

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 5

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday in Lent
 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 - Middle School PYF Room 310
 5:00 pm - High School PYF Room 313
 5:30 pm - Catechism Club (with mentors) Room 322
 7:00 pm - Membership & Outreach Room 309

Monday, March 6
 1:00 pm - FPC Volunteers at Soup Kitchen Soup Kitchen
 3:30 pm - Logos Rehearsal Music Room
 5:30 pm - MCM- Circles Fellowship Hall, Rooms 300 & 301
 6:15 pm - Exaltation Ringers Music Room
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Scout Building
 7:15 pm - Christian Education Committee Room 222

Tuesday, March 7
 2:30 pm - LILR with Dave Rockness Library
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Scout Building
 7:30 pm - LILR Harry & Lucinda Weyer's home

Wednesday, March 8
 10:00 am - ME5K Walking Group Parking Lot
 1:00 pm - Prayer Group Library
 3:30 pm - Logos Rehearsal Music Room
 4:30 pm - Logos/MSM Classrooms
 6:15 pm - HS Supper Club off campus
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Music Room

Thursday, March 9
 11:45 am - Community Lenten Lunch/Worship First Baptist
 6:00 pm - Fun and Fellowship Captain's Galley
 6:30 pm - LILR Roy & Judith Dellinger's home
 7:00 pm - LILR Jason & Stephanie Sentas' home
 7:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 10
 10:00 am - LILR with Ellen Auten Library

Saturday, March 11
 Scout Blue & Gold Banquet Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday in Lent
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms
 11:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
 3:00 pm - Middle School PYF Room 310
 3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group Thelma Vaughan's home
 4:30 pm - ME5K Planning Meeting Library
 5:00 pm - High School PYF Room 313
 5:30 pm - Diaconate 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
 Paul Dame
 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

PASTOR

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Joyce Lytle
Assistant Head Usher	Pat King
Youth Ushers	Grace Donelson
Greeters	Sue Stevens, Jean Chislaghi
Bell Ringer	Morgan Sentas
Soundboard	Jane Peterson
Feed the Hungry Ushers	Alana Creech, Samuel Creech
	Caroline McMillan, Mary Grace McMillan



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

March 5, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday in Lent

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: *Arioso Grazioso* Robert H. McIver
 Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP:

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE 253: *Lead Me to Calvary*

*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: *Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"* arr. Cathy Moglebust
 Exaltation Ringers

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ginny Swedenberg

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:31-37

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PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Lift Up Your Voice and Sing* Patsy Simms
Chancel Choir

Lift up your voice and sing hallelujah! Sing praises, sing hallelu.
Sing with fullness of heart, with joy and with love. Sing, praises,
hallelu. Let the message be heard, throughout all the earth. Sing praises,
hallelu. Lift up your voice and sing hallelu.

SPECIAL OFFERING 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: Acts 5:27-42

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SERMON: *Evangelism Explosion: Empowered Through Persecution*

Dave Rockness

HYMN 11: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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 BENEDECTION

*RESPONSE 740: *The Lord's Prayer*

Mallotte

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, for ever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *Bombarded-Fanfare*

Andrew Moore

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. **Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age** during both worship services. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders and older children remain in the sanctuary** following the *Time With The Children*. Worship bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Phoebe's third birthday on March 1st by Andrew & Kathryn Coates.

Congratulations: Bob and Dot Campbell are proud grandparents to a baby boy named Samuel James Russell. Samuel weighed 8 lbs. 19 inches. Thomas & Stacey (Campbell) Russell are the proud parents of Samuel.

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.

Lent in the Living Room begins this week at various times and locations. For five weeks, the Living Room small groups will meet and study "Who is This Man?", written by John Ortberg. Study guides are \$3 per person. They are available in the parlor today or you may pick it up at your first class.

Logos Choir Musical and Trip: Permission forms for the Logos trip should be turned in by this Wednesday, March 8. Turn forms in to Connie Russell or Sherrie Dame.

Mooresville Community Lenten Luncheon & Worship: Come join the Pastors from our community on Thursdays March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 April 6 from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The lunch is free but donations are welcome.

All are welcome to join the Fun and Fellowship group as they meet and eat at Captain's Galley Restaurant this Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The date to sign up for the Women's Gathering has been **extended to March 15**. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend (office@moorevillefpc.org or 704-664-5275). The Women's Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 1 in the fellowship hall from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come and join friends from FPC and meet women from area ECO churches. Special music and worship will be provided by Kelly Carter. Ladies are asked to bring your favorite salad to share.

College Scholarship are available for high school graduating seniors or students who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. All applications are due by April 14. Application forms are available in the church office or may be downloaded from the church website (www.moorevillefpc.org/resources). Please note: This year the James M. Drye Scholarship is available only by applying through their website. Log on to www.jmdmemorialscholarship.org to apply for the Drye scholarship.

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

We celebrate good stewardship this morning, the offering of time and talent from our Exaltation Ringers. Each Monday they gather to prepare and lead worship through music. The choir began here in 1985 and two original members are still ringing. A handbell choir works very different from our other types of ensembles. Attendance is mandatory. Only one ringer is assigned to a particular set of notes and without them, those notes are missing. We use 11 ringers to take advantage of 5 octaves of bells (60 bells). We are grateful for their talent and unparalleled dedication to this church family.

Years of Service in Exaltation Ringers:

Debbie Hyatt and Teresa Trimble – 32 years, original members;

Lisa Davidson and Martha McDonnell 24 years;

Angie Toma – 20 years; Liz Rader – 17 years

Beth Sink and LuAnne Sledge – 14 years;

Jim McDonnell – 9 years;

Ginny Swedenberg and Dorothy Campbell – 7 years;

Maria Heilman – 4 years.

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.

Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Willie Allison

Margaret Carrigan

Mary Fortanbary

Joan Gibson

Lois Kirk

Ellen McGuirt

Mary Matheson

Lecie Miller

Estelle Mott

Bill Skeen

Margaret Sanders

Claude Voils

John Westmoreland

Opal Westmoreland

Members of the Church

Family of Rena Bishop

Ray & Billie Brawley

Rosie Crouch

Bedo & Pat Culberson

Al Culp

Nancy Davidson

P. J. Decastro

Briana Landis

Shirley Morrow

Betty Pearce

Joyce Sloop

Friends of the Church

Samuel Russell, grandson of Bob & Dot Campbell

Jane Scovil, mother of Sue Parnell

John & Connie Ammons

Amos Family

Norm Askin

Ed Barber

Pat & Chandler Barton

Donna Buyer

Scott Campbell

Genie Carns

Bob Davis

Richard Diedrich

Libby Ebert

Bill & Barbara Gepford

Margaret Heilman

Justin Henson

Jayden Hoppel

Ron Lane

Brian Leon

Tom McAdams

George McClure

Thomas McMillan, Sr.

Anne Moore

Christine Morgan

Louis Newton

Bonnie Redding

Karolyn Roswog

Glenn Scott

Isaac Sobek

Robin Springer

Tina Swanson

Jennifer Torsiello

Linda Wilson

Dwight Windsor

Donella Wright

Daniela

Douglas

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army

LT James B. Eilers, USN

Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC

LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN

Maj. William Matheny, Army

Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF