Fírst Presbyterían Church

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

Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost
August 12, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Gathering Around the Word Prelude The Humphreys

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and worship the God who created us.

We come to sing praises and offer our prayers.

Come and listen to the God who speaks to us still.

In the Scriptures and in the sermon, we listen for God to speak to us.

God is faithful and wants to speak words of life to all.

We are here, O God, to listen and to obey.

*Hymn of Praise 687
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, we tend to be self-righteous when we are hurt or fearful. Grant us the ability to be humble instead. We tend to want our way despite hurting the feelings of others. Grant us the ability to care for others even if plans go awry. We tend to have ideas in our minds about how life should be. Grant us the wisdom to let you be God. Forgive us for our foolish tendencies, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! We are a forgiven people!

*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

Prayer for Understanding

Choral Anthem

"Surely, It is God Who Saves Me"

Choir

35

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Endings and Beginnings: From David to Solomon"

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

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

526

(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!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment

"God of Our Life"

686

*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11

Sermon: "Endings and Beginnings: From Jesus to the Disciples"

Hymn of the Month

Our Hymn of the month for August is a rather new hymn, "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ". I believe this hymn, written in 1975, made its debut into Presbyterian hymnal with the blue Presbyterian Hymnal, published in 1990. The musical setting of this hymn is a Jamaican folk melody. The author of the text describes this piece as a "communion calypso" and it affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. The text reflects his deeply held conviction that an act of worship such as the Lord's Supper needs to be completed by the active ministry of the church in the world, for this is how we show love for God and neighbor. This dual understanding is perhaps most concisely expressed in the first line of the third stanza, "Jesus calls us in, sends us out". This is a great hymn that is hard to sing without a little bounce in your legs and a smile on your face!



Saturday, August 18th 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Whiteville First Presbyterian Church 511 N. Thompson Street Serving K-12 Whiteville City & Columbus County students



Supply Donations
TODAY

Volunteers Needed for the School Supply Giveaway!

Friday morning, August 17th to help set up, and Saturday, August 18th from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm for the giveaway. Contact Mandy Horne at amandathurstonhorne@outlook.com or 910-840-0572 **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.

<u>Prayer Concerns</u>: Mark Bannerman; Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; Janet Gray; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston.

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

<u>Friends</u>: Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Annette Caldwell; Penny Carmean; Mary Cherry; Eli Clark; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; **Bobby Huffstetler**; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Roger Kennedy; Steve Kinlaw; Lucas Leake; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Helen Dasher Millman; Don Morrison; Gail Moye; Dr. Don Peacock; 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*.

To My First Presbyterian Family, I wanted to thank all of you so much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during this exciting transition in my life! The devotional that I received from you guys is so special to me and I am so appreciative. It makes my heart happy to know that I have this wonderful church family to come home to when I am visiting.

With love, Natalie Royal

Nursery Team: August 12: Sarah & Coke Gray August 19: Diane Scott Sound Team: August 12: Fuller Royal August 19: Justin Smith

Head Usher: August: Ben Kilpatrick

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, August 12: Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm Monday, August 13: Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 14: Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Wednesday, August 15: Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 16: Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Scout Roundtable Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Monday, August 20: Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F

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