

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina
“To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ’s love and
compassion...”

*Seventh Sunday of
Easter*
May 13, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Natalie Royal

“Caitlin’s Smile” (W.T. Skye Garcia)

Welcome and Announcements

Isabel Humphreys

Call to Worship

Sealey Scott

The heavens proclaim your righteousness, O God.

And all the peoples behold your glory.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

And we shall give thanks to God’s holy name!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise

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“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*A Litany of Affirmation

Evans Humphreys

Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The grace of Christ be with all the saints.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and enter the city by the gates.

The grace of Christ be with all the saints.

Jesus is the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.

The grace of Christ be with all the saints.

Let whoever hears say, “Come”; let whoever is thirsty come, let whoever desires take the water of life without price.

The grace of Christ be with all the saints.

Jesus testifies to all these things and says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of Christ be with all the saints.

*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 and **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Children

Olivia Smith, Claire Smith

Prayer for Understanding

Melena Hester

Skit

"The Sin Chair"

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 31:25-30
This is the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God!

Sealey Scott

Sermon

Matthew Smith

Responding to the Word

Recognition of 2018 Graduates

Kate Meekins, Clark Owens, Natalie Royal, and Matthew Smith

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. We ask that you bless our graduates as they finish their studies.

We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

We ask that you walk with these graduates as they prepare to move forward in life. Remove from them any anxiety, fear, or confusion they may have.

Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you have planned for them, where they may use the gifts you have given them for the good of all people.

For the graduates, may they find strength in their memories of the conversations, laughter, tears, and joy that have been shared through the years, and may that strengthen them as they move into this next phase of life.

May they always know that Christ is alive, and may they remember his promise to be with them wherever they may go and in whatever they may be doing. Give them the strength of faith to follow him and lean on him at all times. In this time of new beginnings, may they find strength and comfort from the one and only God, who is the one who makes all things new.

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Blake Smith, Tripp Thompson,
Tanner Hester, Evans Humphreys*

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

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*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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: “Resurrection Life: A Strange New World”

Reminder:

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday!



Sunday, May 27, 2018 After Worship

Nursery Team:

Sound Team:

Backpack Ministry:

Head Usher:

May 13: Ben & Sydney Kilpatrick

May 13: Hester Family

May 13: Young Adult Sunday School

May: Mary Anne Tyndall

May 20: Ethan Scott

May 20: Josh Horne

May 20: Youth

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: Mark Bannerman; Geraldine Becker; **Anne Branch**; Kathryn Clark; **Janet Gray**; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; **Charlene High**; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Mike Spivey; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston; **Angela Washburn**.

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; Dale Gipple; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Roger Kennedy; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Helen Dasher Millman; Don Morrison; Gail Moye; 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.

- *Congratulations to Danny & Laura McNeill upon the birth of a granddaughter named Cameron Coley Strickland on May 1, 2018, to Steven and Lindsay Strickland.*
- *Sympathy is extended to Don and Julie Stocks and their family upon the death of his mother, Lucy Burline Stocks, on April 27, 2018.*

CHURCH CALENDAR:	
Sunday, May 13:	Mother's Day, Youth Sunday
Monday, May 14:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, May 15:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 16:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 17:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Scout Roundtable Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 19:	Columbus County Farmers Market Fun Run & Walk, Government Complex Rd. - 9:00 am
Sunday, May 20:	Pentecost Sunday
	Youth Meeting, Robert and Judy Nelson - 6:30 pm
Contact the church office: 910-642-2253	
Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org	
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We would like to express our deep appreciation for all of the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during our health journey. Though we are not in Whiteville, First Presbyterian will always be our church family of the heart. We will continue to cherish your prayers, friendship, and well wishes as our journey continues.
Love and peace, Rick and Gail Hedgecock