

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2

Sunday, April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms
 11:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
 2:00 pm - PYF Parent Meeting Room 313
 3:00 pm - MS PYF Room 310
 5:00 pm - HS PYF Room 313
 5:30 pm - Catechism Club (with mentors) Room 322
 6:30 pm - Session Meeting Room 300

Monday, April 3
 7:30 am - Saints Alive Trip to the Cove off campus
 1:00 pm - FPC Volunteers at Soup Kitchen off campus
 5:30 pm - Rooms in Use FH, Rooms 300 & 301
 6:15 pm - Exaltation Ringers Music Room
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Scout Building
 7:15 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting Room 222

Tuesday, April 4
 2:30 pm - LILR (Rockness) Library
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Scout Building
 7:00 pm - LILR Harry & Lucinda Weyer

Wednesday, April 5
 10:00 am - ME5K Walking Group Parking Lot
 10:00 am - PW Council Library
 1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting Library
 6:15 pm - HS Supper Club Five Guys
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Music Room

Thursday, April 6
 11:45 am - Lenten Lunch & Worship First Baptist Church
 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, April 7
 10:00 am - LILR (Auten) Library

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms
 11:00 am - Worship with Palm Procession Sanctuary
 3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group Thelma Vaughan's home
 4:00 pm - Combined PYF Room 313
 4:30 pm - ME5K Planning Meeting Library
 5:30 pm - Catechism Club Room 322
 7:00 pm - Committee Meetings Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten	Bill Brawley
Sparky Hitchcock	Paul Dame	C. P. Chappell
Rog McCrea	Karen Shore	Janice Pluer
Dot Nelson	Sue Stevens	Steve Robinson
Trent Newell	Harry Weyer	John Streb

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator	Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Chris Creech	Sandy Bickett
Dave Culler	Maria Heilman
Tom Kirkland	Pat King
Jane Peterson	Paul Manning
Susan Poore	Scott Mauney
Amy Williams	Tom Trosuk

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff dave@moorevillefpc.org

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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	Ross Culp
Assistant Usher	Paul Manning
Ushers	Brad Chappell, Beverly Chappell
Youth Usher	Grayson Chappell
Greeters	C.P. Chappell, Steve Robinson
Acolyte	Jake Robinson
Bell Ringer	John Robinson
Soundboard	Jane Peterson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
 April 2, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Fifth 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: *Prelude* Johann Kuhnau
 Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 72: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*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

Mark Auten

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MINUTE FOR MISSION Sandy Bickett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sue Stevens

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-9 pg. 487

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND 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: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

C. Wesley/D. Forrest

Chancel Choir

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the Throne my Surety stands, Before the Throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear: With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. Arise, my soul, arise! And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. Arise, my soul, arise.

*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 11:19-30 pg. 895

SERMON: *Evangelization in Antioch* Jason Sentas

*HYMN 354: *Just As I Am* (vv. 1-3)

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 354: *Just As I Am* (v. 4)

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

*POSTLUDE: *Postlude on Kingsfold* David Paxton

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 are to the glory of God and in honor of our sweet Campbell's 11th birthday. We love you so much! Love, Mom, Dad, Jackson and Carson.

Before the Throne my surety stands! Author Samuel Wesley found that he had to rouse himself to face fears and doubts and call them what they truly were: “guilty fears.” In the anthem this morning, *Arise, My Soul, Arise*, he describes his soul-searching in a way that should encourage and admonish those of us with similar doubts. The text emphasizes the assurance that comes from knowing that the sufficient once-for-all sacrifice of Christ is forever made effective through the ongoing high priestly work of the ascended Lord, who intercedes on our behalf continually. Assurance then comes not from some inner feeling, or from self-examination, but from the objective reality of Christ’s fully sufficient work on our behalf. This assurance is communicated to us through the testimony of the Spirit, who assures us of our forgiveness and adoption specifically by witnessing to the same saving work of Christ for us. Composer Dan Forrest sets Wesley’s words in a tender yet emphatic statement of faith and commitment.

Palm Procession: All children are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession next Sunday, April 9 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship service.

Palm Sunday Coat Drive: You are encouraged to bring a used or outgrown coat to church on Palm Sunday, April 9, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus." Coats will be donated to Mooresville Christian Mission. Bring coats to the parlor.

Exam Emergency Kits - College students spend long nights trying to stay awake cramming for exams. We have 26 college students at FPC and the Fellowship Committee would like to assist our students with an exam emergency kit. This kit will have homemade, high energy snacks designed to help ensure student success. We want our students to know that we are not only praying for their success but also sending them edible encouragement.

You can help us with this project by:

- Picking a Snack Flower off a tree in the fellowship hall or a tree in the parlor and purchasing the needed item listed on the flower. Your purchase can be returned to the church and placed in a box located at the tree by April 8.
- Coming to the church kitchen on April 23 at 2:00 pm to help prepare snacks and package kits for mailing.
- Donating money to cover the costs for packaging and shipping the kits.

We look forward to working with you to support our college students to let them know that they are an important part of our church family.

The Worship and Music Committee is currently investigating the possibilities of an upgrade to the Assisted Listening System in the sanctuary. American Hearing Loop from Greenville SC will be here to conduct a demonstration of one method on Thursday, April 20 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. The demo will last about 1 hour. If you wear hearing aids, you can assist us in determining if a loop system is beneficial. Check with your hearing care provider to see if you have “T Coils”, most do, then make sure they are “activated.” The folks from American Hearing Loop will also assist with that on site that Thursday. Cochlear Implants need only to be accessed by a button or remote controller. Please come and help us decide which direction to head as we search for ways to enhance the worship experience for all.

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	Margaret Carrigan	Mary Fortanbary
Joan Gibson	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Mary Matheson	Lecie Miller	Estelle Mott
Margaret Sanders	John & Nancy Smith	Claude Voils
John Westmoreland	Opal Westmoreland	

Members of the Church

Margaret Auten	Mark Auten & family	Ray & Billie Brawley
Rosie Crouch	Bedo & Pat Culberson	Al Culp
Nancy Davidson	P. J. Decastro	Pat Hunter
Briana Landis	Shirley Morrow	Betty Pearce
Pete Peterson	Terry Skeen	Joyce Sloop

Friends of the Church

John & Connie Ammons	Amos Family	Norm Askin
Ed Barber	Elsie Benfield	Mike Blizzard
Donna Buyer	Scott Campbell	Genie Carns
Richard Diedrich	Libby Ebert	Bill & Barbara Gepford
Margaret Heilman	Justin Henson	Jayden Hoppel
Gordan Jenkins	Ron Lane	Brian Leon
Tom McAdams	George McClure	Thomas McMillan, Sr.
Anne Moore	Christine Morgan	Louis Newton
Judy Nickliss	Bonnie Redding	Patt Seyller
Samuel Russell	Glenn Scott	Jane Scovil
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