

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 27

Sunday, August 27  
 9:00 am - First Praise with Communion Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 am - Church School/ Promotion Sunday Fellowship Hall  
 10:15 am - Church School Classrooms  
 10:15 am - Logos Parent Meeting Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 am - Worship with Communion Sanctuary  
 3:00 pm - Middle School PYF Fellowship Hall/Room 310  
 5:00 pm - High School PYF Fellowship Hall/Room 313  
 5:00 pm - Logos Parent Meeting Room 301  
 6:30 pm - Session Meeting Room 300

Monday, August 28  
 5:30 pm - MCM- Circle Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301  
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Scout Building

Tuesday, August 29  
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Scout Building

Wednesday, August 30  
 1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting Library  
 6:30 pm - Logos Parent Meeting Fellowship Hall  
 6:15 pm - HS Supper Club off campus  
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Music Room

Thursday, August 31  
 7:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 3  
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms  
 11:00 am - Worship Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM):** The Logos/MSM program begins its 39<sup>th</sup> year at First Presbyterian this fall. Logos/MSM is held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. for children in grades 1-8. Logos is for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, while MSM is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and consists of worship skills, Bible study, recreation and dinner.

Parent participation is an essential part of the program, and parents are expected to attend a Parent Meeting annually, as well as volunteer during each semester. This year's Parent Meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Sunday, August 27 – 10:15 a.m. – Fellowship Hall- 5:00 p.m. – Room 301  
 Wednesday, August 30 – 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

A fee is charged - \$35 registration fee and a \$55 per semester tuition fee. For fees paid by the registration deadline, \$5 off tuition, \$5 off registration fee, and \$5 additional off if fees are paid for entire year.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 6.  
 First day of Logos/MSM – Wednesday, September 13

**BSA Troop 166:** is looking for adults to assist in serving as troop committee members. The committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the year here at the church at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please reach out to Harry Weyer at 704-654-1135 or corfpc166@gmail.com

## 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

### PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff [dave@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:dave@moorevillefpc.org)

### PASTOR EMERITI

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

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	David Ramey
Assistant Usher	Carolyn Brawley
Ushers	Don Copeland, Angie Copeland
Youth Ushers	Abby Copeland
Greeters	Paul Beaver
Acolyte	Maddie Copeland
Bell Ringer	Stoney Culler
Soundboard	Michael Culbreth
Feed the Hungry Collectors	Ian Coates, Chloe Coates, Karli Rockness Neely Davidson



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
 August 27, 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: *Sing Forth to The Lord* David Paxton  
 Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Sentas

### DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Leader: Jesus' instructions recorded at the end of Matthew's gospel are known as the Great Commission. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28-19-20) Christ call us to go.

**People: We will go, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded.**

Leader: Jesus said to Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter replied, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

**People: We will feed your lambs.**

Leader: A second time Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter replied, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." (John 21:16)

**People: We will tend your sheep**

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Matthew 18:4-5)

**People: We will welcome all children.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

**People: Lord, we are often weary. We will yoke ourselves with you to do your work and welcome your children and tend your sheep. We will find our help and our rest in you.**

Leader: Jesus said: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)

**People: We have heard your call, Lord. By the power given to us by God, through the Holy Spirit, we will love one another. We will welcome others. We will teach others to obey and follow you. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE 513: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

\*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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN 437: *Jesus Loves Me*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jason Sentas for Camp Grier

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ginny Swedenberg

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:12-16 pg. 980

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *God is Our Refuge and Strength* Larson  
Chancel Choir

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: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10 pg. 959

SERMON: *Life Between The Two Advents: Faith: Tested & Tried*  
Dave Rockness

HYMN 695: *As We Gather at Your Table*

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 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: *Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## 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 given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the faithful volunteers in our congregation’s Christian Education programs.

**Marshall & Amanda Hitchcock** invite you to share in the joy and witness as their daughter, **Hunter Rose Hitchcock**, receives the Sacrament of Baptism today.

**A Special Offering 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.

**This anthem this morning**, *God Is Our Refuge and Strength*, is a combination of Psalm 46 and Martin Luther’s great hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” In the words of the great Welsh Pastor Matthew Henry, “This psalm encourages us to hope and trust in God, and his power, and providence, and gracious presence with his church in the worst of times, and directs us to give him the glory of what he has done for us and what he will do. We are here taught, I. To take comfort in God when things look very black and threatening (v. 1-5). II. To mention, to his praise, the great things he had wrought for his church against its enemies (v. 6-9). III. To assure ourselves that God who has glorified his own name will glorify it yet again, and to comfort ourselves with that (v. 10, v. 11). It is said of Luther that, when he heard any discouraging news, he would say, Come let us sing the forty-sixth psalm.”

**Christian Education Sunday:** We are observing Christian Education Sunday this morning. We are grateful for the faithful volunteers who serve in our Christian Education programs at First Presbyterian, and express gratitude to them for their dedicated leadership. The CE Opportunities brochure highlights programs and leaders for 2017-2018.

**Camp Grier Fall Retreat:** The entire congregation is encouraged to attend the annual congregational retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, scheduled for Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17. Come for all or part of the weekend. Registration tables with informational brochures may be found in the parlor and fellowship hall. Please turn registration forms and payment in to the church office or to Ellen Auten by Sunday, September 10.

## 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	Diane Crymes
Shirley Crowley	Mary Fortanbary	Joan Gibson
Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt	Mary Matheson
Lecie Miller	Estelle Mott	Margaret Sanders
Claude Voils	John Westmoreland	Opal Westmoreland

**Bereavement**

**Darren Jones, death of father, Bill Jones**

**Members of the Church**

Ray & Billie Brawley	Jean Chislaghi	Rosie Crouch
Bedo & Pat Culberson	Al Culp	Shirley Crowley
P. J. Decastro	Sandra Harris	Lorra Lee Holshouser
Rosemary LaBarre	Joyce Lytle	Ann Manning
Shirley Morrow	Betty Pearce	Joyce Sloop
Nancy Smith		

**Friends of the Church**

**Jade Knittel, friend of Darren Jones**

John & Connie Ammons	Amos Family	Ed Barber
Cami Barger-Jones	Donna Buyer	Genie Carns
Jackie Coates	Becky Compton	Diana Davies
Libby Ebert	Rick Ervin	Barbara Gepford and family
Mike & Candi Hawkins	Jayden Hoppel	Gordon Jenkins
Karen King	Teresa Knutsen	Ron Lane
Brian Leon	Thomas McMillan, Sr.	Anne Moore
Christine Morgan	Louis Newton	Judy Nickliss
Robb Parker	John & Patricia Redding	
Linda Rice	Joseph Ross and family	Samuel Russell
Glenn Scott	Jane Scovil	Dick Scovil
Patt Seyller	Deb Shultz	Ronnie Shultz
Becky Smith	Markie Smith	Isaac Sobek
Tina Swanson	Jennifer Torsiello	Jenny Wheeler
Linda Wilson	Dwight Windsor	Donella Wright
Ashlyn	Daniela	Ella Laurel
Maureen & Madelyn		

**Armed Forces**

LTC David Dennison, Army	LT James B. Eilers, USN
Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT H. Craig May, USMC
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	Maj. William Matheny, Army
Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	Ens Dylan Powell, USN