

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

**"To be a light in our  
community reflecting  
Christ's love and  
compassion..."**

*Easter Sunday*  
April 16, 2017



Guest Pastor:  
Rev. Sam Murrell

Worship Assistant:  
Coke Gray II

## *Gathering Around the Word*

*Rev. Murrell is Professor of Philosophy & Religion at UNCW, a member of the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery, and a big fan of FPCW.*

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

**Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.**

We the redeemed of the Lord bless the risen Christ

**His praise shall continually be in our mouth.**

\*Hymn of Celebration

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**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Call to Confession

*Let us confess first in self-searching silence.*

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, you were wounded for our transgression; you were bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon you and with your stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; but God has laid on you the iniquity of us all. Surely, you have borne our grief and carried our sorrows; that we might be free and sinless before God, through the power of your resurrection. Thank you!**

Assurance of Grace & Pardon

Rev. Murrell

**\*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

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118-19-29

**This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson

John 20: 19-29

**This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**“Seeing the Risen Christ”**

Rev. Sam Murrell

### *Responding to the Word*

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

**“Thine Is the Glory”**

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Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory      *“Hallelujah!”* from *“Messiah,”* Handel      Congregation and Choir

**Hallelujah (sing 10 times)**

**For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah (4 times)**

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**For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah (2 times)**

**For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah**

**The kingdom of this world ... is become ...**

**the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ;**

**And He shall reign forever and ever, (4 times)**

King of Kings, forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
and Lord of Lords; forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.  
King of Kings, forever, and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
and Lord of Lords, forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.  
King of Kings, forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
and Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

And He shall reign forever and ever.  
And He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of Kings, forever and forever,  
and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah, Hallelujah;  
And He shall reign forever, forever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords;  
And He shall reign forever, forever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah (4 times) ...  
Hallelujah!

*\*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, alleluia!

*\*Prayer*

*\*Sending Hymn*                      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

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*\*Charge and Benediction*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Head Usher:	April: Sally Medford	
Children’s Team:	4/16: Chris & Mandy Smith	4/23: Jennifer Williamson
Sound Team:	4/16: Natalie Royal	4/23: Jim Brooks
Nursery Attendant:	4/16: Susan Smith	4/23: Mandy Horne
Worship Assistant:	4/16: Coke Gray II	4/23: Peggy Blanchard

**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:** Frederica Stell; Bob High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Mandy and Maggie Horne. **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Anna Jane Collier; Arlene Blaha **Friends:** Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Jean Turner; Ed Jackson; 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; Roger Kennedy; Jerry Ford; George Edwards.

***\*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.***

- Next Sunday, April 23, 2017, Worship will be led by Jerry Bron.
- Please don't forget to help out with the Backpack Ministry directly after service.
- **Smile! You're on camera!** Since our worship services are now on video, let's please consider filling up the front pews instead of scattering ourselves throughout the sanctuary.
- **There is NO HANDBELL REHEARSAL today, Easter Sunday.** Rehearsals will resume Sunday, April 23.
- Thank you to the Humphreys family for singing and Logan Hester for playing the trumpet today.
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#### **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Sunday:	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Tuesday:	NETworX of Hope, 5:30 pm
Wednesday:	Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Thursday:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am
Monday, April 17:	Spiritual Development Meeting, 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 23:	Youth Ministry
Wednesday, April 26:	Family Night Supper, Pig Pickin', 6:00pm
	Congregational Life Committee, 7:00 pm
	Worship Committee, 7:00 pm

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<b>Office Hours: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville">www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville</a>

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Annual Spring Tour on Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, in Moore and Richmond counties. We will meet at noon Friday at the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, celebrating its bicentennial; visit historic Mt. Carmel Church and the restored Bostick Schoolhouse, spend the night in Pinehurst, learn the history of First Church in Hamlet and enjoy the National Railroad Museum there, and end up with lunch at Mark's Creek Church. We hope you can join us for a very interesting tour. Registration is \$20. For more details about the tour, and also the registration form, go to our website at [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org), or contact Program Chair Steve McRae at [\(336\) 693-1929](tel:3366931929).