

# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*

September 24, 2017



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

### Call to Worship

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

We are here because we want to be God’s people.

We are here because we want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ.**

\*Hymn of Praise

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“There is a Balm in Gilead”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have tried to hide from you our self-concern, deceits, and dirty hands. Because we do not see great evil within us, we turn away from confession of sin. Our minor flaws seem insignificant before the horrors we discern on every hand. We find it hard to accept responsibility for the inequities that enrich some and impoverish others in a world where you claim all human beings equally as your children. Convict us of our responsibility and our need for your salvation in Christ, in whose name we pray for forgiveness and insight. We lift this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

\*Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are made new and offered the chance to begin again.  
Believe the good news!  
We are forgiven! 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.

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

Luke 8:26-39

The Gospel of the Lord;  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Turned Away by the Savior”

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

“We Are the People of God”

Carter

\*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      "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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\*Charge and Benediction

Next Week:

Psalm 100

"Living the Faith: Worship Regularly"



*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*

**SESSION**

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Greg Blackmon	Mandy Horne	Sara Cartrette
Peggy Blanchard	Ben Kilpatrick	Coke Gray III
Joan Dorsett	Sally Medford	Kaye Pope
Coke Gray II	Fuller Royal	Douglas Spivey
Ethan Scott	Debbie Viets	

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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; **Tanieh Rodman** (Dolores Harris' great grand-daughter); **Ken Smith**; **Don Morrison.**

*Please notify the office when names can be removed.*

- 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 to praise our good fortune for receiving Pastor Joe into our church.

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Sunday, September 24:	Installation of Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, 5:00 pm	
Monday, September 25:	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm	
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, 8:00 pm	
Thursday, September 28:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor, 10:30 am	
	Cub Scouts, Scouts Room, 7:00 pm	
	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm	
Saturday, September 30:	Rise Against Hunger, WUMC, 8:45 am -12:00 pm	
Monday, October 2:	Boy Scouts, Scouts Room, 6:00 pm	
	Nuts & Bolts Meeting, Conference Room, 6:30 pm	
	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm	
Tuesday, October 3:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, 9:00 am	
Wednesday, October 4:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 6:00 pm	
	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm	
Thursday, October 5:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor, 10:30 am	
	AA, Community Room, 8:00 pm	

Nursery Team:	9/24: Mandy Horne	10/1: Joan Dorsett
Sound Team:	9/24: Justin Smith	10/1: Jonathan Medford
Head Usher:	September: Debbie Viets	October: Ben Kilpatrick
Sanctuary Flowers:	9/24: Debbie Viets	