

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Second Week of December, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: As I prepare for worship this coming Sunday, the second of Advent, I recalled the two times in my life when my life was intentionally threatened. You might be asking, "What does this have to do with Advent?" Well, that is a good question...but one I'll wait to answer on Sunday morning. This week we will be exploring John the Baptist and his message in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Hope to see you Sunday...and I hope you will bring your friends and neighbors with you!

Worship information:

- Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12
- Sermon: "Waiting and Working"
- Hymns:
 - "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
 - "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
- Offertory Anthem: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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 8: Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship
"Waiting and Working" | Matthew 3:1-12

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Sunday School | 11:00 am Worship
"Waiting in Hope" | Matthew 11:2-11

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 8: A/V: Jonathan Medford
Nursery: Kaye Pope
Flowers: Debbie Viets
Backpack Ministry: Young Adult Sunday School
Worship Assistant: Todd Burney
Advent Reader: Hooks Family

VOLUNTEERS

December 15: A/V: Fuller Royal
Nursery: Sarah and Coke Gray III
Flowers: Mandy Horne & Nancy Thurston
Backpack Ministry: Youth
Worship Assistant: Kaye Pope
Advent Reader: M. Scott Family

December 22: A/V: Justin Smith
Nursery: Diane Scott
Flowers: _____
Backpack Ministry: MVE Committee
Worship Assistant: _____
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
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
Michael Sellers – friend of Butch Row, cancer
Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues
Lee Trogdon – brother of David Trogdon

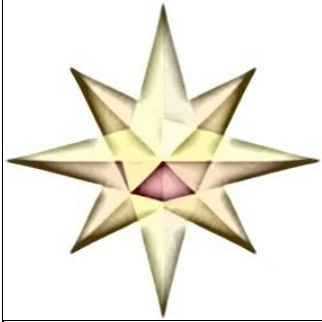
Please notify the office when names can be removed.

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.



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



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



Tuesday, December 24, 2019
5:00 pm

Decorating the Sanctuary



Saturday, November 30, 2019



Church Calendar:

Monday, December 9:

Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm

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

Choir, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11:

Thursday, December 12:

Saturday, December 14:

Monday, December 16:

Oratorio Society dress rehearsal, Sanctuary and Worth Hall - 9:30 am

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm

Southeastern Oratorio Society Christmas Concert, Sanctuary - 7:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm

Choir, Choir Room - 5:30 pm

Cub Scouts, Scout Room - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 17:

Wednesday, December 18:

Thursday, December 19:

Monday, December 23:

Tuesday, December 24:

Wednesday, December 25:

Thursday, December 26:

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

Sunday, December 29:

Centsability Offering

Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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

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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.