

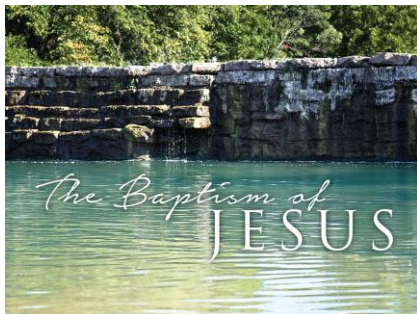
# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Whiteville,  
North Carolina*

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

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
January 8, 2017**

**Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper  
Ordination and Installation  
of Session Class of 2019**



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

## *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 29:1-2, 11  
One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**Many: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**  
One: Ascribe to the LORD the glory  
of God's name;  
**Many: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.**  
One: May the LORD give strength to this people!  
**Many: May the LORD bless this people  
with peace!**

\*Hymn of Praise 10  
"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

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

Prayer of Confession  
God of the Scriptures, who promised that  
your servant would be given  
as a light to the nations:  
we get stingy with the light you give us.  
Giver of Holy Spirit, even your apostle Peter  
realized that your peace reaches out  
to all people.  
Yet we try to keep that good news  
to ourselves.  
Break through our blindness, Generous One,  
that we would share your light  
with open arms; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Song of Assurance 437  
"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy! (twice)**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 42:6-7

\*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

Isaiah 42:1, 5, 9

One: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

**Many: I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

One: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

**Many: who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:**

One: See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

**Many: before they spring forth, I tell you of them.**

Epiphany Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Sermon

“Up from the Water”

“ ‘it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.’ ”

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. Amen!**

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

Hymn 164

\* 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.**

### ***Ordination and Installation of Session Class of 2019***

Elder Coke Gray III

Elder Sara Cartrette

Kaye Pope

Douglas Spivey

### ***Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving—Lord’s Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Joyful Feast of the People of God

Prayer after the Supper

\* Hymn of Commitment

“Today We Are Called”

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\* Charge and Benediction

\* 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 Baptism of the Lord Sunday.*

***What does baptism do for us?  
What might we do because of it?***

### **Communion Servers:**

Greg Blackmon

Joan Dorsett

Coke Gray

Peggy Blanchard

Ethan Scott

### **Children’s Team:**

January 8 -David and Susan Smith

Head Usher January: Fuller Royal

January 15 - Chris and Mandy Smith

**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 1<sup>st</sup> grade**, located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

**Prayer Concerns:** 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.  
***\*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: NETworX of Hope, 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 a.m.

January 8: Ordination and Installation of Elders (today)  
January 11: Session Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day OFFICE OPEN  
January 21: Central Winter Gathering, Fayetteville 8:30a.m.- 2:30 p.m.  
January 25: Family Night Supper - Covered Dish 6:00 p.m.  
Congregational Life Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 or <a href="mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org">karen@fpcwhiteville.org</a> <b><u>NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9AM- 1PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY</u></b>
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#### **SESSION**

**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

**Class of 2019**  
Sara Cartrette  
Coke Gray III  
Kaye Pope  
Douglas Spivey