

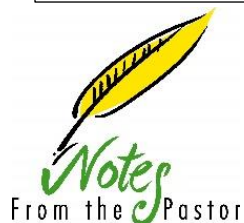
FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Week of December, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: The last couple of weeks John the Baptist has been a fairly central role in our texts. This week our text focuses on a time much earlier...when Mary is found to be expecting a baby. We are oh so close to Christmas, but not quite there. So this week our Advent journey takes us to Matthew 1:18-25 and explores who Jesus really is...Emmanuel!

Worship information:

- Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

- Sermon: "Waiting on Emmanuel"
- Hymns:
 - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
 - "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
- Choral Anthem: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"
- Offertory Hymn: "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Prayer and Praise Service: On Sunday, December 22, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for our second "Prayer and Praise Service". 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. This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbors to join you. So, mark your calendars, and join us!

Christmas Eve Service: I hope that you will plan to join us for our annual Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service will include the singing of many hymns, the last sermon in our Advent series "The Birth of Hope" as we examine the shepherds and the extraordinary message the angels brought to them. The service concludes with a beautiful candlelight service as we sing two powerful hymns, "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World". So, get your family together, invite your friends and neighbors, and join us Tuesday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m.

Sermon Note Sheets: Please remember that if you would like to take notes on the sermon, we make available "Sermon Note" sheets. These can be found in the fellowship pads as well as the Narthex.

Welcoming Others: When we have the moment of fellowship during worship and you have the opportunity to greet one another, be sure to look around for any visitors we may have. And when you see them...be sure to go speak to them!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

December, 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, December: Don Viets

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship
"Waiting on Emmanuel" | Matthew 1:18-25

December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Worship
"The Birth of Hope" | Luke 2:1-14

December 29: First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Caroling Service, Worship Leaders: Peggy Blanchard and Paul Pope

December 22: A/V: Justin Smith
 Nursery: Diane Scott
 Worship Assistant: Robert Nelson
 Advent Reader: Turner/Stell Family
BIRTHDAYS



4- Will Thompson, 5- Price Wheatley, 10- Mary Eplee, 10- Tom Owens, 11- Carrie Burney, 11- Chris Cook, 12- Junius Lee, 13- Melena Hester, 16- Mary Moody, 16- Chris Smith, 18- Kathryn Clark, 18- Maggie Horne, 19- Sarah Kindschuh, 19- David Smith, 20- Fran Thomas, 21- Madison McLean, 22- Meredith McColskey, 24- Bob High, 27- Debbie Viets, 28- Natalie Royal

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, 17- Olivia Smith, 17- Tripp Thompson, 18- Emily Hooks, 20- Karen Ware, 21- Paul Pope, 21- Mckenna Ware-Rudnik, 22- Geraldine Becker, 27- Jenny Meekins, 28- Jolie Burney

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 – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's
 Tricia Bowen – friend of Bookie Trogdon, cancer
 Annette Caldwell
 Billie Joe Conrad
 Shari Dutton – friend of Bookie and David Trogdon
 Shelby Hodge
 Barry Housend – friend of Steve Smith, cancer
 Phyllis Howlett – friend of Martin Scott, cancer
 C. P. Lewis - friend of the Dorsetts, heart issues
 Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia
 Dale Manning – friend of Charlene High, brain tumor
 Jerome McPherson
 The family of Paul Pipkin, Jr. – friend of David Trogdon,
 Tom Rhyne – friend of Thurston Pope, cancer
 Hollis Salyer – friend of the church, cancer
Butch Sellers & family – friend of Doug Spivey, family
 Michael Sellers – friend of Butch Row, cancer
 Sheryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues
 Lee Trogdon – brother of David Trogdon

Reminder: 2019 Pledges



Must be finalized by
December 31, 2019
 All money given after this date
 will be applied toward 2020 totals.
Please contact the church office at 612-2253 if you have any questions or concerns.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Church Calendar:

Sunday, December 22:
 Monday, December 23:

Tuesday, December 24:
 Wednesday, December 25:

Thursday, December 26:

Sunday, December 29:

Prayer and Praise Service, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
 Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm
Christmas Day - Office Closed
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Office Closed
 Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
 Scout Roundtable Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Centsability Offering
 Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm
 Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Prayer and
PRAISE
Service

Sunday,
DECEMBER 22,
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, December 24, 2019
5:00 pm



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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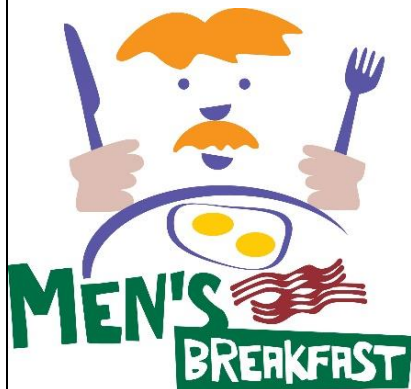
Pledges

Due

Office Closed



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 25 AND 26, 2019
AND WILL REOPEN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019 AT 8:30 AM



Sunday,
January 5, 2020
8:30 am

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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)

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F
Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org
Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org