

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018



FIRST SUNDAY
in Lent

Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word Prelude *The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Who has gathered this day in the sanctuary of
the Lord?

**We, the sheep of his pasture and the people
of God, have come.**

Why have you come, O people of God?

**We have come to worship the Triune God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

In what spirit have you come this Lenten
season?

**We come with a spirit of earnestness. We
seek the forgiveness of sin and the life
everlasting. We have come with thanksgiving
in our hearts and praise on our lips.**

*Hymn of Praise 445
"God, How Can We Forgive"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in this season of penitence,
prayer, fasting and reflection on the ministry
of Jesus, we confess our desperate need for
your grace. The sorrow from our sins is
overwhelming. We have not loved you with
all of our heart, soul and strength. We have
not loved our neighbors as we have loved
ourselves. We have lived lives of greed and
consumption while others have gone
without. Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on
us. Raise us anew so that we may learn to
love you and our neighbors according to the
gospel of Jesus, in whose name we
pray. Amen.**

*Choral Response 575
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
Brothers and sisters in Christ, did God send His Son into the world in order to condemn the world?
Certainly not! “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
In Jesus name, your sins are forgiven.
In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri 580
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

*Passing of the Peace
The Peace of Christ Be with You,
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson Mark 11:15-18

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

Sermon “The Last Days of Jesus:
Monday’s Hard Truth” Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed 35

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Let Us Build a House” Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Mark 13:5-11, 32-36

Sermon: The Last Days of Jesus: Tuesday... Thoughts on the End

**Please stand if you are able.*

***Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing one elder to the Class of 2020
immediately following today’s service of worship.***

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; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; **Nick Logan**; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Mike Spivey; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston; David Trogon. **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; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Roger Kennedy; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Helen Dasher Millman; Don Morrison; Gail Moye; Donna Parker; Angie Pinkston; Floyd Pridgen; Theresa Rappa; Hollis Salyer; Barbara Shepherd; Scott Short; Ken Smith; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend; Frank Youngblood; Joe Youngblood.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Nursery Team:

2/18: Mandy Horne

2/25: Joan Dorsett

Sound Team:

2/18: Hester Family

2/25: Josh Horne

Head Usher:

February: Mandy Horne

March: Anne Branch

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, February 18:	Backpack Ministry: Youth Youth Ministry - 6:30 pm
Monday, February 19:	President's Day - Office Open Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:30 am
Tuesday, February 20:	Whiteville Community Lenten Service
Wednesday, February 21:	United Methodist Church - 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together: Lamb of God, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Cents-ability Offering Backpack Ministry: MVE Committee
Thursday, February 22:	
Sunday, February 25:	

Whiteville United Methodist church invites the members of your congregation to join us for the annual Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission, the purpose of which is to bring outstanding preachers to our church and to the community at large. This year we welcome Rev. Bob Bauman, Senior Pastor at Edenton St. UMC in Raleigh and former Superintendent of the Harbor District of the NC Conference. Services will take place Sunday, Feb. 25 at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM, and on Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM. Please join us, particularly for the evening services.

 <p>Wednesday February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28 Whiteville United Methodist Church 12:00 pm</p>	 <p>WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER Lenten Series: Lamb of God Bible Study beginning Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm</p>
 <p>Centsability Offering Next Sunday! February 25th</p>	 <p>Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation Wednesday, February 28 During the Family Night Supper, 6:00 pm</p>