

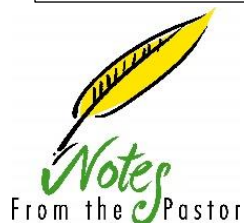
# FIRST NEWS

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*

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## 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

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**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



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*  
 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

## 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.**



**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**

Tuesday, December 17:  
 Wednesday, December 18:

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

Thursday, December 19:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am

Monday, December 23:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24:  
 Wednesday, December 25:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm**  
**Christmas Day - Office Closed**

Thursday, December 26:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
**Office Closed**

Sunday, December 29:

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

**Contact the church office: 910-642-2253**  
**Pastor Joe: [pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org)**  
**Cell: 910-625-8023**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F**  
**Karen: [karen@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org)**  
**Website: [www.fpcwhiteville.org](http://www.fpcwhiteville.org)**

**Live-Stream of Service: [www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville](http://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 24<sup>th</sup>** will be split evenly between them.

