

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

***“To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ’s love and
compassion...”***

Fifth Sunday after
Epiphany
February 5, 2017
Scout Sunday



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

Scout Processional and Recitation Jackson Cook
Scouting Reports

Call to Worship

Psalms 112:1, 4, 6
Alexander Scott

One: Happy are those who fear the LORD,
Many: **who greatly delight
in God’s commandments.**

One: They rise in the darkness
as light for the upright;

Many: **they are gracious, merciful,
and righteous.**

One: For the righteous will never be moved;
Many: **they will be remembered forever.**

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise

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“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Call to Confess

Dimitri Boone

Let us confess first in self-searching silence.

Prayer of Confession

(based on Isaiah 58:2-8)

God of our ancestors, day after day
we seek you, yet we forget your ways.

Even when we think we are religious,
we serve our own interest.

We quarrel and fight, still expecting
our voice to be heard on high.

Here we are, Gracious One;
we need your light and your healing,
for Jesus’ sake; Amen.

Song of Assurance “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)

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Canyon Sellers

*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; **And also with you!**

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Responsive Reading

(from Psalm 112:7-10)

Bryce Russell

One: The righteous are not afraid of evil tidings;

Many: Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

One: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

Many: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

One: their righteousness endures forever.

Many: The desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:5-9a

John Crabtree

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-17

William Crabtree

The Gospel of our Lord;

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“Good for Something”

““Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.””

Rev. Dr. George Thompson, Ph.D.

Responding to the Word

* **Affirmation of Faith**

James Riley Clark
The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.115, 5.118

. . .truly good works grow out of a living faith by the Holy Spirit and are done by the faithful according to the will or rule of God’s Word. . . . [we were] not created or regenerated through faith in order to be idle, but rather that without ceasing [we] should do those things which are good and useful. For in the Gospel the Lord says that a good tree brings forth good fruit.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Joshua Watts

Offertory

“Prelude in C” J.S. Bach

Bryce Russell, piano

* 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 of God—Lord’s Prayer

* Epiphany Hymn

“Lord, the Light of Your Love”

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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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.

*How do others see the light of Christ
through you?*

Children’s Team: 2/5: Todd & Carrie Burney
Sound Team: 2/5: Fuller Royal
Head Usher February: Ethan Scott

2/12: Sarah Gray
2/12: Jim Brooks

Troop 512 and Cub Scout Pack 512 join us in worship this morning. We celebrate the ministry of Scouting today!

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.

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; Jerry Ford; Kirk and Kathryn Clark on the death of her 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:

Sunday:	Handbell Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	NETworX of Hope, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 a.m.
February 6:	Nuts & Bolts Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
February 8:	Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
February 12:	Seniors Luncheon, After Worship
February 14:	Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org <u>NEW OFFICE HOURS:</u> 9AM - 1PM, M-F Check us out on the web! fpcwhiteville.org

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