

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost
July 22, 2018*



**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn**

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

The Humphreys

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God's Spirit to be what we ought to be.

We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our striving. Praise be to God!

*Hymn of Praise

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"God, How Can We Forgive"

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by your neighbors and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of the Christ who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Song of Assurance

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"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

*Words of Assurance

With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

*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

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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

Choral Anthem

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Handbell Choir

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Prodigal Son and the Extravagant Father (pt. 1)"

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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.

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.

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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(Hymn of the Month)

***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**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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***Charge and Benediction**

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: “The Prodigal Son and the Extravagant Father” (pt. 2)

**Please join the Chicks with Sticks on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at
10:30 am. We will be meeting with Colton Reeves of Saving Sons
drug rehabilitation program.**



- *Thank you, handbell choir, for your music this morning.*
- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Debbie Viets in honor of the church family.*
- *Sympathy to Jean Lee and her family upon the death of her mother, Faye Moser, on Thursday, July 19, 2018.*

Nursery Team:

July 22: Ben & Sydney Kilpatrick

July 29: Josh Horne

Sound Team:

July 22: Hester Family

July 29: Ethan Scott

Head Usher:

July: Kaye Pope

August: Ben Kilpatrick

To the First Presbyterian Church Family:

Thank you to each of you who visited, called, or sent notes. The memories brought back at the May Family Night Supper were priceless.

Any time you are in one community or church for 45 plus years you become a family for that I will forever be grateful. We relied on you in times of sorrow and times of joy for that I will always thank you.

After a month at our mountain house I arrived in Springfield. We are doing well. The children are 12 and 15, into everything as well as trying to wait on me. They are enjoying more cookies, etc.

Eugene, Lisa and I are enjoying being minutes away as opposed to hours.

Thank you again for your love and concern over the years.

Sincerely, Mary Eplee 7/10/2018

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; Janet Gray; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Mike Spivey; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston.

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

Friends: Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Annette Caldwell; Penny Carmean; Mary Cherry; Eli Clark; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; **John 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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Contact Sally Medford at sallyjo@sallyjoart.com if you are able to teach Sunday School.



Next Centsability offering collected on July 29th!

A donation of 5 cents per meal is just \$4.50 per person, per month!

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Coke Gray III to sign up to volunteer in the nursery on Sunday mornings at rcgray@ncdot.gov

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, July 22:	Reserved, Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary - 2:00 pm
Monday, July 23:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 25:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 26:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am <i>Meeting with Colton Reeves of Saving Sons, drug rehabilitation program</i> Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, July 29:	Centsability Offering
Monday, July 30:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F

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