

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Week of April, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** As we continue our Easter season sermon series, "What Now?" we basically continue in the unfolding story we explored last week where Jesus appeared to his disciples. This week Jesus once again appears to the disciples, but this time Thomas is present. Thomas, commonly known as "Doubting Thomas" offers us lessons on a life of faith and on being a faithful disciple. In preparation for Sunday I encourage you to prayerfully read John 20:24-29.

## **Worship information:**

- **Scripture:** John 20:24-29
- **Sermon:** "What Now: Jesus and Thomas"
- **Hymns:**
  - "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
  - "O Christ, the Great Foundation"
  - "To God Be the Glory"

**Livestream:** Remember, and share, the various ways you can join us on Sunday mornings for our on-line, live streaming, services of worship.

1. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville](http://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville)
2. YouTube: On the Youtube site, search for "First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, NC"
3. Twitter: @FPCWhiteville
4. Roku: First Presbyterian-Whiteville
5. Spectrum Channel 1304

I hope you will not only join us for worship, but be sure to share these ways of connecting with us with your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Check-In:** I invite you to join us, via Zoom, for our Wednesday evening prayer meeting and check-in. We typically spend some time just chatting and catching up with one another before moving into a time of scripture reading and prayer. Joining this gathering is pretty easy...on Tuesday I will be sending out the link to the meeting and then Wednesday around 6:00 I will send a reminder. If you are on your laptop you simply click the link and it will prompt you to download what you need. If you are on your phone or tablet, downloading the Zoom ahead of time makes things go smoothly. If you do that, when you click on the meeting link it will take you to the meeting. You do not need to set up an account!

**Canned Food:** If you would like to help families in need within Columbus County, Community CPR is collecting canned food. There are collection boxes at Penn's Grill and Pharmacy on Main...or feel free to drop them off at the church and we will get them to where they need to be!

**Upper Rooms:** Copies of the Upper Room have been placed in a plastic tub and put underneath the carport of the Outback. If you are headed to the store, work, or out for a walk, feel free to stop by and pick one up.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Joe*

Volunteers: A/V: 4/26: Jonathan Medford  
Flowers: 4/26: Erin Thompson

5/3: Fuller Royal 5/10: Justin Smith  
5/3: \_\_\_\_\_ 5/10: \_\_\_\_\_



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# April and May, 2020 Worship Schedule

April 26: Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "What Now: Jesus and Thomas" Scripture: John 20:24-29

11:00 am Worship – Join us Online on YouTube or Facebook!

May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "What Now: Receiving the Great Commission" Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

11:00 am Worship – Join us Online on YouTube or Facebook!

May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

Sermon: "What Now: Living into the Great Commission" Scripture: John 20:30-31; John 21:20-25

11:00 am Worship – Join us Online on YouTube or Facebook!



1- Thad Thomas, 4- Greg Blackmon, 4- Anna Capps, 5- Kim Neisler, 7- Ethan Scott, 10- Judy Harritan, 11- Ellie Horne, 14 - Emily Kea Gray, 17 – Mark Smith, 18- Liam Scott, 19- Suzanne Blackmon, 19- Nick Logan, 22- Margaret Gray, 24- Miriam Davenport, 25- Janet Royal, 25- Rachel Smith, 30- Miriam Schulken



1- Sarah Boley, 1- Sandra Love, 3- Olivia Stocks, 4- Fuller Royal, 10- Amber Dinkins, 10- Matthew Smith, 11- Sally Medford, 17 – Alexander Scott, 17- Christopher Scott, 18- Don Harritan, 21- Rick Edwards, 22- Layton McLean, 25- John Hall, 25- Sarah Moody, 26- Judy Hester, 26- Sara Rain Thompson

- Congratulations to Rachel Smith for successfully defending her dissertation earlier this week, earning her Doctorate in Education from East Carolina University!
- Sympathy for Jack Hooks and his family upon the death of his mother, Margaret Hooks, on April 14, 2020.
- The flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mack Thompson on his birthday from his family.

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Jayne Smith; Walter Strickland.

Assisted Care: Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

## Friends:

Pat Allen – *friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's*  
 Tricia Bowen – *friend of Bookie Trogdon, cancer*  
 Michael Brown – *friend of Carrie Burney, cancer*  
 Billie Joe Conrad  
 Shari Dutton – *friend of Bookie and David Trogdon*  
 Betty Engen Faircloth – *friend of the church, cancer*  
 Rev. Ben Garriss – *friend of Joe and Angela, cancer*  
 Shelby Hodge  
 Barry Housend – *friend of Steve Smith, cancer*

Phyllis Howlett – *friend of Martin Scott, cancer*  
 Roger Kennedy – *friend of David Trogdon - stroke*  
 Julie Malone – *cousin of Butch Row, dementia*  
 Jerome McPherson  
 Bob Selby – *friend of David Trogdon, COVID-19 concerns*  
 Michael Sellers – *friend of Butch Row, cancer*  
 Sheryl Smith – *friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues*  
 Mike Spradley – *friend of the church, cancer*  
 Nancy Washburn - *mother of Pastor Joe*  
*Please notify the office when names can be removed.*

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 26:  
 Monday, April 27:  
 Wednesday, April 29:  
 Thursday, April 30:  
 Sunday, May 3:  
 Monday, May 4:  
 Wednesday, May 6:  
 Thursday, May 7:  
 Sunday, May 10:

Worship Service, Livestream - 11:00 am  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm  
 Worship Service, Livestream - 11:00 am  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm  
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 Mother's Day

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