

First Presbyterian Church

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

*Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
August 19, 2018



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

Gathering Around the Word
Prelude *The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Good Shepherd calls to us, the sheep of his hand.

We hear his voice and know him.

He invites us to drink from the quiet pools.

We are thirsty for the living water.

He calls us to green meadows in which to feed.

We hunger for the good things of God.

Most of all, he calls us to follow him.

With joy and thanksgiving, we follow our shepherd.

*Hymn of Praise

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“Lift High the Cross”

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have not loved you as you have loved us. We have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. We have not done the good that we might have done. Instead, we have practiced the deeds of darkness. We have not lived by faith. We are not known by love. We are not voices of hope in the world. So we find ourselves in confession before you. Like the tax collector in the temple, we cry out, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” You are our hope and salvation. Have mercy, O Lord, and hear our prayer. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Song of Assurance

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“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

*Words of Assurance

Hear this Good News: “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our

transgressions from us.”

Make it so, O Lord.

In the name of the Lord, you are forgiven.

In the name of the Lord, we are forgiven!

*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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Choir

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36-49

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Endings and Beginnings: From Jesus to the Disciples””

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

***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**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***Charge and Benediction**

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Acts 9:1-15

Sermon: “Endings and Beginnings: From Saul to Paul”

- *Congratulations to Anyela Alvarez and Don Viets, son of Don and Debbie Viets, upon their wedding on August 17, 2018.*
 - *Happy First Anniversary with FPC, Pastor Joe!*
- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Joe.*

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!

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

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; 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; 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.

Nursery Team:	August 19: Diane Scott	August 26: Janet Gray
Sound Team:	August 19: Justin Smith	August 26: Hester Family
Backpack Ministry:		August 26: MVE Committee
Head Usher:	August: Ben Kilpatrick	

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, August 19:	Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, August 20:	SDO Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, August 21:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 22:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 7:00 pm
	CLC Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 23:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 26:	Centsability Offering
	Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, August 27:	Karen out of the office
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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