

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 3, 2017*



**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn**

Gathering Around the Word
Choral Prelude "All with Joyful Exultation"

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

Great is the Lord - **exalted among the nations.**
Mighty is the Lord - **King of heaven and earth.**
Holy is the Lord - **beyond our understanding.**
Let us worship our God and King!

***Hymn of Praise**

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"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***Call to Confession**

Come, all of you who long for light.
**We want to see the light shining in the midst
of the darkness.**
Come, all of you who want your joy increased.
We yearn to be filled with this joy.
Come, all of you who are carrying heavy
burdens.
**We have many to offer. Take them from us,
Lord.**
Come, all who need a savior.
**We are seeking the Wonderful Counselor, the
Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.**
Come, let us worship the Lord.
We are here to praise the Lord!

***Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, we confess that we sometimes
do not believe in our hearts what we proclaim
with our lips. We hear your word and
continue to live unchanged. We know of your
liberating grace, yet remain bound by our
limitations. We would rather rely on our own
abilities, our works and our intellect than rely
on faith in you. Help us approach each
moment as an intentional expression of our

faith, that we may be mindful that your grace surrounds us and binds us to you forever in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The God who created us never turns away from us, but ever calls us into his righteousness with an abundant and healing love.

By God's grace we are made new as faithful covenant people. Alleluia!

*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

*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 8:40-56

The Gospel of our Lord;
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness" Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Responding to the Word

Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry"

Choir

*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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Words of Institution
 Receiving the Bread and Cup
 Communion Song
 Prayer after Communion

"Clean"

Kathryn, Isabel, and Evan Humpheys

*Hymn of Commitment

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

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*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

**Please stand if you are able.*

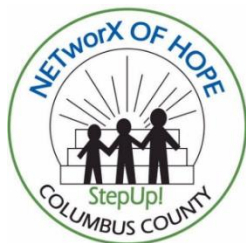


See you for breakfast at 9 am. Sunday School starts at 10am.



Sunday, September 10th
 Breakfast 9am, Sunday School 10am

Sunday, September 10th
 The Gray Lake House, Lake Waccamaw
 2:00-6:00 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

Starting September 10th
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am



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; 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; Jerome McPherson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Barbara Shepherd; Annette Caldwell; Roger Kennedy; Jerry Ford; Eli Clark; Carole Short (Carrie Burney's mother); **Andrew Enzor** (Debbie Viets' father); **Mitchell Powell; Theresa Rappa.**

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Monday, September 4:	Labor Day, Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5:	Nuts & Bolts Meeting, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 6:	Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 7:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am
Sunday, September 10:	<u>Rally Day</u> - Breakfast 9am, Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00 am
	Youth Kickoff Party, The Gray Lake House, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13:	Session Meeting, 6:30 pm

Nursery Team:	9/3: Janet Royal	9/10: Suzanne Blackmon
Sound Team:	9/3: Fuller Royal	9/10: Jim Brooks
Sanctuary Flowers:	9/3: Joan Dorsett	
Head Usher:	September: Debbie Viets	
Communion Servers:	Coke Gray III	Kaye Pope
	Mike Tyndall	Paul Pope
		Mary Ann Tyndall

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).

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253
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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F
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