

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

Sunday, December 30	9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, December 31		New Year's Eve	
		Preschool Closed	
Tuesday, January 1		New Year's Day	
		Office/Preschool Closed	
Wednesday, January 2		Preschool Closed	
	10:00 am	Women's Affinity Council Groups	Library
	1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
	6:15 pm	Supper Club	
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, January 3		Preschool Resumes	
	7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 6		2nd semester Logos/MSM registration deadline	
	9:00 am	First Praise w/Communion	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
	11:00 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	12:15 pm	Congregational Meeting	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

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The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Head Usher

Sandy Bickett

Assistant Head Usher

Pat King

Ushers

Paul Dame & Andrea Abele

Youth Usher

Dan Davidson

Greeters

Brent Curtis & Margaret Curtis

Acolyte

Olivia Sentas

Bell Ringer

Neely Davidson

Soundboard

Nate Sentas

Lay Reader

Kim Streb



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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 30, 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: *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal* Stephen Weber
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Sentas

INVOCATION

CAROL 221: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

*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 THE CHILDREN

Dave Rockness

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kim Streb

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 pg. 641

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: *He Is Born* arr. Mark Thewes
Greg Thompson, organist

*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: Ephesians 1:3-14 pg. 949

SERMON: “*Chosen by God*” Dave Rockness

CAROL 229: *The First Noel (vs. 1-4)*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 229: *The First Noel (vs. 5)*

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* arr. James Pethel

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.

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 2019 Flower Calendar is available in the parlor for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship in the coming year. The calendar will remain in the parlor until the end of January. This is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or honor a loved one. Your flowers can also encourage someone who is ill or homebound if you wish to leave them to be used by our flower ministry volunteers. Your arrangement will be used to create smaller bouquets that will be distributed on Mondays to brighten someone’s day

2019 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup at the back entrance of the Sanctuary and in the Parlor. When you take an envelope packet, please sign your name on the envelope sheet beside that envelope number.

There will be a congregational meeting following the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, January 6. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for the class of 2021. Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the meeting, if the nominee has given consent before their name is placed on the ballot.

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 (704-664-5275 or marian@moorevillefpc.org) to let her know to expect it. Any gifts mailed and postmarked by December 31 will be included on your year-end statement.

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		