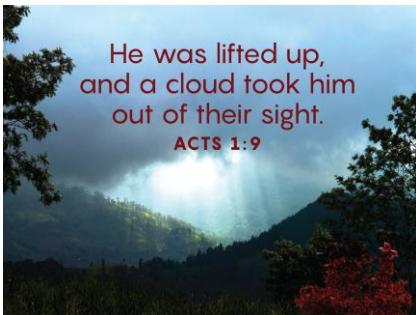


# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 10, 2017*



He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.  
ACTS 1:9

Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

*If you need to make an announcement, please sit in the front row to use the microphone.*

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

### \*Call to Worship

Today is the day that God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad.

The God who raised Jesus the Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily;  
Thanks be to God.

The God whose Spirit lives in us nurtures us and guides our way;  
All glory and honor to God! We worship with praise and thanksgiving.

\*Hymn of Praise “I Love to Tell the Story” 462

### Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

O God, we come to you in a spirit of regret and repentance. We are in need. We are broken. We have not lived as the people whom you created us to be. We have not lived faithfully as your witnesses. We have not reflected your love in our dealings with others. We have not done all the good that we should have. We have not kept faithfulness with your commandments. Forgive us, O Lord. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost.”

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, in the name of Jesus who gave his life on the cross for our sins.**

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.**

\*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.

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

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\*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

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:6-11

The Gospel of our Lord;  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Let’s Get Busy!”

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

### *Responding to the Word*

\*An Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

\*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

\*Hymn of Commitment

“Go to the World!”

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\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Exodus 1:6-22

Sermon: "Joseph Who?"

Sunday, September 10

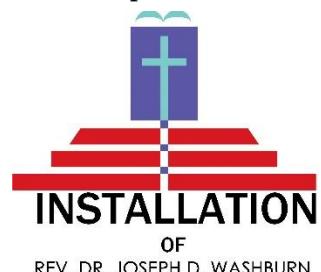


*Congregational*  
Meeting



September 24, 2017

5:00 pm



*Thank you* seems inadequate and is not expressed frequently enough. Actions taken consistently over time to help people in the community may be taken for granted. So all those involved with NETworX of Hope want to acknowledge the support of your church family for our 'family' who are given the use of all your facility every Tuesday evening as well as financial contributions for the program we offer. The welcome you give us allows us, in turn, to welcome others seeking to move forward for themselves and their children. While we will not be there during September, we look forward to coming back on October 3. *Thank you* for all you do for us as part of your outreach ministry. Carolyn Hankins, Coordinator, NETworX of Hope

Members who were unable to make the photo session, please contact Debbie Viets at 910-770-2344. If you have a picture available, you may submit it at a cost of only \$10.00. We would like to complete the directory as soon as possible!

Please donate containers to be used for "Two Cents a Meal" and drop them off in the office. Anyone interested in helping sponsor shoes for our upcoming SoleHope shoe cutting party can make checks to FPC with "SoleHope" in the memo line. If you're interested in helping WUMC "Rise Against Hunger" event Saturday, Sept. 30th, you can: 1.) Volunteer for the event on September 30th. Contact the church office, sign up on the attendance register, or contact Mandy Horne. 2.) Donate (please make the check out to FPC with "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo line).

**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 located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

**Prayer Concerns:** Bob High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark. **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Anna Jane Collier; Arlene Blaha. **Friends:** Donna Parker; 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; Jerome McPherson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Barbara Shepherd; Annette Caldwell; Roger Kennedy; Jerry Ford; Eli Clark; Carole Short; Mitchell Powell; Theresa Rappa.

- Please check the umbrellas in the umbrella box in the Narthex. Many orphaned umbrellas are looking for their owner!

**CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Sunday, September 10:	Youth Kickoff, 2:00-6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12:	Morning Circle, 11:00 am
	Evening Circle, 7:00 pm
	(Hostess -Mary Janet Maxwell/Moderator - Barbara Grigsby)
Wednesday, September 13:	Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
	Session Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 14:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am
Monday, September 18:	Spiritual Development/Outreach Meeting 6:30 pm
Sunday, September 24:	Installation of Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, 5:00 pm
	No Youth Ministry

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Nursery Team: 9/10: Suzanne Blackmon  
Sound Team: 9/10: Jim Brooks  
Head Usher: September: Debbie Viets

9/17: Susan Smith  
9/17: Josh Horne

**Class of 2017**  
Greg Blackmon  
Peggy Blanchard  
Joan Dorsett  
Coke Gray II  
Ethan Scott

**SESSION**  
**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

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