

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of January, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



From the Pastor

Sunday Worship: This Sunday will be week two in our sermon series, "Promises Kept". For the next several weeks we are exploring some of the Old Testament prophecies and how they were fulfilled in Jesus. 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.

This week we will be exploring Isaiah 29:18-19. Our sermon title this week is, "Promises Kept: The Great Healer".

Congregational Meeting: Please remember that the Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, January 20, for the purpose of acting on recommended changes to the pastor's terms of call. The meeting will begin following worship.

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.

Martine Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service: I invite you to join with your brothers and sister in Christ tomorrow for a service of worship that celebrates life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will be hosted Columbus Regional Hospital and will begin at 12:00. Light refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

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.

-Pastor Joe

January 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher: January: Coke Gray II

January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Promises Kept: The Great Healer" Scripture: Isaiah 29-18-19

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

January 27 – Third Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: "Promises Kept: The Light of the World" Scripture: Isaiah 49: 6-12

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

January 20: A/V: Josh Horne Nursery: Suzanne Blackmon

January 27: A/V: Jonathan Medford Nursery: Susan Smith

There will be a Congregational Meeting after Worship on Sunday, January 20, 2019!

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

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

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 - *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 Moye

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 20:	Called Session Meeting, Conference Room - 9:30 am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary - After Worship
Monday, January 21:	Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Martin Luther King Service of Worship, CRHS - 12:00 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 23:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Family Night Supper, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 7:00 pm Congregational Life Committee, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 24:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 27:	Centsability Offering

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!

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

Cell: 910-625-8023

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

Check us out on Twitter @FPCWhiteville or Facebook @fpcwhiteville

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

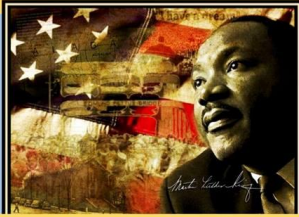
Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Martin Luther King Jr.
Community Service of Worship

"Remembering The Dream"



Monday, January 21, 2019

12:00 noon - 1:00pm

Columbus Regional
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Hosted by:

Columbus Regional Healthcare System and
The Ministerial Alliance of Columbus County

Open to the Public- Light Refreshments

For more information call 910-642-1702

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share!



Boy Scout Sunday

and Scout Stew!
Sunday, January 27, 2019



Senior Luncheon

Sunday, February 10, 2019

After Worship
Worth Fellowship Hall

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



Centsability Offering
next Sunday,
January 27, 2019!



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Presbyterian Foundation, go to
<https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for
automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!