

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Third Sunday of
Advent*

December 15, 2019



WAITING IN HOPE

**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn
Worship Assistant:
Kaye Pope**

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

The Family Band

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always.

We come to worship and rejoice.

Again, I say "rejoice!"

We come to worship and rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

We come to worship and rejoice.

The Lord is near!

**We come to worship and rejoice in the ONE
who is with us!**

*Hymn of Praise

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

M. Scott 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

**We are mindful of the ways we walk in
darkness, avoiding the light, Light of the
World. We choose to live with harmful habits
rather than count on you to bring us to
health. We choose to stay the same rather
than accept the new life to which you draw
us. Forgive us for our unwillingness to
change. Create in us a desire for the
adventure of life lived in the light. Amen.**

*Song of Assurance

92, v.1

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

*Words of Assurance

**The Lord does not take delight in sacrifices and
burnt offerings. We do not need to bring any**

animal or gift to God in order to receive forgiveness.

We have been forgiven through the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we await once more. Amen.

***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 **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

Choral Anthem

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

Purifoy

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Waiting in Hope"

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Uncreated One"

C. Tomlin & J.D. Walt

***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

*Hymn of Commitment

“Love Has Come”

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*Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response **“Christmas Isn’t Christmas”** *Choir and Congregation*

**Christmas isn’t Christmas ‘til it happens in your heart,
Somewhere deep inside you is where Christmas really starts;
So, give your heart to Jesus, you’ll discover when you do
That it’s Christmas, really Christmas for you.**

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: “Waiting on Emmanuel”

**Please stand if you are able.*



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



Gifts are due by December 17.



We invite you to join us Sunday evening, December 22, in the Fellowship Hall for a service of prayer and praise. As a community of faith, we will celebrate Advent and Christmas through scripture, song, and prayer. This is the season of hope and so we will focus on Jesus coming into the world with hope for everyone. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. This will be the second of monthly services

where we spend some dedicated time of prayer and praise. This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbors to join you. So, mark your calendars, and join us!



***Tuesday, December 24, 2019
5:00 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; Roger Kennedy; C.P. Lewis; Julie Malone; Dale Manning; Jerome McPherson; 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 Ken Thurston from the Thurston family and in honor of what would have been his 67th birthday.

Nursery Team:	December 15: Sarah & Coke Gray	December 22: Diane Scott
Sound Team:	December 15: Fuller Royal	December 22: Justin Smith
Flowers:	December 15: M. Horne & N. Thurston	December 22: _____
Backpack Ministry:	December 15: Youth	December 22: MVE Committee
Worship Assistant:	December 15: Kaye Pope	December 22: Robert Nelson
Advent Reader:	December 15: M. Scott Family	December 22: Turner/Stell Family
Head Usher:	December: Don Viets	January: Anne Branch

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Monday, December 16:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall- 6:30 pm Oratorio Society Christmas Concert, Sanctuary - 7:30 pm
	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 18:	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 19:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 22:	Prayer and Praise Service, Fellowship Hall = 6:00 pm
Monday, December 23:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall- 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25:	Christmas Day - Office Closed Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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

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A Message from the Session:

If you would like to give a gift to our staff members, Pastor Joe, Doug Spivey, or Karen Ware, you may give a gift directly or write a check to "First Presbyterian Church" with "staff gifts" in the memo; all monies collected by **December 24th** will be split evenly between them.

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Pledges

Due