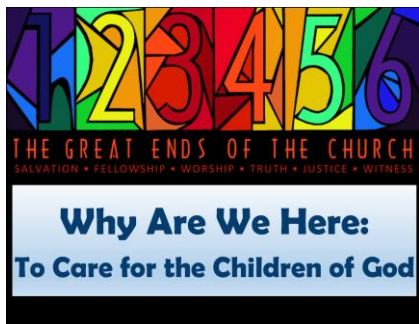


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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

*Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*  
September 9, 2018



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

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Prelude

*The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us gather together and grow in faith.

**Faith is the assurance of things not seen.**

Let us stay alert and prepare for the coming of God.

**All who wait upon God shall renew their faith.**

Let us reaffirm our status as God’s children.

**We come ready to worship, we leave  
committed to serve. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn of Praise

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**“In Christ There Is No East or West”**

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we believe that you have begun good work in each one of us. You have created us, giving us gifts that we are called to share with others. And still, so often we fail to remember your Spirit at work in our lives, let alone reflect the goodness you have created in each one of us. We have chosen to stay focused on our needs instead of your needs. We have been wrapped up in our ways instead of following your way. Forgive us, O Lord. Take away our sin. Set us on a new and right path again. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

\*Song of Assurance

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**“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”**

\*Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News: The Lord God of Israel has looked favorably upon His people.

**A mighty Savior has been raised up. He has  
redeemed us.**

Salvation has come through the forgiveness of our sins.

**In the name of this Holy One, 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

35

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

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Choir, 754

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Why Are We Here: To Care for the Children of God"

### *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

"Great Are You Lord"  
(Hymn of the Month)

614, Twice

\*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

**"We Are One in the Spirit"**

300

\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Revelation 5:9-14

Sermon: "Why Are We Here: To Worship God"

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Bring a friend!**

**Today!**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**KICKOFF**

Sunday,  
September 9, 2018  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Lake home of Coke and Janet Gray  
408 Bella Coola Road  
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

**Grades 6-12**

Hot dog lunch, Ice breakers, tubing, swimming

First Presbyterian Church will be combining youth groups with Whiteville United Methodist Church this year. We will be meeting two Sundays a month. Tentative schedule is:

**September 9**  
**September 23**  
**October 7**  
**October 21**  
**November 4**  
**November 18**

### **Twelve More Women of the Bible** **Beginning this week!**

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**.



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; **Gerald Hege**; 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; Eli Clark; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Robert Gurkin; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Roger Kennedy; Steve Kinlaw; Benny McBride; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Don Morrison; Gail Moye; Dr. Don Peacock; Angie Pinkston; Theresa Rappa; Hollis Salyer; Barbara Shepherd; Scott Short; Ken Smith; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend.

**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

Nursery Team:	September 9: Susan Smith	September 16: Mandy Horne
Sound Team:	September 9: Jonathan Medford	September 16: Fuller Royal
Backpack Ministry:	September 9: Young Adult Class	September 16: Youth Group
Head Usher:	September: Sally Medford	

CHURCH CALENDAR:	
Sunday, September 9:	Youth Group Kickoff, Lake Waccamaw - 1:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, September 10:	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
Tuesday, September 11:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room/Parlor - 9:00 am Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am Session Meeting - Conference Room - 6:30 pm Evening Circle, S. Blackmon - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 12:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Together: Galatians, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 13:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 16:	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, September 17:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
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