

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville, North Carolina

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

*First Sunday after
Christmas Day
December 30, 2018*

WHEN God INTERRUPTS

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Guest Minister:
Rev. Jeremy Simmons
Worship Assistant:
Peggy Blanchard

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the light of life!

**We rejoice that God loves us so much
That God sent us a child**

**To teach us the nature of God's call for us,
To show us how God would have us be.**

Rejoice in the light of life!

Sing praises, people of God!

We lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise!

*Hymn of Praise

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*A Christmas Litany

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, We come to you this Christmas with thankful hearts. We praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus, our Savior!

Welcome, Lord Jesus!

The story of Christ's birth never gets old. We savor the beautiful scriptures. We remember how the Messiah arrived as a baby in Bethlehem. We sing songs to echo the joy of the angels.

Glory to the newborn King!

We know that Christ was born into a world darkened by sin and injustice. In our world today, people are still suffering. Even in this season of bright lights and joyful songs, we cannot forget that there are people in pain because of poverty, hunger, and disaster. **Our world is so broken, oh Lord.**

Like the angels, we have Good News to share. Jesus Christ is here to change our stories of hardship into testimonies of hope! Thank you, Immanuel - God with us.

Guide us, Messiah, so we can bear witness to your mercy and love. Equip us to support each other, so that more people can have enough food, good health, fruitful work, and greater justice.

May we demonstrate your grace.

We are deeply grateful that Jesus can change our stories, so we can be free from sin and gain eternal life. We rejoice in all the great things God has done for us. **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!” (Luke 2:14)**

Cents-Ability Offering & Hymn	“Away in a Manger”	115
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	
Prayer for Understanding	
Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:28-35
This is the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	Rev. Jeremy Simmons
	“When God Interrupts”

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	“ <i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> ”	128
Call for the Offering		
Giving Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	“ <i>What Child Is This?</i> ”	145
*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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

**Please stand, if you are able.*



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

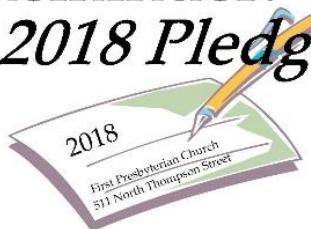
*Men's Breakfast
Sunday
January 6, 2019
8:30 am*

Church Office Closed

- Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

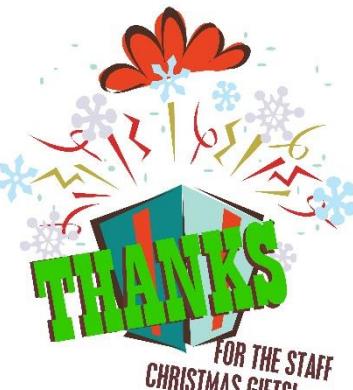
Reminder: 2018 Pledges



*Must be finalized by
December 31, 2018*

*All money given after this date
will be applied towards 2019 totals.*

Please contact the church office at 612-2253 if you have any questions or concerns.



*FOR THE STAFF
CHRISTMAS GIFTS!*

Love, Pastor Joe, Douglas, and Karen

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; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Sally Smith; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston; **Brent Wheatley.**

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

Friends: Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Annette Caldwell; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Betty Faircloth; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Fred Meekins, Sr.; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Gail Moye; Angie Pinkston; **Dottie Robinson**; Hollis Salyer; Barbara Shepherd; Ken Smith; Tori Tarro; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend; Melba Ward.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

- *Sympathy is extended to Miriam Marks and her family upon the death of her brother, Arthur Sweum, who died Sunday, December 16, 2018.*

Nursery Team: December 30: Sarah and Coke Gray January 6: Diane Scott

Sound Team: December 30: Fuller Royal January 6: Justin Smith

Backpack Ministry: December 30: Young Adult Sunday School January 6: Men of the Church

Head Usher: December: Sara Cartrette January: Coke Gray III

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 30:

Guest Minister Jeremy Simmons
Centsability Offering

Monday, December 31:

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1:

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 2:

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Thursday, January 3:

Fellowship Hall Reserved - 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 6:

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

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F

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