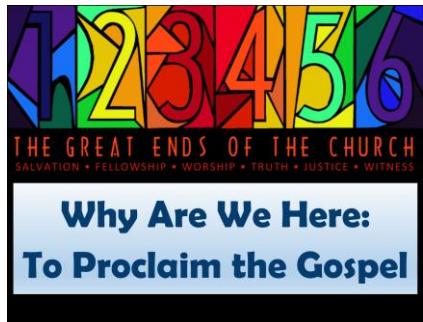


# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*  
September 2, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Prelude

The Humphreys

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Why have we gathered?

**We have gathered to give witness to the presence of God’s Spirit in our time.**

This Spirit has moved Christ’s disciples throughout the centuries to proclaim Christ with a burning desire.

**Christ’s disciples were people set on fire by the coming of God’s Spirit.**

We pray for that same Spirit to move among us. **May it transform that which is hard and dead, and rekindle our faith and action.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we sometimes do not believe in our hearts what we proclaim with our lips. We hear your word and continue to live unchanged. We know of your liberating grace yet remain bound by our limitations. We would rather rely on our own abilities, our works and our intellect than rely on faith in you. Help us approach each moment as an intentional expression of our faith, that we may be mindful that your grace surrounds us and binds us to you forever. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who created us never turns away from us, but ever calls us into his righteousness with an abundant and healing love.

**By God’s grace we are made new as faithful covenant people. Alleluia!**

\*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.

### *Proclaiming the Word*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Acts 13:47-49

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Why Are We Here: To Proclaim the Gospel”

### *Responding to the Word*

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

Choir, 296

\*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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

\*Hymn of Commitment

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Sermon: “Why Are We Here: To Care for the Children of God”

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# LABOR Day

Office Closed Monday, September 3, 2018



RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
9:00 BREAKFAST | 10:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Twelve More Women of the Bible:

In this 12-session video Bible study, some of today's best-loved authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve women in the Bible and what they mean for you today. This fresh look at these women in the Bible will help you discover new insights into God's character, persevere through difficult times, and find joy in the hope that Jesus has provided to you. Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am, starting **September 11th**. Books, which cost \$8, must be ordered in advance (ASAP) by contacting Janet McPherson at **642-9714**.

**WEDNESDAYS  
TOGETHER:**  
Galatians | September 12 | 6:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study, Wednesday nights

**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:** Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; Janet Gray; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Walter Strickland; Mack Thompson; 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; Roger Kennedy; Steve Kinlaw; Lucas Leake; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Helen Dasher Millman; Don Morrison; Gail Moyer; 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:	September 2: Suzanne Blackmon	September 9: Susan Smith
Sound Team:	September 2: Josh Horne	September 9: Jonathan Medford
Backpack Ministry:	September 2: Men of the Church	September 9: Young Adult Class
Head Usher:	September: Sally Medford	

#### CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, September 2:	Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, September 3:	<b>Office Closed - Labor Day</b>
Wednesday, September 5:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 6:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 8:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
Sunday, September 9:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
	<b>Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall - 1:00 pm</b>
	<b>Rally Day Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 9:00 am</b>
Monday, September 10:	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
	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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- *Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting has been moved to September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm due to the holiday.*