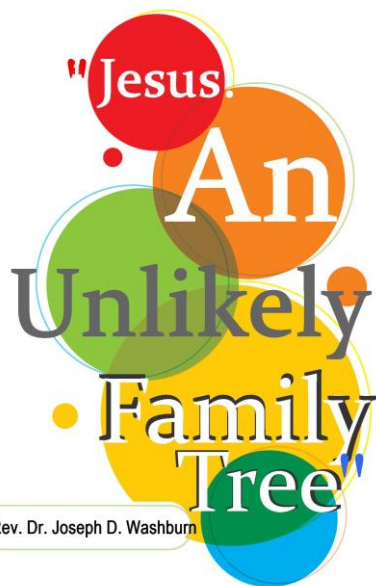


# *First Presbyterian Church*

Whiteville,  
North Carolina  
"To be a light in our  
community reflecting  
Christ's love and  
compassion..."

*Third Sunday after  
Epiphany*  
January 14, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word* Prelude *The Humphreys*

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

O Lord, you have searched me and known  
me. You discern my thoughts from far  
away.

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made. Wonderful are your  
works.

How weighty to me are your thoughts,  
O God! I try to count them--they are more  
than the sand.

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise

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"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we hear Jesus speak of the joy of  
living in the reign of God, and we are sadly  
aware that our broken lives reflect our failure  
to live in the glory and love of God. We  
confess that we often think we can figure out  
life for ourselves and make better choices  
that the ones you proffer to us. We act as if  
we are the Creator instead of you. Forgive us  
our foolishness and lead us, once more, into  
life that is joyous and abundant. Amen.

\*Choral Response

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While we are waiting, come; while we are  
waiting, come; Jesus, our Lord,  
Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

\*Words of Assurance

Pastor: Jesus did not come to condemn us but to invite us into the joy of God's reign.

Choir: *He is still the same today as always.*

Congregation: He loves us and invites us to make this the day we enter anew into God's realm.

\*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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\*Passing of the Peace

*Proclaiming the Word*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:1-17

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

Sermon

"Jesus: An Unlikely Family Tree"

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

*Responding to the Word*

Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Blest Be the God of Israel"  
Song of Zechariah

Choir (109)

\*Doxology

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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Sermon: "Jesus: A Promise Fulfilled"

**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:** Geraldine Becker; Anne Branch; Kathryn Clark; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Mike Spivey; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston; David Trogdon.

**Assisted Care:** Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Ellen Thurston.

**Friends:** Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Annette Caldwell; Penny Carmean; Mary Cherry; Eli Clark; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Jerry Ford; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Roger Kennedy; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Don Morrison; Gail Moye; Donna Parker; Floyd Pridgen; Theresa Rappa; Hollis Salyer; Barbara Shepherd; Ken Smith; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend; Frank Youngblood; Joe Youngblood.

**Military:** Preston Parker.

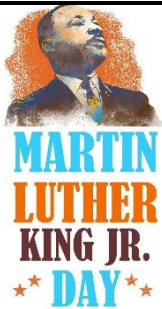
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Nursery Team: 1/14: Sarah and Coke Gray III  
Sound Team: 1/14: Josh Horne  
Head Usher: January: Coke Gray III

1/21: Diane Scott  
1/21: Jonathan Medford

## CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 14:	Elder Nominating Committee Meeting - After Worship
Monday, January 15:	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed</b>
	Community Martin Luther King Jr. Service of Worship, Chapel CRHS, 12:00 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
	Spiritual Development/Outreach Meeting, Conference Room, 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 6:00 pm
	Cape Fear Council Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 17:	<b>Wednesdays Together: Jonah, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm</b>
	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, January 18:	<b>Chicks with Sticks, Parlor, 10:30 am</b>
	Scout Roundtable, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room, 8:00 pm
Saturday, January 20:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday, January 21:	<b>Youth Meeting - 6:30 pm</b>



Community Martin Luther  
King Jr.  
Service of Worship  
Monday, January 15, 2018  
12:00pm  
Chapel  
Columbus Regional Hospital



**Jonah**  
Bible Study, Wednesdays  
January 17 | January 31 | February 7  
**6:30 pm**

***Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will  
resume Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at  
9:30 am for 8 weeks.  
The topic is "Red Hot Faith".***

The Participant's Guides are \$13.50.

Please contact Janet McPherson at  
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by 1/15 to order.



Next Collection: January 28<sup>th</sup>

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