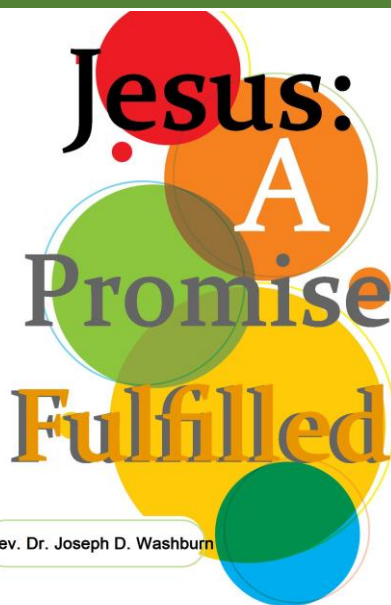


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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

*Third Sunday after  
Epiphany*  
January 21, 2018



## *Gathering Around the Word*

Prelude

*The Humphreys*

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

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!**

\*Hymn of Praise

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**We confess to you, our good Shepherd, and  
before one another that we have sinned. You  
have good things in store for us, but we balk  
and lament and do not listen to your  
voice. We are drawn away by the sights and  
sounds around us. We worry about the  
quality of the pasture and the depth of the  
water instead of trusting in you. When you  
call us to follow, we prefer to stay where we  
are. Forgive us and bring us once more into  
your fold and teach us to trust you and follow  
you. 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.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

The Good Shepherd never deserts the flock.

**He desires to bring us to a land of good pasture and abundant water.**

He desires to fulfill all the deepest needs of our souls.

**God forgives us and calls us to follow our shepherd with faithfulness and joy.**

\*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

Luke 2:21-40

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

Sermon

"Jesus: A Promise Fulfilled"

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

*Responding to the Word*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple"

(Choir) 148

\*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

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: “Jesus: Growing in Knowledge and Understanding”

**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; Kathryn Clark; 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; **Scott Short**; Ken Smith; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend; Frank Youngblood; Joe Youngblood.

**Military:** Preston Parker.

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

Nursery Team: 1/21: Diane Scott

1/28: Janet Royal

Sound Team: 1/21: Jonathan Medford

1/28: McColsky Family

Head Usher: January: Coke Gray III

February: Mandy Horne

*If you are not receiving church emails,  
please contact the church office and we will add you to the list!  
Make sure to double check your Spam or Promotions Folder and mark “Not Spam”.*

## CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 21:	Youth Meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, January 22:	Southeastern Oratorio Society Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:00 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, January 24:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	<b>Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm</b>
	Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, January 25:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 28:	Centsability Offering
Monday, January 29:	Karen Out of the Office
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Please bring a covered dish to share!

**Family Night  
Supper**



*Wednesday, January 24 - 6:00 pm*



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

*Ladies Bible Study*



*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".*



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

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