

# *First Presbyterian Church*

**Whiteville,  
North Carolina**

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

*First Sunday of Advent*  
**December 1, 2019**



**"WAITING WITH  
ANTICIPATION"**

**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn  
Worship Assistant:  
Martin Scott**

## *Gathering Around the Word*

*Prelude*

*The Family Band*

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We come from a world of darkness

**Into Christ's world of light.**

We come from a world of weariness

**Into God's strength and hope.**

We come from a slumbering world.

**Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to**

**awaken our souls and watch for the coming of  
Christ.**

\*Hymn of Praise

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**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*The Burney Family*

Congregational Response

**O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us**

**adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ  
the Lord!**

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, gracious God, for our desire to buy  
Christmas during these December days. We  
create our own darkness by our insistence  
that this is the busiest time of year. Grant us  
the desire to hold still, wait, watch the skies  
and listen for your voice inviting us to follow  
it to a stable. Quiet us, clear our hearts and  
simplify our preparation so that it is focused  
on you. Forgive and teach us the way of  
repentance. Amen.**

\*Song of Assurance

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**"While We Are Waiting, Come"**

\*Words of Assurance

**As we desire repentance, as we work to change,  
we are forgiven.**

Thanks be to God, 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

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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

Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Waiting with Anticipation”

### *Responding to the Word*

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

*Purifoy*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

\*Hymn of Commitment

“People, Look East”

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\*Charge and Benediction

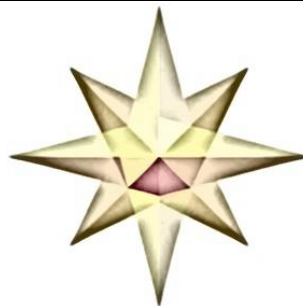
## Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

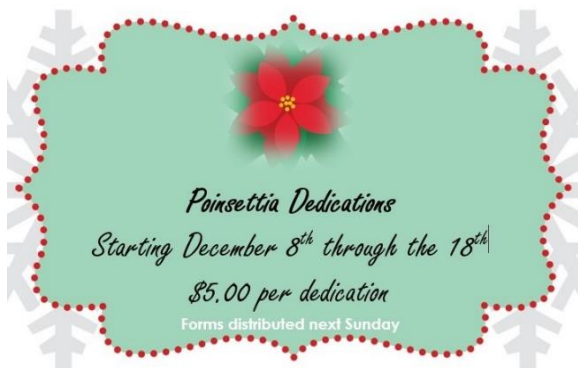
Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Waiting and Working"

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



***Moravian Love Feast***  
***Sunday, December 8, 2019 7:00 pm***



**Southeastern Oratorio Society**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**December 16, 2019 | 7:30 pm**

**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; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Walter Strickland; Will Thompson; David Trogon.

**Assisted Care:** Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Grace Palmer; Kenneth Smith.

**Friends:** Pat Allen; Tricia Bowen; Annette Caldwell; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; C. P. Lewis; Julie Malone; Dale Manning; Jerome McPherson; Anne Natoli; the family of Paul Pipkin, Jr.; Tom Rhyne; Hollis Salyer; Michael Sellers; Sheryl Smith; Lee Trogon.

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

- The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Scott Short who passed away on November 30, 2018, from Carrie and Todd Burney.

Nursery Team:	December 1: Ethan Scott	December 8: Kaye Pope
Sound Team:	December 1: Josh Horne	December 8: Jonathan Medford
Flowers:	December 1: Todd Burney	December 8: Debbie Viets
Backpack Ministry:	December 1: Men of the Church	December 8: Young Adult Sunday School
Worship Assistant:	December 1: Martin Scott	December 8: Todd Burney
Advent Reader:	December 1: Burney Family	December 8: Hooks Family
Head Usher:	December: Don Viets	

#### CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 1:	Caroling and Hot Dogs, meet in Fellowship Hall - 5:30 pm
Monday, December 2:	Oratorio Society rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall- 6:30 pm
	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 3:	Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am
	Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Scout Room - 7:00 pm
	Evening Circle, J. Lee - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 4:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 5:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 8:	Session Meeting, Conference Room - 8:30 am
	Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm
Monday, December 9:	Oratorio Society rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall- 6:30 pm
	Nuts and Bolts 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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