

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Second Week of March, 2018

Whiteville, NC

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Sunday's Sermon: This Sunday in worship we will continue our Lenten journey through the last week of Jesus' life. Our focus this is week on his betrayal by Judas and how a gesture usually used to display affection becomes a sign of betrayal. The ultimate question is how those closest to Jesus can also end up turning on him. Our text for Sunday is Matthew 26:47-56. I encourage you to read, and pray over, this passage in preparation for worship this Sunday morning.

Looking ahead to Easter: As we get closer and closer to Easter I encourage you to mark your calendar for some upcoming special services.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held here at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. This is a special service of worship that walks us through the events of Holy Week from the joys of Palm Sunday to the agony of the cross!

Good Friday Service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. At this service we will reflect on the crucifixion and death of Jesus as we read scripture and sing hymns.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held here at First Presbyterian at 7:00 a.m. This early morning service will celebrate the discovery of the women on that first Easter morning...the tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive! Weather permitting, we will hold this service outside on the church grounds. Following the service, the Presbyterian Men's group will provide breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Worship Celebration, at 11:00, will be held in the sanctuary as we join together to continue our celebration of the resurrection of Easter...the promise of new life and the forgiveness of sins.

All of these services are meant to help us experience the joy of Easter. I not only encourage you to make plans to attend, but to share these services with your friends and neighbors and invite them to join you.

-Pastor Joe



For information on Online Giving through the Presbyterian Foundation, go to <https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> or scan the QR code to sign up for automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!

March 2018 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, March: Anne Branch

March 11 - **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS! Spring forward.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 26:47-56 "The Last Days of Jesus: Thursday's Kiss"

Sound Team: Jonathan Medford

Nursery Attendant: Ethan Scott

Backpack Ministry: Young Adult Sunday School

March 14

Whiteville Community Lenten Service

Worship at 12:00 pm | Lunch at 12:30 pm

Location: Whiteville United Methodist Church

Rev. Andy Anderson, Pastor, Father's Cup Overflow Ministries, Little River SC

March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 26:57-58, 69-74 "The Last Days of Jesus: Friday, Disowning Jesus"

Sound Team: Fuller Royal

Nursery Attendant: Kaye Pope

Backpack Ministry: Youth

March 21

Whiteville Community Lenten Service

Worship at 12:00 pm | Lunch at 12:30 pm

Location: Whiteville United Methodist Church

Rev. Justin DuBose, Pastor, Missionary Alliance Church

March 25

Palm Sunday

Matthew 27:62-66 "The Last Days of Jesus: Saturday's Darkness"

Sound Team: Justin Smith

Nursery Attendants: Sarah and Coke Gray, III

Backpack Ministry: MVE Committee

March 28

Whiteville Community Lenten Service

Worship at 12:00 pm | Lunch at 12:30 pm

Location: Whiteville United Methodist Church

Rev. Bob Hankins, Pastor, Hallsboro United Methodist Church

March 29

Maundy Thursday Service

First Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm

March 30

Good Friday Service

Westminster Presbyterian Church

307 S. Franklin St. Whiteville, NC

7:00 pm

Head Usher, April: Donald Hester

April 1 Easter Sunday

John 20:1-9 "Sunday: What is Your Reaction?"

Sunrise Service 7:00 am (Outside) | Easter Celebration 11:00 am (Sanctuary)



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent



PALM SUNDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday, March 11, 2018
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee:



Banks are available in the Narthex.

25% raised remains at our congregation (percentage decided upon by our presbytery), 70% is used for international mission, 25% used for local area grants within the presbytery, and 5% used for administrative expenses.

NEXT OFFERING COLLECTED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25!



March 11: Young Adult Sunday School
March 18: Youth
March 25: MVE Committee

Congregational Life Committee:

Join us for Family Night Supper



Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:00 pm
Elders in Charge: Doug Spivey and Anne Branch

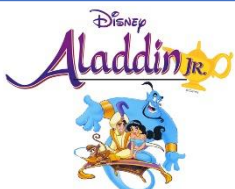
Hope to see you there!

***Pick up your photo directories in the office today! ***

Notes from the Church Office:

The office has been updating our records and trying to make everything as accurate as possible. Please take the time to make sure all phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays, etc. are in the church database. Thank you!

UPDATE RECORDS



Karen is helping with the costumes for Disney's Aladdin Jr. musical for her children's school, Emereau: Bladen in Elizabethtown. If anyone has costume pieces for 4-6th graders that may work for Aladdin, please contact karen@fpcwhiteville.org. Thank you!

There is a signup sheet for Sanctuary Flowers in the office.
Please sign up today or contact the office!

Church Calendar

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| Saturday, March 10: | Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall - 1:00 pm |
| Sunday, March 11: | Backpack Ministry: Young Adult Sunday School DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS! Spring Forward Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am Confirmation Class - 5:30 pm |
| Monday, March 12: | Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, March 13: | Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, Parlor - 9:30 am Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, March 14: | Whiteville Community Lenten Service, United Methodist Church - 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together - Lenten Series: Lamb of God, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 15: | Chicks with Sticks, Parlor, 10:30 am Scout Roundtable Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Friday, March 16: | Pinewood Derby, Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 3:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 17: | Pinewood Derby, Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 am |
| Sunday, March 18: | Backpack Ministry: Youth Youth Meeting, Hosted by Evening Circle, Emily Hooks - 6:30 pm |
| Monday, March 19: | Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, March 20: | Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, Parlor - 9:30 am |
| Wednesday, March 21: | Whiteville Community Lenten Service, United Methodist Church - 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together - Lenten Series: Lamb of God, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 22 | Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Sunday, March 25: | Backpack Ministry: MVE Committee Centsability Offering Confirmation Class - 5:30 pm |
| Monday, March 26: | Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, March 27: | MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday, March 28: | Whiteville Community Lenten Service, United Methodist Church - 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 29: | Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm |
| Friday, March 30: | Good Friday Service, Westminster Presbyterian Church - 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, April 1: | Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Outside - 7:00 am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am Easter Sunday Celebration, Sanctuary - 11:00 am |

Whiteville Community
Lenten Services 2018
Whiteville United Methodist Church
902 Pinckney Street Whiteville, NC 28472
whitevilleumc.org | 910-642-3376

Worship 12:00 pm | Lunch 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14:
Rev. Andy Anderson
Pastor of Father's Cup Overflow Ministries, SC

Wednesday, March 21:
Rev. Justin DuBose
Pastor of Missionary Alliance Church

Wednesday, March 28:
Rev. Bob Hankins
Pastor of Hallsboro United Methodist Church



Lenten Series: Lamb of God

Wednesday, March 14 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 21 6:30 pm



Easter Dedications

May be made through March 28, 2018

Each dedication is \$5.00 and checks should be made to First Presbyterian Church.

In Memory: or In honor: Recipient:

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BIRTHDAYS



1 – Joe Kamberger, 3- Sidney Gibson, 3- Diane Scott, 3 – Mary Anne Tyndall, 4- Steve Smith, 8 – Cooper Ware-Rudnik, 11 – Wyche McColskey, 11 – Will Neisler, 18 – Kim Smith, 18 – Bill Turner, 19 – Kate Meekins, 20 – Douglas Spivey, 21 – Ann Coburn, 21 – Liz McLean, 23 – Coke Gray III, 23 – Barbara Grigsby, 24 – Walter Munroe, 24 – Chandler Thurston, 26 – Ginger Scott, 30 – Anne Branch, 31 – Omar Ramoz



1- Thad Thomas, 4 – Greg Blackmon, 4 – Anna Capps, 5 – Kim Neisler, 7 – Ethan Scott, 10- Judy Harritan, 14 – Emily Kea Gray, 17 – Mark Smith, 18 – Liam Scott, 19 – Suzanne Blackmon, 19 – Nick Logan, 22 – Margaret Gray, 24 – Miriam Davenport, 25 – Janet Royal, 25 – Rachel Smith, 29 – Mack Thompson, 30 – Miriam Schulken

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; **Mark Bannerman**; Kathryn Clark; **John Hall**; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Nick Logan; 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; **Hilda Dorsett**; 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; **Maude Pope**; 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.**

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