

# *First Presbyterian Church*

**Whiteville,  
North Carolina**

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

*First Sunday after  
Christmas*  
**December 29, 2019**



**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn**

**Paul Pope &  
Peggy Blanchard, Assts.**

## *Gathering Around the Word*

*Prelude*

*The Family Band*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God, let this be a fruitful day!

In this hour of worship,

**open our eyes to beauty,**

tune our ears to harmony.

**The fragrance of your love**

**permeating every moment.**

The touch of your hand guiding all we do.

**Together, we want to taste with delight**

**the joy of your presence here today.**

\*Hymn of Praise

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**"Blest Be the God of Israel"**

\*Call to Confession

When the Lord comes again,

He will bring to light the things now hidden in  
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the  
heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us  
confess our sins.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent  
and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins  
and ask your mercy. We have not loved you  
with a pure heart, nor have we loved our  
neighbor as ourselves. We have not done  
justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly  
with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your loving-kindness. In your great  
compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create  
in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right  
spirit within us. Do not cast us from your  
presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

**Centsability Offering**

\*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children

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## *Lessons and Carols*

Prayer for Illumination

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<u>First Lesson</u>		Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
	<i>God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their sin.</i>	
Carol	"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"	
<u>Second Lesson</u>	<i>God's Covenant with Abraham</i>	Genesis 17:1-9
*Carol	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	119
<u>Third Lesson</u>	<i>The Child Samuel at Shiloh</i>	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Carol	"Angels from the Realms of Glory"	143
<u>Fourth Lesson</u>	<i>A New Covenant</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Carol	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	121
<u>Fifth Lesson</u>	<i>The Birth of Jesus</i>	Luke 2:1-20
Carol	"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"	142
<u>Sixth Lesson</u>	<i>The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus</i>	Matthew 2:1-12
*Carol	"We Three Kings"	151
<u>Seventh Lesson</u>	<i>The Boy Jesus in the Temple</i>	Luke 2:41-52
Carol	"What Child Is This"	145
<u>Eighth Lesson</u>	<i>The apostle Paul tells of the New Life in Christ</i>	Colossians 3:12-17
Carol	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	144
<u>Ninth Lesson</u>	Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-15, 13:1-3, 7-8, 15-16, 20-21	
	<i>The apostle tells how Jesus became like us to serve us</i>	
Carol	"I Cannot Tell"	

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## *The Response to God's Word*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*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! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Carol

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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## \*Benediction

### Music in Preparation for Service to the World

***\*Please stand if you are able.***

#### For First Lesson & Carol:

**“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”**

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray

*Refrain:* Oh tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:

*Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
This blessed Babe to find:

*Refrain*

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:

*Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface:

*Refrain*

#### For Ninth Lesson & Carol:

**“I Cannot Tell” Tune: “O Danny Boy”**

I cannot tell why He Whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the  
wanderers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or  
when.

But this I know, that He was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was His only  
home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,  
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is  
come.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are  
filled.

But this I know, the skies will thrill with  
rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth,  
will answer:  
At last the Savior, Savior of the world is King!

**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; 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; Shiryl Smith; Lee Trogon; Jennifer Yoder and family.

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

- Sympathy is extended to the family of Grace Palmer following her death on Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Nursery Team:	December 29: Janet Gray	January 5: Suzanne Blackmon
Sound Team:	December 29: Donald Hester	January 5: _____
Backpack Ministry:	December 29: Young Adult Sunday School	January 5: Men of the Church
Head Usher:	December: Don Viets	January: Anne Branch

# **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Sunday, December 29:	<b>Centsability Offering</b> Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm
Monday, December 30:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1:	<b>New Year's Day - Office Closed</b> Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 26:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 5:	Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall - 8:30am

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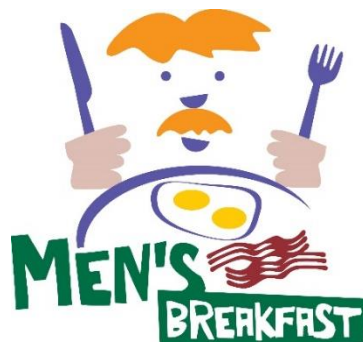
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Sunday, January 5, 2020 | 8:30 am