

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Week of January, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** In the third week of our sermon series, "Promises Kept", we will explore a passage from Isaiah 49:5-7. We will explore how God, through the prophet Isaiah, announces that His Kingdom is larger than the people of Israel...but includes all nations. Our sermon title is, "Promises Kept: The Light of the World". In this series we are exploring some of the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus and how they were fulfilled in the New Testament. My prayer is that by studying, and knowing, how the prophetic promises of old were kept we can better trust in God's promise of Jesus' return.

I am excited that this week is Scout Sunday, which means two things. First, many of the scouts will be assisting with worship. Second, following worship, a Scout Stew lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The stew is \$6.00 and all proceeds go to support our Scout troop!

**Hymn of the Month:** Our hymn of the month for January is "I Love You, Lord." This is a simple song of adoration that was written one day while the author's husband was away all day attending Central Oregon Community college. The author, Laurie Klein, found herself in their mobile home beside a highway to tend to their daughter. She describes the situation by saying, "With no friends, money, church home, or driver's license, the day I spent with our one-year-old seemed endless. My time with the Lord was not only my "life-line"—it was one of my rare opportunities to talk with someone "older"! One extra-lonely morning I found myself praying, "Lord, I want to worship you...I'm just so empty inside. Please give me something to sing that you would enjoy hearing." As I picked up my guitar, words and music came effortlessly.

As we sing this song notice how the strength of this text is that it resonates with a number of Biblical passages...Psalm 18:1, Isaiah 40:9, Psalm 103:1, Psalm 35:9, and Psalm 47:6. May this short little song enable us to truly open our hearts to God's presence and worship Him wherever we find ourselves.

**Extend the Hand of Fellowship:** Most weeks we have a time of fellowship and greeting as part of the service. This is an exciting time to watch people connect and catch up. I also want to encourage you to pay attention to those who may be seated near you...or perhaps across the sanctuary...that are visiting with us. Let us be sure that everyone gets greeted and welcomed...not only by the ushers, but by those of us who have gathered for worship. My hope is that no one leave a service of worship here and feel they were overlooked...but it takes all of us to make that happen. -Pastor Joe

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## January, 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher: January: Coke Gray III

January 27 – Third Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Promises Kept: The Light of the World" Scripture: Isaiah 49: 5-7

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

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## February, 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher: February: Kaye Pope

February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Promises Kept: The Suffering Servant" Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:3-6

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

February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

Guest Minister: Rev. Jarrod Lowry

February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Promises Kept: Victory Over Death" Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-10

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

February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Who Am I?" Scripture: 1 Chronicles 17:16-27

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

January 27: A/V: Jonathan Medford  
 February 3: A/V: Fuller Royal  
 February 10: A/V: Justin Smith  
 February 17: A/V: Donald Hester  
 February 24: A/V: Josh Horne

Nursery: Susan Smith  
 Nursery: Mandy Horne  
 Nursery: Joan Dorsett  
 Nursery: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick  
 Nursery: Ethan Scott

# VOLUNTEERS

## 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

## A Message From Chicks with Sticks:

The Chicks would like to bring you up to date on some of our projects.  
 At our Senior Luncheon, two beautiful lap blankets will be given away and several of the favors on the tables have been made by the Chicks.  
 The Linus Blanket Project in Wilmington is in need of blankets, so we contributed several to them.  
 Our dolls, knockers, and cloths continue to be used and appreciated.



## BIRTHDAYS



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



1- Beth Owens, 2- Todd Burney, 2- Don Smith, 4- Tim McColskey, 5- Gayle Kindschuh, 7 - Jack Hooks, 7- Jennifer Williamson, 9- Bob Crutchfield, 12- Sara Thompson, 13 - Larry Thomas, 13- Mike Tyndall, 14- Kelly Love, 16 - Abigail Owens, 16- Bookie Trogdon, 16- Jayme Tyndall, 17- Jason Klara, 18- Erin Thompson, 19- Justin Smith, 24- McLean Thompson, 24- David Trogdon, 25 - Kathryn Scott, 28- Byrne Stocks

- Sympathy to Don, Mark, and Kim Smith and their family upon the death of Sally Smith, on January 24, 2019.

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

**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  
 Louise Cox - mother of Angela Washburn, surgery  
 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  
 Gail Moyer  
 Angie Pinkston - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
 Dottie Robinson - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
 Hollis Salyer - friend of the church, cancer  
 Barbara Shepherd - sister of Julie Stocks, hospice  
 Ken Smith - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
 Tori Tarro - friend of Mandy Smith, cancer  
 Ronnie Thayer - friend of David Trogdon, cancer  
 Melba Ward - mother of Janet Royal, stroke  
**Please notify the office when names can be removed!**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 27:	<b>Centsabiltly Offering</b> Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, January 28:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, January 29:	Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 30:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, January 31:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 3:	Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30am Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, February 4:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 5:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am Evening Circle, Jayne Smith - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 6:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 7:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Friday, February 8:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 5:00 pm
Saturday, February 9:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 7:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved - 4:00 pm
Sunday, February 10:	<b>Senior Valentine Luncheon, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, February 11:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 12:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am
Wednesday, February 13:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 14: <i>Valentine's Day</i>	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Friday, February 15:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 1:00 pm
Saturday, February 16:	Fellowship Hall Reserved - 8:00 am
Sunday, February 17:	<b>Session Meeting, Conference Room - 8:30 am</b> Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, February 18: <i>President's Day</i>	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 19:	Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room - 9:00 am
Wednesday, February 20:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 21:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 24:	<b>Centsabiltly Offering</b> Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm



*The Worship Committee has placed in the Narthex a calendar where you can sign up to put flowers in the church. Flowers can be placed to the glory of God and in memory of or in honor of someone special to you. Please consider taking a Sunday for placing flowers, a plant, or a vase of greenery!*

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Live-Stream of Service: [www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville](https://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville) or Channel 1304 (Spectrum)

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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!



Sunday, February 10, 2019

After Worship  
Worth Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP - Thank you for helping us prepare the correct amount of food!



The Centsability Offering will be taken on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Worship.

A donation of 5 cents per meal is just \$4.50 per person, per month!



# Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Sunday (and Stew!)

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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