

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

First Week of December, 2018

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** Now that Thanksgiving is officially behind us, we in the church are entering the season of Advent... the 4-week time period before Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation...of preparing to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus while also preparing for his promised return. Part of this preparation involves decorating our homes... as well as the church.

One of my favorite decorations, if you will, are manger scenes. Whether they are simple or elaborate, they remind us of all that takes places from Gabriel's visit with Mary all the way to the visit of the magi some time later.

This Advent season I want to invite you on a journey... a journey into a manger scene. During this season of Advent, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "Faces at the Manger." This series will invite us to virtually enter the manger... take a look around at all the different faces and people... and discover the message they have for us. More than beautiful decorations during this season, manger scenes also offer us an invitation to enter the story of God's love for us that we see played out in the birth of his son, Jesus Christ.

For this first week of Advent we will be exploring Luke 1:26-38, and the sermon title is "Faces at the Manger...Mary". I hope to see you Sunday and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

**Sermon Note Sheets:** Please remember that if you would like to take notes on the sermon, we make available "Sermon Note" sheets. These can be found in the fellowship pads as well as the Narthex.

**Wednesday's Together Bible Study:** Next Wednesday evening we begin our study of Advent. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for an exploration of Advent. Wednesdays Together: Adult Bible Study is open to anyone and everyone...member or friend of the church...long time student of the Bible or new. I hope you will plan to join us, but I also hope you will encourage/invite others to join you as well.

**First Presbyterian Church Introduction Cards:** Please be sure to pick up our new cards about First Presbyterian Church. On one side you will find information as to the times of our regular programs. On the other are all of the ways to follow us on Social Media and live stream. This is a great resource intended to be handed to people you meet or want to invite to join us for worship. These cards can be found in the narthex and in the church office.

*-Pastor Joe*

## December 2018 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, December: Sara Cartrette

December 2 – First Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38 "Faces at the Manger...Mary"

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 2:1-7 "Faces at the Manger...the Inn Keeper"

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 2:8-14 "Faces at the Manger...the Angels"

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 2:1-12 "Faces at the Manger...the Magi"

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Luke 2:8-20 "Faces at the Manger...the Shepherds"

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

December 2: A/V: Justin Smith  
December 9: A/V: Donald Hester  
December 16: A/V: Josh Horne  
December 23: A/V: Jonathan Medford  
December 30: A/V: Fuller Royal

Nursery: Joan Dorsett  
Nursery: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick  
Nursery: Ethan Scott  
Nursery: Kaye Pope  
Nursery: Sarah and Coke Gray

### Backpack Ministry

1st Sunday: Men of the Church  
2nd Sunday: Young Adult Sunday School  
3rd Sunday: Youth  
4th Sunday: MVE Committee  
5th Sunday (as needed): Scouts or Young Adult Sunday School

# VOLUNTEERS



For information on Online Giving through the Presbyterian Foundation, go to <https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!

- Sympathy extended to the family of Mack Thompson following his death on Saturday, November 17, 2018
- Sympathy is extended to Carrie Burney and her family upon the death of her brother, Scott Short, who died Friday, November 30, 2018.

## BIRTHDAYS



4- Will Thompson, 5 - Price Wheatley, 10 - Mary Eplee, 10- Tom Owens, 11 - Carrie Burney, 11 - Chris Cook, 12 - Junius Lee, 13 - Melena Hester, 16 - Mary Moody, 16 - Chris Smith, 18 - Kathryn Clark, 18 - Maggie Horne, 18 - Sally Smith, 19 - Sarah Kindschuh, 19 - David Smith, 20 - Fran Thomas, 21 - Madison McLean, 22 - Meredith McColskey, 24 - Bob High, 27 - Debbie Viets, 28 - Natalie Royal



1- Jeff Rudnik, 2- Jayne Smith, 2- Jennifer Yoder, 3- Randy Yoder, 5- Jackson Cook, 6 Grace Palmer, 11- Janna Neisler, 12 - Mary Louise Bannerman, 14 - Greg Williamson, 15 - Hillary Kindschuh, 15- Berry Love, 16- Wes Gray, 17- Olivia Smith, 17- Tripp Thompson, 18- Emily Hooks, 20- Karen Ware-Rudnik, 21- Paul Pope, 21- Mckenna Ware-Rudnik, 22- Geraldine Becker, 24- Abbie Edwards, 27- Jenny Meekins, 28- Jolie Burney

**Prayer Concerns:** Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Sally Smith; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston.

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

### Friends:

Pat Allen - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Sara and Rob Armstrong  
Annette Caldwell  
Billie Joe Conrad  
Shari Dutton - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
Betty Faircloth - friend of Janet Gray  
Rick Hedgecock - former member of FPC, cancer  
Shelby Hodge  
Barry Housend - friend of Steve Smith, cancer  
Daphne McLeod - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Jerome McPherson  
Fred Meekins, Sr. - father of Fred Meekins, hospice

Gail Moye  
Angie Pinkston - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
Hollis Salyer - friend of the church, cancer  
Barbara Shepherd  
Ken Smith - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Tori Tarro - friend of Mandy Smith, cancer  
Ronnie Thayer - friend of David Trogdon, cancer  
Gail Townsend  
Melba Ward - mother of Janet Royal, stroke  
**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**



Have you checked the Lost and Found lately?  
Check today!  
(In the hall just outside of the church office)



### Meet our new member!

Welcome Marty Ensley!  
Birthday: March 28, 1958



Saturday, December 1

9:00 am

Decorate the Sanctuary  
for Christmas



Sunday, December 2

Arrive at 4:30, trailer  
leaves at 5:00  
Hot Dog Dinner after.  
Join Us!

## ADVENT SERVICE

Grace Episcopal Church

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 pm Pastor Joe, Preacher



Advent | Wednesday, December 5 | 6:30 pm

## Moravian Love Feast

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00 pm



Southeastern

Oratorio Society

Handel's Messiah

Monday,

December 17, 2018

7:30 pm

Saturday, December 1:

Sunday, December 2:

Monday, December 3:

Tuesday, December 4:

Wednesday, December 5:

Thursday, December 6:

Sunday, December 9:

Monday, December 10:

Tuesday, December 11:

Wednesday, December 12:

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, Sanctuary - 9:00 am

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am

Caroling and Hot Dogs, Fellowship Hall - 4:30 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am

Evening Circle, J. Lee - 7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm

Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm



We invite you to join us for  
these special activities during  
the season of Advent

**December 2 at 4:30 pm**

Caroling and hot dogs  
(Meet in Fellowship Hall)

**December 9 at 7:00 pm**

Moravian Love Feast (in Sanctuary)

**December 17 at 7:30 pm**

Southeastern Oratorio Society  
Christmas Concert

**December 24 at 5:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*2018 Advent Season*

*First Presbyterian Church*

**Dedications and memorials**  
for Christmas flowers and greenery  
may be made through Wednesday,  
December 13th. Each dedication is \$5.



Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church,  
"Christmas Dedications" in the memo line.