

First Presbyterian Church

*Whiteville,
North Carolina*

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

**Christ the King Sunday
Pledge Dedication
November 20, 2016**



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

"OUR NEXT CHAPTER!"
Fall Campaign
Week 4

Gathering Around the Word

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

Prelude - "We Gather Together," arr. by Zabel
Handbell ringers - Anne Branch, Judy Nelson,
Janet Royal, Kim Smith
Pianist - Doug Spivey Director - Annette Powell

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship Jeremiah 23:5-6
One: The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
Many: when I will raise up for David
a righteous Branch,
One: who shall reign as king and deal wisely,
Many: and shall execute justice and righteous-
ness in the land.
One: And this is the name
by which he will be called:
Many: "The LORD is our righteousness."
One: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise 643**
"Now Thank We All Our God"

Call to Confession
Let us confess first in self-searching silence.

Prayer of Confession
Great Lord God of Israel, who in Jesus
raised up a horn of salvation
for us and for all people:
every day you remember your holy covenant,
and every day we forget it.
Every day the shadows of darkness
and death overtake us.
May we seek your light instead;
May we receive your tender mercy

to guide our feet into the way of peace.
In the name of Jesus; Amen.

Song of Assurance 284
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)

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

Declaration of Forgiveness

*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

Prayer for Understanding

Responsive Reading Colossians 1:15,18,19-20
One: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
Many: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
One: He is the head of the body, the church.
Many: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
One: and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
Many: whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace
 through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:68-79
The Gospel of our Lord;
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“Our Hope and Our Call”
“ . . . to guide our feet in the way of peace.”
Rev. Dr. George Thompson, Ph.D.

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967, 9.17

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. [We are] free to seek [our] life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in a society, and in other ways to use [God's] creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	"Blessings"	Story
Verse 1 & Refrain: Children		
Verse 2: Choir & Children	Refrain: Congregation	
Verse 3: Choir & Children	Refrain: Congregation	Repeat Refrain: Congregation

Refrain: 'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes
to know you're near?
And what if trials of this life are your mercies in disguise?

* 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.

Prayers of the People - Pledge Dedication 2017

- * Hymn of Commitment 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
- * Charge and Benediction Colossians 1:11-12
- * 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 Christ the King Sunday.

***For what are you grateful? How do
you demonstrate your gratitude?***

Children's Team:

November 20 – David and Susan Smith

November 27 – Chris and Mandy Smith

Head Usher for 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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9AM- 1PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and loving memory of Janet Floyd by Rick and Mary Janet Maxwell.

Prayer Concerns: Bob High, Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Gene Ensley ***Assisted Care:*** Kenneth Smith; Phyllis Farley; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant ***Friends:*** Reta Hinson; Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Jean Turner; Ed Jackson; Shandell McPherson; Shirley Creech Royal; Christy Stuckey; James George; Mary Cherry; Billie Joe Conrad; Jim Ellison; David Gore; Daphne McLeod; Gail Moye; Melinda Powell; Jerome McPherson; Nancy Wilson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood. ****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.***

Community Thanksgiving Service of Worship

Whiteville United Methodist Church, Sunday, November 20 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Ryan Clore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Whiteville, will preach. Child care provided. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Tuesday:	NETworX of Hope, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	Christmas Decorating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 2:	Parents Night Out, 5:30-9:30pm
December 4:	Caroling and Hot Dog Supper 5:00pm
December 7:	Congregational Life Meeting, 6:00pm
December 11:	Moravian Love Feast, 7:00pm
December 12:	Oratorio Concert, 7:30pm

Friday, December 2, the youth ministry team will be sponsoring a "Parents Night Out," at the church. The kids will eat pizza, play games, work on a craft and watch movies. Cost is \$7/hour for the 1st child, \$3/hour for a 2nd child, and \$2/hour for additional children. Please call or email the church office to register.

Poinsettias are available for dedication for \$4. Please use the paper included in the bulletin.