

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Trinity Sunday*  
May 27, 2018

"Confronted with a  
**DECISION:**  
Whom  
Will You  
**SERVE?"**



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word* Prelude *The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O God, your name is majestic in all the earth;  
your glory is chanted above the heavens.

**You have crowned your people with glory and  
honor; we give you all praise in response to  
your grace.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise

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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

God of justice and love, you take away the sins  
of the world; have mercy upon us as we confess  
our sin. We call you God of creation, yet we  
serve idols of our own making. We confess  
Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate  
security systems for our protection. We claim  
the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own  
counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, and  
through Christ make us whole. We ask this in  
his name. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Through Jesus Christ we have obtained access  
to the grace in which we stand, and we can  
rejoice in the hope of sharing the glory of God.  
**"God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to  
us."** Our assurance rests in the triune God,  
who grants us new life.

\*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.

**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.**

Cents-Ability Offering

\*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you,  
**and also with you!**

### *Proclaiming the Word*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 24:14-25

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Confronted with a Decision: Whom Will You Serve?”

### *Responding to the Word*

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

New Elder's Reaffirmation of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you seek to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will.**

## Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Constitutional Questions to Officers

### Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church, accept Donald Hester as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guide us, serving Jesus who alone is Head of the Church?

## Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

### Declaration of Installation

### Welcome

### Call for the Offering

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

**“Turn to the Lord”**

*Owens*

### \*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

**“More Love to Thee, O Christ”**

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### \*Charge and Benediction

### Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:19-21

Sermon: "Confronted With A Decision: Will You Burn the Plow?"

**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; Kathryn Clark; **Ann Coburn**; Janet Gray; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Kenneth Smith; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston.

**Assisted Care:** Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Ellen Thurston.

**Friends:** Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Angela Bullard's family; Annette Caldwell; Penny Carmean; Mary Cherry; Eli Clark; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Jerry Ford; Dale Gipple; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; **William Jolly**; 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; Joe Youngblood. **Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

- Sympathy to Mary Janet and Rick Maxwell and their family upon the death of her brother, Pat Floyd, on May 14, 2018.

**Nursery Team:** May 27: Kaye Pope  
**Sound Team:** May 27: Jonathan Medford  
**Backpack Ministry:** May 27: MVE Committee  
**Head Usher:** May: Mary Anne Tyndall

June 3: Sarah & Coke Gray  
June 3: Fuller Royal  
June 3: Men of the Church  
June: Brent Wheatley

#### CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, May 27:	Centsability Offering
Monday, May 28:	Memorial Day - Office Closed
Wednesday, May 30:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 31:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Sunday, June 3:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Youth Meeting, hosted by the Ogdens and Humpreys' - 6:30 pm

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