

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23

<b>Sunday, December 23</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Christmas Tableau Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship/Cantata	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, December 24</b>	Christmas Eve	
	Preschool Closed- Christmas Break	
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day	
	Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
<b>Wednesday, December 26</b>	Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
<b>Thursday, December 27</b>	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
<b>Friday, December 28</b>	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>		
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary

The church office will close Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday. If you wish to drop off any pledges or offerings to be included with your 2018 charitable contributions, please place them in the offering plate or mail them no later than Monday, December 31. Also, if you are planning to donate stock, in lieu of monetary donations, please call or email Marian to let her know to expect it. Any gifts mailed and postmarked by December 31 will be included on your year-end statement.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Offering** - At our Christmas Eve services, we will provide an opportunity to give a Christmas blessing to the children at Children's Hope Alliance. Any funds placed in the envelopes provided during the Christmas Eve service, as well as the loose cash offering will be designated to this important work of our mission partner.

## 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

jason@moorevillefpc.org

### PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator  
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  
Greg Thompson, Organist  
Jerilyn Fair, Hostess

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

Hillary Cole  
Teresa Trimble  
Paul Dame & Andrea Abele  
Dan Davidson  
Brent & Margaret Curtis  
Olivia Sentas  
Neely Davidson  
Nate Sentas



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue  
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
December 23, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Fourth 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: *Still, Still, Still* arr. McKechnie/Marsh  
Greg Thompson, piano and Orchestra

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

CAROL 183: *Once in Royal David's City*

\*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**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Russell Family

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Jason Sentas

CAROL 185: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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: *Son of God* Michael W. Smith  
Praise Band, Choir, and Orchestra

\*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

CANTATA:

### ***On This Shining Night***

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra ♦ by Lee and Susan Dengler  
Dave Rockness & Jason Sentas, narrators

OPENING READING: Isaiah 9:2

*On This Shining Night*

*O Holy Night*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 59:9

*The Long-Awaited*

SECOND READING: Psalm 80:7b

*The Wondrous News*

THIRD READING: Luke 2:1

*The Journey*

FOURTH READING: Matthew 4:16

*On This Shining Night*

*The Light Has Come*

FIFTH READING: Psalm 19:1a

*High in the Heavens*

SIXTH READING: Luke 2:15

*Rise Up and Follow*

SEVENTH READING: Psalm 95:1-2

*Carols of Joy and Adoration*

**O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and adore Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

\*INVITATION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 188: *Angels We Have Heard on High* French Carol

\*POSTLUDE *Glory to the New Born King* Dengler

## 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. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

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**First Kids Worship** will not meet today, but will resume meeting next Sunday, December 30.

**Christmas Eve Nativity Tableau:** Preschool and elementary age participants in the Nativity Tableau should meet in Room 222 at 4:30 pm on Monday, December 24 to pick up their costumes.

### Chancel Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Dorothy Campbell	Margaret Auten	Andrew Coates	Bob Campbell
Adonna Dickerson	Donna Buyer	Cathy Irwin	Will McIntyre
Jen McNeely	Kathryn Coates	Rusty LaBarre	Mark McNeely
Heather Rosenberg	Sharon Culp	Bill Lackey	Harry Weyer
Beth Sink	Judy Daniel		
LuAnne Sledge	Bethany Howard		
	Martha McDonnell		
	Liz Rader		
	Ginny Swedenberg		

### Orchestra

Violin I	Violin II	Viola	Cello
Jane Hart Brendle	Anne Grady	Piotr Swic	Deborah Mishoe
Ellyn Stuart	Leigh Marsh	Anna Swic	

Double Bass	Flute	Oboe	Clarinet
Ron Brendle	Sara Gibson	Brenda Casciani	John Sadak

Horn	Percussion	Organ
David Urschel	Jordan Sledge	Gregory Thompson

### Praise Band

Guitars	Percussion	Vocals
Chuck Hunter Gil Graham Patrick Stutts	KJ Reid	Jordan Sledge

**Hurricane Relief Trip:** A group from the church office 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](mailto:tomtrosuk@gmail.com) (c) 704-361-5116.

## 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

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
Bill Abele		

### Friends of the Church

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	Barry Winecoff

### 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		