

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

Sunday, September 3
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms
 11:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
 4:00 pm - Combined PYF Room 313 & Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 4
 Church office Closed
 Preschool Closed
 5:30 pm - MCM- Circles Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Scout Building

Tuesday, September 5
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Scout Building

Wednesday, September 6
 Logos/MSM Registration Deadline
 10:00 am - PW Council Library
 1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting Library
 6:00 pm - Logos Staff Meeting and Dinner Fellowship Hall
 6:15 pm - Supper Club
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Choir Room

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

Sunday, September 10
 Camp Grier Fall Retreat Deadline
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School Classrooms
 11:00 am - Worship Sanctuary
 3:00 pm - MS PYF Room 313 & Fellowship Hall
 3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group Thelma Vaughan's Home
 5:00 pm - HS PYF Room 313 & Fellowship Hall
 5:30 pm - Deacons meeting Room 300
 7:00 pm - Committee Meetings Session Room & 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
 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

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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	Sandy Bickett
Assistant Usher	Fern Alexander
Ushers	Lynelle Owen, Thomas McMillan
Youth Usher	Dan Davidson
Greeters	Bruce Telford, Anne Telford
Acolyte	Caroline McMillan
Bell Ringer	Mary Grace McMillan
Soundboard	Jane Peterson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
September 3, 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: *Adoro Te Devote.* Michael Joseph
 Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 119:1-8 Jason Sentas

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
**Happy are they who observe your decrees
 and seek you with all their hearts!**
 Who never do any wrong,
 but always walk in your ways.
**You laid down your commandments,
 that we should fully keep them.**
 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
 that I might keep your statutes!
**Then I should not be put to shame,
 when I regard all your commandments.**
 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
 when I have learned your righteous judgements.
**I will keep your statutes;
 do not utterly forsake me.**

INVOCATION

**Holy God,
you are just in all your ways
and your commandments are the greatest of treasures.
Give us understanding of your law
and direct us according to your will
that we may be faithful in serving you
for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 502: *Be Thou My Vision*

*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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tom Kirkland

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Leviticus 18:1-5 pg. 92

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: *They Shall Soar Like Eagles*
Laura Manzo

Chancel Choir

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles, They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary. They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power. They who wait upon the Lord. Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow. God will be there each time you call on Him. They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles...

*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 4:1-12 pg. 960

SERMON: *Life Between The Two Advents: How's Your Walk?*
Dave Rockness

*HYMN 708: *Go Forth for God* (vv. 1-3)

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 708: *Go Forth for God* (v. 4)

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

*POSTLUDE: *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps* setting by Gail L. Pollock

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 this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of my brother Charlie Ahquist, who would have been seventy-six years old today; it would have been Charlie and Barbara's 50th wedding anniversary. The flowers are given by Thelma and Mark Vaughan.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): The Logos/MSM program begins its 39th 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 1st – 6th graders, while MSM is for 7th & 8th 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. The final Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 4:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

A fee is charged - \$35 registration fee and a \$55 per semester tuition fee. For fees paid by the registration deadline (Wednesday, September 6), \$5 off tuition, \$5 off registration fee, and \$5 additional off if fees are paid for entire year.

Registration deadline is this Wednesday, September 6.

First day of Logos/MSM is Wednesday, September 13

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 next Sunday, September 10.

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.

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

Members of the Church

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

Friends of the Church

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
Darren Jones	Karen King	Jade Knittel
Teresa Knutsen	Brian Leon	Thomas McMillan, Sr.
Anne Moore	Christine Morgan	Louis Newton
Judy Nickliss	Robb Parker	Linda Rice
Joseph Ross and family	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 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	Maj. William Matheny, Army
Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	Ens Dylan Powell, USN