

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,

North Carolina

*"To be a Light in our
Community Reflecting
Christ's Love and
Compassion..."*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

Celebration of the Lord's
Supper

November 6, 2016



Rev. Drs. Beverly & George
Thompson
Interim Co-Pastors

"OUR NEXT CHAPTER!"

Fall Campaign

Week 2

Gathering Around the Word

Before the service begins, quietly consider the printed prayers and Scriptures. During worship, let them help open you to God.

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3

One: I will extol you, my God and King

Many: and bless your name forever and ever.

One: Every day I will bless you,

Many: and praise your name forever and ever.

One: Great is the LORD,

and greatly to be praised,

Many: God's greatness is unsearchable.

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #37 "Let All Things Now Living"

Call to Confession

Let us confess first in self-searching silence.

Prayer of Confession

O God with a huge heart, through Jesus you
reached out to people on the edges—

whether poor or rich, favored or otherwise.

His generosity shocks us: we are more

comfortable grumbling about them

than rejoicing for them.

Forgive us, Great Merciful One;

may we ourselves receive all who seek you,

as Jesus does; Amen.

Song of Assurance #284 "Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

Holy Spirit, come to us;

kindle in us the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit, come to us.

Holy Spirit, come to us. (sung twice)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 145:17-19

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Children

Zaccheus

Prayer for Understanding

Responsive Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

One: But we must always give thanks to God for you, beloved by the Lord,

Many: because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation

One: through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

Many: For this purpose God called you through our proclamation of the good news,

One: so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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Four Presbyterians in a Back Pew

Gospel Reading

Luke19:1-10

The Gospel of our Lord;
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“A Little Man with a Big Plan”

“He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

Rev. Dr. George Thompson, Ph.D.

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith 7-18

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

“Jesus Saves!”

Kirkpatrick

* Doxology

**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.**

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving - Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution - Bread and Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer of Gratitude

* Hymn of Commitment #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

* Charge and Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

* Music in Preparation for Service

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

**You are invited to stand if you are able.*

Today's Scripture texts are lectionary lessons for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

***In the story of Zaccheus and Jesus,
where do you find yourself?***

Children's Team:

November 6 - Todd and Carrie Burney

November 13 - Sarah Gray

Communion Servers:

Greg Blackmon, Peggy Blanchard, Joan Dorsett, Coke Gray, Ethan Scott

Head Usher November:

Beth Owens

WELCOME! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God. *Your entire family is welcome*, but we do offer a nursery for children birth to 3 years of age, and a "children's church" program for children **4 years old through 1st grade**. Both of these are located in the education building behind the sanctuary. Feel free to contact us at any time (642-2253).

Today's Flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Monty Powell by his family.

Prayer Concerns: Bob High, Grace Palmer; David Trogon; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Gene Ensley; **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Phyllis Farley; Ellen Thurston; **Friends:** Morris Harris; Reta Hinson; Donna Parker; Carole Short; Travis Trogon; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Jean Turner; Martha Ann Hooks-Stephens; Ed Jackson; Ed Moore; Shelby Turbeville; Shandell McPherson; Shirley Creech Royal; Christy Stuckey; James George; Gilbert Green; Mary Cherry; Billie Joe Conrad; Jim Ellison; David Gore, Chelsea Hinnant; Daphne McLeod; Gail Moye; Melinda Powell; Jerome McPherson; Nancy Wilson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Angie Arnold. ****Please notify the church office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list, and then again when the name may be removed.***

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Study ends

Election Day

NETworX of Hope, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Session, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday:

Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 a.m.

Contact the church office:

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NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9AM- 1PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

SESSION

Class of 2016

Jim Brooks
Sarah Gray
Jason Klara
Jenny Meekins
Beth Owens

Class of 2017

Greg Blackmon
Peggy Blanchard
Joan Dorsett
Coke Gray
Ethan Scott

Class of 2018

Mandy Horne
Ben Kilpatrick
Sally Medford
Fuller Royal
Debbie Viets