

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of December, 2019

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist. This week we encounter this Old Testament type of figure once again, only this time he is in prison and searching for what so many of us...so many in our world...are searching for as well—HOPE! As we continue our Advent journey this Sunday we will explore Matthew 11:2-11 and John's question to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come?"

Worship information:

- Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11
- Sermon: "Waiting in Hope"
- Hymns:
 - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
 - "Love Has Come"
- Offertory: "Uncreated One"
- Choral Anthem: "Hark, The Glad Sound!"

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!

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 to 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.

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

December, 2019 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, December: Don Viets

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 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

BIRTHDAYS



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 Dorsets, 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
 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.

VOLUNTEERS

December 22: A/V: Justin Smith
 Nursery: Diane Scott
 Flowers: _____
 Backpack Ministry: MVE Committee
 Worship Assistant: Robert Nelson
 Advent Reader: Turner/Stell Family

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

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 642-2253 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Decorating the Sanctuary
 Saturday, November 30, 2019**





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



Gifts are due by December 17, 2019.

Prayer and PRAISE Service
Sunday, DECEMBER 22, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, December 24, 2019

5:00 pm

Church Calendar:

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 17:
 Wednesday, December 18:
 Thursday, December 19:
 Monday, December 23:
 Tuesday, December 24:
 Wednesday, December 25:
 Thursday, December 26:
 Sunday, December 29:

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

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253
 Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org
 Cell: 910-625-8023

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

Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville or Channel 1304 (Spectrum)

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.

