

# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*

September 17, 2017



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.*

Prelude

Humphreys

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

\*Call to Worship

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

Behold all the beauty of God and make inquiry in God’s temple.

**We have come to worship and seek wisdom, to find shelter and help amid life’s storms.**

God lifts us up from our doubts and fears, granting us confidence and courage.

**We will offer sacrifices of joy and thanksgiving, we will sing and make melody to our God.**

\*Hymn of Praise

620

**“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet you promise that you will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you.

Choral Response

437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

## Words of Assurance

We are convicted of our transgressions but also freed of them by God's grace.

**We are guilty, but in facing that guilt, are forgiven.**

"The scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous."

**We are liberated to live creatively and courageously, risking all that love of neighbor requires.**

## \*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

35

## \*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

Exodus 1:6-22

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

### Sermon

"Joseph Who?"

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

## *Responding to the Word*

### \*An Affirmation of Faith

**Apostles' Creed**

35

### Call to Offering

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

**"Jesus Calls Us"**

720

Congregation and Choir

### \*Doxology

609

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

**“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”**

722

\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: “Turned Away by the Savior”

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).

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Whiteville, NC  
cordially invites you to  
the installation of  
The Reverend Doctor Joseph D. Washburn  
as pastor of  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 5:00 pm  
511 North Thompson Street, Whiteville, NC  
Reception following*

*September 27, 2017 6:00pm*



**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

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Karen: [karen@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org)

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**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; Mitchell Powell; Theresa Rappa; **Shelby Turbeville** (Anna Klara's mother; **Tanieh Rodman** (Dolores Harris' great grand-daughter)9/14.

- Please check the umbrellas in the umbrella box in the Narthex. Many orphaned umbrellas are looking for their owner!
- Sympathy to Carrie Burney and her family following the death of her mother, Carole Short.
- The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of Annette Powell. Annette has retired after dedicating many years to the hand bell choir. We appreciate her patience and leadership.

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Monday, September 18:	Rotary Club, Conference Room 6:00 pm Scouts, Scouts Room 6:00 pm
	Spiritual Development/Outreach Meeting, Parlor 6:30 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00pm
Wednesday, September 20:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 6:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 21:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 24:	Installation of Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, 5:00 pm
Monday, September 25:	AA, Community Room, 8:00pm
Tuesday, September 26:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, 9:00 am
Wednesday, September 27:	Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor, 7:00 pm
	Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00pm
Thursday, September 28:	Cub Scouts, Scouts Room, 7:00 pm AA, Community Room, 8:00pm

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Nursery Team:	9/17: Susan Smith	9/24: Mandy Horne
Sound Team:	9/17: Josh Horne	9/24: Beth Owens
Head Usher:	September: Debbie Viets	October: Ben Kilpatrick

**Sanctuary Flowers: 9/17: Handbell Ringers      9/24: Debbie Viets**