

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

**“To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ’s love and
compassion...”**

*Second Sunday of
Advent*

December 8, 2019



**“WAITING AND
WORKING”**

**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn
Worship Assistant:
Todd Burney**

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

The Family Band

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For God is with us, smiling upon us with love.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For Christ has saved us from our enemies, our
sins, and our fears.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For God's Spirit shines upon us, giving light for
our darkness.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn of Praise

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“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hooks 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

**In us there is great darkness, pleading for
light. Yet, O God, we avoid the light that you
offer us. We light Advent candles, we sing
favorite hymns of faith, and we attempt to
feel joyful in the midst of a beautiful season.**

**And we still avoid the light that you offer
because that would require too much of us. It
is easier to open presents than to repent and
live life as the Christ child would call us to do.
Forgive us. Change us, we pray. Amen.**

*Song of Assurance

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

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*Words of Assurance

God grants courage to those who ask to be closer to the light.

God forgives us as we sincerely desire to walk through the darkness of our sin and into the light of God’s grace.

*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

Choral Anthem

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Purifoy

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Waiting and Working”

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

*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

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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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.

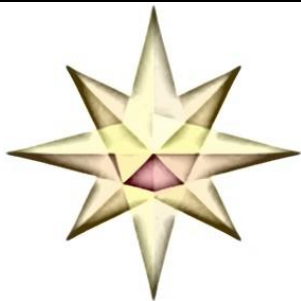
Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “Waiting in Hope”

**Please stand if you are able.*



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



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



The 2019
Angel Tree
will be in the
Narthex by
December 8.
Each angel
will have a
number. Please sign out your angel on the
clipboard provided.
Gifts are due by December 17, 2019.



**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 Trogdon.

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; Julie Malone; Dale Manning; Jerome McPherson; the family of Paul Pipkin, Jr.; Tom Rhyne; Hollis Salyer; Michael Sellers; Sheryl Smith; Lee Trogdon.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Nursery Team:	December 8: Kaye Pope	December 15: Sarah & Coke Gray
Sound Team:	December 8: Jonathan Medford	December 15: Fuller Royal
Flowers:	December 8: Debbie Viets	December 15: M. Horne & N. Thurston
Backpack Ministry:	December 8: Young Adult Sunday School	December 15: Youth
Worship Assistant:	December 8: Todd Burney	December 15: Kaye Pope
Advent Reader:	December 8: Hooks Family	December 15: M. Scott Family
Head Usher:	December: Don Viets	January: Anne Branch

CHURCH CALENDAR:

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 Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Evening Circle, J. Lee - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 11:	Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
Thursday, December 12:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 14:	Oratorio Society Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary/Worth Hall - 9:30 am
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 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm

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