. Eilers, USN
Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN
Maj. William Matheny, Army	Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF