

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

First Week of May, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



From the Pastor

Sunday Worship: Do you ever think about how certain days, events, change you? Easter is a day which, as believers, ought to change us. Yes...it changes us in that we know our sins are forgiven. Yes...it changes us in that we know we have the promise of eternal life. But Easter ought to change us, God's people, in another way...and that change is found in the Great Commission. Jesus empowers and commissions the disciples, and us by extension, to go into ALL the world with the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. This week's sermon, "What Now: Receiving the Great Commission" explores how we not only receive the Great Commission, but how we live it out as well.

Worship information:

- **Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20
- **Sermon:** "What Now: Receiving the Great Commission"
- **Hymns:**
 - "Go to the World"
 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"
 - "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
- **Communion:** This Sunday is a communion Sunday. In preparation for receiving this sacrament we invite you to get your bread and juice together before the service begins. During the service of communion, I will lead us through the sacrament together.

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
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.

Confirmation Class: We are excited that this year's Confirmation Class is underway. Utilizing Zoom, and some other mediums, Angela and I will be working with a great group of youth in the church as they move towards taking a bigger step in their life-long journey of faith. We ask that you keep everyone involved in this class in your prayers: Margaret and Emily Kea Gray, Layton McLean, Carrie Medford, Campbell Thompson, and Price and Emma Gray Wheatley.

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: 5/3: Fuller Royal 5/10: Justin Smith 5/17: Donald Hester
 Flowers: 5/3: Junius and Jean Lee 5/10: Steve and Paula Smith 5/17: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick

Ladies Bible Study

On Thursday, May 21st we will begin a new Bible study. We will begin the study of First Peter by Jen Wilkin. We are using Zoom Conference to do our Bible study.

If you are interested in joining us for this 9-week study, you will need a study book. We are placing an order soon so let Angela know if you want a book. They will cost \$14.93 each. Angela's email address is joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com or call the church office.



For information on Online Giving through the Presbyterian Foundation, go to <https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!



May, 2020 Worship Schedule

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!

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "What Now: Your Faith Story"

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9 and John 21:15-19

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



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



1- Paula Smith, 3- Ed Grigsby, 5- John Lawson Cook, 5- Susan Smith, 7- Ann Hall, 7- Helen Holden, 8- Riley Medford, 9- Scott Smith, 10- Campbell Thompson, 14- Steve Dorsett, 15- Sealey Scott, 20- Tanner Hester, 21- Danny McNeill, 22- Kelly Prince, 24- Coke Gray II, 24- Cherye Moody, 24- Will Scott, 25- Rita Lewis, 27 Caroline Smith, 29- J.B. Elkins, 27- Pete Kindschuh, 29- Butch Row, 30- Mary Wheatley

- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Henry Reeves from Junius and Jean Lee.*

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

Shiryl 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, May 3:	Worship Service, Livestream - 11:00 am
Monday, May 4:	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
Wednesday, May 6:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
	Confirmation Class, Zoom - 3:00 pm
	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 7:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
Sunday, May 10:	Mother's Day
	Worship Service, Livestream - 11:00 am
	Session Meeting - 12:00 pm
Monday, May 11:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
Wednesday, May 13:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
Thursday, May 14:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00pm
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