

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

Sunday, December 16	Third Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Christmas Tableau Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship/ Exaltation Ringers	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Potluck Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Combined PYF Christmas Party	Triple Diamond Farm
5:30 pm	Executive Committee Mtg.	
5:30 pm	Deacon's Mtg.	Room 300
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg.	Room 222
Monday, December 17		
5:30 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Vision Committee Mtg.	
Tuesday, December 18		
12:00 pm	Saints Alive Luncheon	Julia's Tally House
2:00 pm	Essential Bible Study (Dave's group)	Parlor
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Room 307
6:30 pm	Men's Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 19	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, December 20	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Saints Alive Trip	Darshana Hall
Friday, December 21	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
7:00 pm	PYF Activity	TBD
Sunday, December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Christmas Tableau Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship/ Cantata	Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult group - ages 18-22 will meet in the parlor tonight at 7 p.m. This is for those that are working or on break from school. We will have dessert, discussion and some worship.

Men's Dinner - Tuesday night, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. the men of the church will meet in fellowship hall for food and fellowship. Please r.s.v.p. to the office if you plan to attend. office@moorevillefpc.org.

Christmas Eve Service - There will be two candlelight services on Monday, December 24. The first service at 5 p.m. is a kid friendly service where our children will present the Christmas Tableau, followed by a traditional candlelight service at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Relief Trip - A group from the church will be in Warsaw, NC January 18-21 and we are looking to put together a team of 10. Registration forms for the trip are in the church parlor and the main office. Please contact Tom Trosuk with questions. (e) tomtrosuk@gmail.com (c) 704-361-5116.

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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Head Usher
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Youth Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Bell Ringer
Soundboard
Lay Reader

Ross Culp
Maria Heilman
Paul Dame & Andrea Abele
Dan Davidson
Brent & Margaret Curtis
Olivia Sentas
Neely Davidson
Michael Culbreth
Kathy Ballard



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 16, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

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: *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* Johannes Brahms
Greg Thompson, pianist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

CAROL 218: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*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**

ANTHEM: *Bells Over Bethlehem* Andalucian Carol
Exaltation Ringers

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Rockness Family

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jason Sentas

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kathy Ballard

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9:18-20 pg. 842

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: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
Chancel Choir Praetorius/Dobrinisky

*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 9:1-19 pg.893

SERMON: "Who is Jesus... to you?" Dave Rockness

CAROL 184: *What Child Is This*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 198: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this; he has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save; calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*POSTLUDE

Medley on *Savior of the Nations, Come, Carol of the Bells,*
and *O Sons and Daughters* - Rebecca K. Owens

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.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. Those who wear hearing aids can have the T-coil activated by their audiologist enabling them to receive the audio signal directly in their hearing aids. Along with the hearing loop, assisted listening devices are available at the soundboard.

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. If you are unfamiliar with this service, an usher can direct you to the proper room. **First Grade 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.

Church Luncheon: Everyone is invited to attend a covered dish luncheon today at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will be served by church hostess Jerilyn Fair, with assistance from Cirlce 4 and the Worship Committee.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, December 18, with a change in location. Instead of our regular meeting in the fellowship hall, we are going to have lunch at Julia's Talley House in Troutman. The group plans to leave at 12:00 noon; cost of the buffet lunch is \$9.40 and includes choices of several meats, a variety of vegetables, bread and dessert. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) by Monday, December 17 to make a reservation for lunch.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive trip to Darshana Hall Plantation has been rescheduled, due to last week's snow and ice. The group plans to visit the historic plantation this Thursday, December 20, leaving at 12:15 p.m.; cost is \$10. The historic plantation is located near Statesville, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; we will also enjoy its festive Christmas decorations as we tour the home. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) to make a reservation.

First Kids Reminders: First Kids Worship is collecting money to donate to the Salvation Army Hurricane Relief Fund. All donations should be turned in by next Sunday, December 23. In addition, First Kids Worship will not meet next Sunday December 23.

Devotionals: Look for the 2019 devotional table in the fellowship hall to find a sampling of devotional materials. Please turn order forms in to Ellen Auten as soon as possible.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM) 2nd semester: Registration is underway for 2nd semester of Logos/MSM, which is scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 9. Held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 7:00 pm, Logos/MSM is for children and youth in 1st – 8th grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation and dinner. Parent participation is required, and a fee is charged (\$35 per year registration fee and a \$55 per semester tuition fee). New Logos/MSM participants should contact Valerie Mauney (704-723-1531) or Stephanie Sentas (781-267-5559) by Sunday, January 6 in order to participate in 2nd semester activities. A parent meeting (for new participants only) will be held Wednesday, January 9 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

The anthem this morning, Bells Over Bethlehem, is translated from the Spanish, '*Campana Sobre Campana*'. The authorship is not known, however, it has Andalusian provenance, where, according to some sources, it has been interpreted since the beginning of the 20th century. In fact, '*Campana Sobre Campana*' is one of the oldest Spanish carols, and one of the favorites among Spanish children, thanks to its dynamic musicality and its simplicity, which make it a lively song, although easy to interpret. We present this anthem today in honor of our own Spanish ringer, Maria Heilman. **The Offertory Anthem** this morning, *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*, is a familiar and beloved Advent Carol. Its origins may be traced back to late 16th century Germany. The original stanzas (sources list anywhere from 19 - 23) focused on the events of the first and second chapters of Luke and the second chapter of Matthew. The famous English composer Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) helped the popularity of this tune immensely by harmonizing it in his collection (Zion's Music) in 1609.

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present the Christmas Cantata, "*On This Shining Night*" next Sunday, December 23 during the 11:00 am worship service.

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	Ray Brawley

Members of the Church

Bill Abele, death of mother, Shirley Abele

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Rosemary LaBarre	Bedo & Pat Culberson	Dick Nelson
Lynelle Owen	Bob Campbell	Ginny Swedenberg
Liz Rader	Sarah Deese & Family	Jean Chislaghi
Brian Landis	Angie Toma	Abi Abercrombie

Friends of the Church

Barry Winecoff, friend to Angie & Mike Toma

Glenn Scott	Maureen & Richard	Ronnie Shultz
Judy Nickliss	Teresa Knutsen	Jane Scovil
Christine Morgan	Ken & Ginny Lawton	Joseph Ross and family
Jeff Kelly	Becky Smith	Wanda Cravens
Abby	Jack Esala	Matt Childers
John Redding	Doug Vinez	Mason Swanson
Jacob Cameron	Alice Smith	Linda Rice
Louis Newton	Sophie Zambrano	Judith McLean
Dottie Dennis	Kimberly Laferriere	Karen Ketchie
John Amos	Henry Hooper	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
P03 Dylan McIntyre, USN	1st LT H. Craig May,USMC	Major Ben Peacock, USAF
Maj. William Matheny, Army		