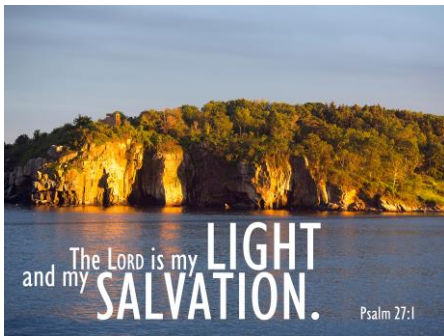


***First
Presbyterian
Church
Whiteville,
North Carolina***

***“To be a Light in our
Community Reflecting
Christ’s Love and
Compassion...”***

**Third Sunday after
Epiphany
January 22, 2017**



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

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Our Life Together

***Before the service begins, quietly consider the
printed prayers and scriptures. During worship,
Let them open you to God.***

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

***Hymn “Here in This Place” #401**

Call to Confession

***Let us confess our sin first in self-searching
silence***

Prayer of Confession

... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

**Sung Prayer “The Lord is My Light” #842
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust. (x3)**

Assurance of God’s Grace

***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**

The peace of Christ be with you all,

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

A Word with the Children and Youth

“This Little Light of Mine”

Children’s Choir

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalter

Psalms 27:1,4-9

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Becoming a Heliotropic Congregation”

Reverend Dr. Beverly Thompson

Responding to the Word

*Affirming Our Faith in Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

Choir and Congregation

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine,

Hide it under a bushel? No, I’m gonna let it shine,

Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Offertory

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

#853

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer

*Sending Hymn #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

*Benediction and Blessing

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

Children’s Team:

January 22 - Jennifer Williamson

January 29 - Sally Medford

Sound Team:

January 22- Beth Owens

January 29 - Jonathan Medford

Head Usher January: Fuller Royal

Head Usher February: Ethan Scott

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**, located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

Members are encouraged to sign up for placing flowers/plants on the chancel mantle. Appropriate hanging baskets, house plants and garden flowers are welcome as well as florist arrangements.

The Ladies Bible Study will resume on February 14 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Conference Room. The spring session will end on April 4.

Karen Ware is home and doing well after emergency surgery on Tuesday.

Prayer Concerns: Fredrica Stell, Bob High, Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Anna Jane Collier **Friends:** Reta Hinson; Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Jean Turner; Ed Jackson; Shandell McPherson; Christy Stuckey; Mary Cherry; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Rex Ros; Brenda Walters; Hobert Wicker; David Gore; Daphne McLeod; Gail Moye; Melinda Powell; Jerome McPherson; Nancy Wilson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Barbara Shepherd; Annette Caldwell; Doris Hudlow, Beverly’s mother; Roger Kennedy. ****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:

Today, January 22, noon-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Session Retreat
NETworX of Hope, 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 a.m.

January 25: Family Night Supper - Covered Dish
Congregational Life Meeting

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

February 8:

Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org
NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9AM - 1PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

SESSION

Class of 2017

Greg Blackmon
Peggy Blanchard
Joan Dorsett
Coke Gray II
Ethan Scott

Class of 2018

Mandy Horne
Ben Kilpatrick
Sally Medford
Fuller Royal
Debbie Viets

Class of 2019

Sara Cartrette
Coke Gray III
Kaye Pope
Douglas Spivey