

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth 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:

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



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April 2018 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, April: Donald Hester



EASTER SUNDAY

April 1 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:00 am (Outside)

John 20:1-18 "Beyond Seeing!"

Easter Celebration 11:00 am (Sanctuary)

Luke 24:1-2 "Sunday's Remembrance"

Sound: Hester Family Nursery: Diane Scott

April 8 Second Sunday of Easter

Sound: Josh Horne Nursery: Janet Royal

Guest Minister: The Rev. Jeremy Simmons

April 15 Third Sunday of Easter

Sound: Jonathan Medford Nursery: Suzanne Blackmon

April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sound: Jonathan Medford Nursery: Susan Smith

April 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sound: Fuller Royal Nursery: Mandy Horne

Centsability Offering

Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee:



**NEXT OFFERING COLLECTED ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 29!**



Backpack Ministry:

April 1: Men of the Church

April 8: Young Adult Sunday School

April 15: Youth

April 22: MVE Committee

April 29: Scouts or Young Adult Sunday School

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

There is a signup sheet for Sanctuary Flowers in the office.

Please sign up today or contact the office!



**Sunday, April 15 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 29 5:30 pm**

Church Calendar

Friday, March 30:	Good Friday Service, Westminster Presbyterian Church - 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 1:	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Outside - 7:00 am Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall Easter Sunday Celebration, Sanctuary - 11:00 am Office Closed
Monday, April 2:	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Evening Circle, D. Scott Hostess - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 3:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 4:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
Thursday, April 5:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Guest Minister: Rev. Jeremy Simmons Youth Meeting - 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 8:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
Monday, April 9:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am
Tuesday, April 10:	Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 11:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
Thursday, April 12:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class, "Studying and Knowing the Bible" - 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 15:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
Monday, April 16:	Southeastern Oratorio Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 17:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 18:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 19:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Scout Roundtable Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Youth Meeting - 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 22:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
Monday, April 23:	Southeastern Oratorio Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, April 25:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Elders in charge: Coke Gray III and Brent Wheatley Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 26:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 29:	Centsability Offering Confirmation Class, "What is this thing called 'Presbyterian'?" - 5:30 pm
Monday, April 30:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Southeastern Oratorio Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 1:	Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am Evening Circle, J. Smith - Hostess - 7:00 pm

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**MARCH 29
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.**

Journey from the upper
room to the cross with
Jesus & the disciples
(at FPC)

**MARCH 30
GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE
7:00 p.m.
(at WPC)**

**APRIL 1
EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service & Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt



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; 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; Hilda Dorsett; Shari Dutton; Jerry Ford; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; 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.

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