

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary

### Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>Office &amp; Preschool Closed</b>		
1:00 pm	FPC Volunteers	Mooresville Soup Kitchen

### Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Preschool Closed**

### Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 am	Women's Affinity Group	Library
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:00 pm	FPCM College Group	McClure's Home
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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### Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm	Officer Retreat	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am	Officer Retreat	Fellowship Hall
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### Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

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

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

### SESSION

**David Rockness, Moderator**

**Mark Auten, Clerk**

#### Class of 2017

Phil Heilman  
Sparky Hitchcock  
Rog McCrea  
Dot Nelson  
Trent Newell

#### Class of 2018

Mark Auten  
Karen Shore  
Sue Stevens  
Harry Weyer

#### Class of 2019

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

### DIACONATE

**Chris Creech, Moderator**

**Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator**

#### Class of 2017

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

#### 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

### PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff [dave@mooresvillefpc.org](mailto:dave@mooresvillefpc.org)  
The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor [jason@mooresvillefpc.org](mailto:jason@mooresvillefpc.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  
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
December 31, 2017 ♦ 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

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 209: *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

\*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

Jason Sentas

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Courtney Rockness

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

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### 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: *The Angel's Song* C.V. Stanford 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: *Galatians 4:4-7*

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### SERMON: *The Heart of Our Faith*

Dave Rockness

### \*HYMN 221: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

### \*INVITATION

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE 231: *Arise, Your Light Is Come! (v. 1 & 4)*

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.**

### \*POSTLUDE: *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps*

arr. Lowell Mason

## 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. **First graders 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.

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**The church office will be closed Monday, January 1** for the New Year's holiday.

**Logos/MSM 2<sup>nd</sup> semester** will begin Wednesday, January 10, 2018. If your child is currently enrolled in the program, there is no need to register for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester; if you would like to register your child as a new participant for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, please contact program director Valerie Mauney (704-723-1523; [valeriemauney@mi-connection.com](mailto:valeriemauney@mi-connection.com)) or assistant director Stephanie Sentas (781-267-5559; [ssentas02@yahoo.com](mailto:ssentas02@yahoo.com)). There will be a parent meeting (for new participants only) on Wednesday, January 10 at 4:30 pm. **Registration deadline is Sunday, January 7.**

**College Group:** The College Group will be meeting on Wednesday, January 3 from 7-9 pm at the McClure's home (134 Cedar St. Mooresville).

**The 2018 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

**For those of you who dedicated a poinsettia to a loved one this Christmas,** flowers will be available to remove from the sanctuary following today's worship service. Please remember to leave the bow and crystal plates when taking a poinsettia. These items can be reused next year.

## 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

#### **Willie Allison**

Joan Gibson

Lecie Miller

Estelle Mott

Margaret Carrigan

Mary Fortanbary

Lois Kirk

Ellen McGuirt

Margaret Sanders

John Westmoreland

### Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley

Shirley Crowley

P. J. Decastro

Rosemary LaBarre

Bill Harris

Joyce Sloop

Diane Crymes

Cathy Irvin

Al Culp

Shirley Morrow

Becky Rader

Bedo & Pat Culberson

### Bereavement

**Marshall Crouch, Jr., husband of Rosie Crouch**

**J.D. & Kathryn Donelson, son-in-law and Daughter of Rosie Crouch**

**John & Grace Donelson, grandchildren of Rosie Crouch**

### Friends of the Church

Donna Buyer

Barbara Gepford & family

Darren Jones

Ava Lawrence

Judy Nickliss

Linda Rice

Joseph Ross and family

Ronnie Shultz

Markie Smith

Jennifer Torsiello

Jenny Wheeler

Ashlyn

Mike & Candi Hawkins

Diane Church

Jeff Snyder

Claire & Manny Fontaina

Turner Family

Amos Family

Libby Ebert

Maureen & Richard

Teresa Knutsen

Brian Leon

George McClure

Christine Morgan

Glenn Scott

Dick Scovil

Becky Smith

Becky Starnes

Linda Wilson

Daniela

McKenzie Graham

Wanda Cravens

Mary & Bill Clowney

Ed Barber

David Childers

Rick Ervin

Jayden Hoppel

Jade Knittel

Mitchell Mack

Louis Newton

Robb Parker

Jane Scovil

Patt Seyller

Deb Shultz

Tina Swanson

Voils Family

Jan Zamudio

Douglas

Charlie Chapman

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army

LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN

Maj. William Matheny, Army

Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC

2<sup>nd</sup> LT H. Craig May, USMC

Major Ben Peacock, USAF

LT James B. Eilers, USN

Ens Dylan Powell, USN