

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

Sunday, December 3rd First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Advent Workshop	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Church Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	MS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	HS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 4th

1:00 pm	FPC Volunteers	Mooreville Soup Kitchen
5:30 pm	MCM- Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300, & 301
6:15 pm	Exaltation Ringers	Music Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Vision Team Meeting	Old Session Room

Tuesday, December 5th

6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Building
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Wednesday, December 6th

10:00 am	Women's Affinity Group	Library
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Classrooms
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Friday, December 8th

6:00 pm	Walk Thru Bethlehem	
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Sunday, December 10th Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship with Cantata	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Walk Thru Bethlehem	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	MS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	HS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2017

Phil Heilman
Sparky Hitchcock
Rog McCrea
Dot Nelson
Trent Newell

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2019

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

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator

Class of 2017

Chris Creech
Dave Culler
Tom Kirkland
Jane Peterson
Susan Poore
Amy Williams

Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

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

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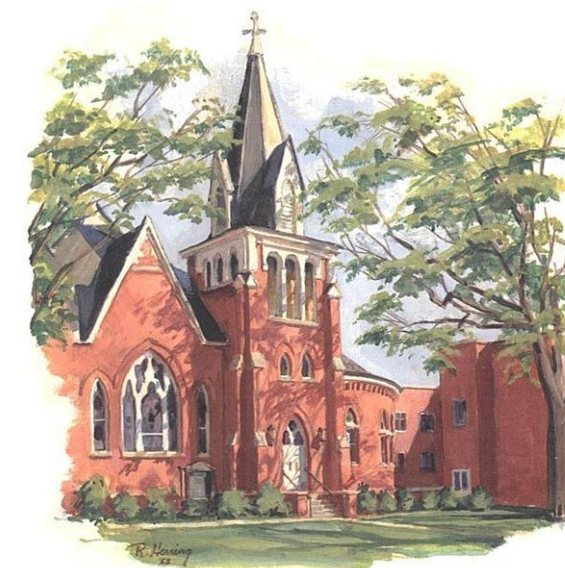
PYF ANNOUNCEMENTS

High/Middle Mission Trips: Students who are interested in going to the mission trips in June or July parents need to come to the meeting today at 4:45pm in the youth room on the 3rd floor.

Washington D.C./Bible Museum Trip: A friendly reminder that the balance of \$245 is due by Sunday, February 4, 2018.

Parents' Meeting: There will be a PYF parents' meeting today from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the PYF room on the 3rd floor.

Middle & High School Students are invited to attend our annual PYF Christmas Party next Sunday, December 17 from 4-8pm at Jerry and Sandy Bickett's home (143 Estes Park Circle in Mooreville). We will carpool from the church and leave at 3:30pm. Please bring a white elephant gift, an appetizer and/or 2-liter bottle of soda, and feel free to wear (or not wear) an ugly Christmas sweater!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 3, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M ♦ First 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: *Improvisation on "Burleigh"* John Spong
Gregory Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Sentas

ANTHEM: *Angels and Shepherds* arr. Lynne Hollander
Middle School Ministry Handbells

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 176: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

*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 Landis Family

ANTHEM: *A Waiting Carol* Helen Kemp
Logos Choir, Francis Howie, piano

He's coming, He's coming! Oh tell us who is coming? Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again. Each candle is saying, "get ready for His birthday." Prepare us to greet Him with love and joy we pray. We wait with joy to greet you. We wait with love to meet you. Come quickly! Quickly come! We wait with joy, come, holy Boy! Oh come, see the candles, they sparkle with light. They help us to wait for the Day of Delight. Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the Boy. The birth of the Christ child will fill us with joy. Oh come!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Fern Alexander

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:7-13

PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 OFFERATORY: *Carol of Prophecy* Shirley McRae
Combined Choirs

Exultate jubilate, jubilate Deo! The dessert will rejoice and blossom like a rose, it will blossom and shout for joy. The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together, and a little child shall lead them. Behold the glory and majesty of God, rejoice Emmanuel will come.

FEED THE HUNGRY 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: Exodus 20:17

SERMON: "Keeping up with the Jones" Dave Rockness

*HYMN 229: *"The First Noel"* Vs 1, 2, and 4

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 229: The First Noel (v.6)

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*POSTLUDE: *In dulci jubilo* Attributed to J.S. Bach

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frank and Manchie Poore whose 100th year birthdays would have been on April 23rd and December 13th, by Andy Poore & Family.

First Kids Worship: First Kids Worship, the worship service for 1st -5th grade children, will not be held this morning or next Sunday, December 10. First Kids will resume meeting on Sunday, December 17.

Feed the Hungry, formerly known as 2 Cents-a-Meal, will be received today which enables us to assist the needy in our area. Thank you for actively participating in ministry and mission by contributing to this offering. Fifty percent of the offering received will support the Mooresville Soup Kitchen and the remaining fifty percent will assist those who seek help from the Mooresville Christian Mission.

It's that time of year again... time for the Angel Tree: An angel tree is available in the fellowship hall and parlor today 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.

Church Luncheon: All are invited to a church luncheon today at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children age 4-12, with no cost for children under age 4. The maximum family cost is \$15. The meal is prepared by church hostess Jerilyn Fair with assistance from Circle 4 and the Worship Committee.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit the Zootastic Christmas lights and have dinner at Julia's Talley House, both located in Troutman, on Monday, December 11. The group plans to leave at 5:00 pm; cost is \$7, plus dinner. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@mooresvillefpc.org) to

make a reservation.

Cross Stitch Group Wanted: Do you love to cross-stitch? Have you been waiting for an opportunity to hone your skills? Then we need people like you. The church wishes to organize a cross-stitch group who would items for babies who are baptized. All materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Pat King, 704-663-0844.

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 **Marshall Crouch, Jr.**

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

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Bill Harris	Al Culp
Shirley Crowley	Joyce Sloop	Shirley Morrow
P. J. Decastro	Diane Crymes	Becky Rader
Rosemary LaBarre	Cathy Irvin	
Bedo & Pat Culberson		

Bereavement

Harriet Alexander Rhyne mother of Tom Rhyne

Friends of the Church

Wanda Cravens, friends of Mike & Angie Toma;

Donna Buyer	Amos Family	Ed Barber
Barbara Gepford & family	Libby Ebert	David Childers
Darren Jones	Maureen & Richard	Rick Ervin
Ava Lawrence	Teresa Knutsen	Jayden Hoppel
Mandee Mann & Family	Brian Leon	Jade Knittel
Judy Nickliss	George McClure	Mitchell Mack
Linda Rice	Christine Morgan	Louis Newton
Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott	Robb Parker
Ronnie Shultz	Dick Scovil	Jane Scovil
Markie Smith	Becky Smith	Patt Seyller
Jennifer Torsiello	Becky Starnes	Deb Shultz
Jenny Wheeler	Joseph Unrue	Tina Swanson
Ashlyn	Linda Wilson	Voils Family
Mike & Candi Hawkins	Daniela	Jan Zamudio
Diane Church	McKenzie Graham	Douglas
Jeff Snyder		

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	Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	