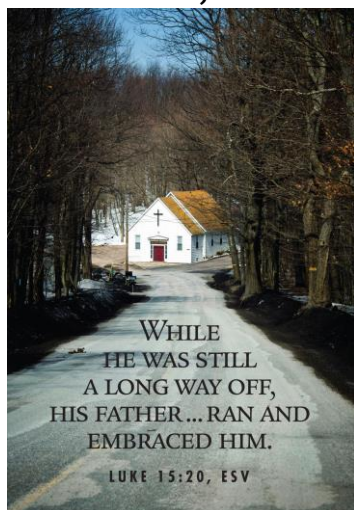


# *First Presbyterian Church*

**Whiteville,  
North Carolina**

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

*Third Sunday after  
Pentecost*  
**June 25, 2017**



**Guest Worship Leader  
Phyllis Russ**

**Worship Assistant  
Debbie Viets**

## *Gathering Around the Word* Welcome, Announcements

### **\*Call to Worship**

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the  
LORD.*

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**\*Hymn of Praise "This Is My Father's World" 370**

### **Call to Confession**

*Let us confess our sins against God and our  
neighbor.*

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

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**O God with a huge heart, through Jesus you  
reached out to people on the edges- whether  
poor or rich, favored or otherwise.**

**His generosity shocks us: we are more  
comfortable grumbling about them than  
rejoicing for them.**

**Forgive us, Great Merciful One; may we  
ourselves receive all who seek you, as Jesus  
does. Amen**

### **Choral Response**

**437**

**You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!  
You Are the Christ, Giver of Mercy!  
You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be a peace.  
Amen.*

\*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

New Testament Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

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

Sermon

“Our Father”

Phyllis Russ

### *Responding to the Word*

\*An Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

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Call to Offering

*Do good and share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*May the ushers come forward to collect our Offerings.*

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. Zabel

Handchimes Quartet: Anne Branch, Janet Gray, Annette Powell, Erin Thompson

Piano: Douglas Spivey

\*Doxology

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**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 of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\*Sending Hymn

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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\*Charge and Benediction

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen!*

Music in Preparation for Service



***Congratulations to Ethan and Katherine Scott on the arrival of their baby boy, River!***

The Worship Committee needs Worship Assistants for July and August. You do not have to be an elder. Please see Peggy Blanchard, Douglas Spivey, or Kaye Pope.

**Phyllis Russ** was born and raised in Nebraska where her father was a Methodist minister for over 50 years. She attended Nebraska Wesleyan where she met her husband, Ted, who grew up in Hallsboro. They both taught school in Auburn, Nebraska for 31 years and then retired to Lake Waccamaw. Mrs. Russ taught the gifted for

Columbus County Schools for seven wonderful years and now enjoys being active at the Lake Waccamaw United Methodist Church and the Depot Museum.

**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 & Charlene High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Anna Jane Collier. **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Arlene Blaha. **Friends:** Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; 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; Eli Clark.

- The worship leader for next Sunday, July 2, 2017, will be the Worship Committee.
- A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for Sunday, July 2, 2017 during worship.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR:

Tuesday: NETworX of Hope, 5:30 pm  
Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm  
Thursday: Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am

Sunday, July 2: No Family Night Supper  
Tuesday, July 4: Congregational Meeting, 10:00 am  
Saturday, July 8: Office Closed  
Southeastern Genealogical Society Meeting

Worship Committee, Nuts and Bolts Committee, and Session Meetings are canceled.

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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**OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday**

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Nursery Team:	6/25: Suzanne Blackmon	7/2: Janet Royal
Sound Team:	6/25: Natalie Royal	7/2: Jim Brooks
Worship Assistant:	6/25: Debbie Viets	7/2: Coke Gray, III
Head Usher:	June: Kaye Pope	July: Mandy Horne

#### 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  
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