

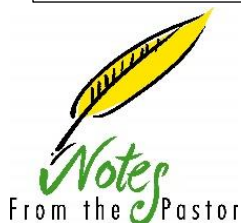
# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Week of June, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** This week's sermon series, "The Great I Am" brings us to a rather familiar passage from the Gospel of John...chapter 10 verses 1-9. This is the passage about Jesus being the gate and how his sheep know his voice. Our focus this week is on how Jesus is the gate...what is meant and how does that impact us in our lives of faith. In preparation for worship this week I encourage you to read our text and spend some time praying through it.

Don't forget that we are now offering several options for worship. You can join us for our on-line livestreaming options as listed below. But you can also join us in-person in the sanctuary. Please visit our web page, [www.fpcwhiteville.org](http://www.fpcwhiteville.org), to see the guidelines the Session has put in place in an effort to provide a safe gathering space for worship.

•**Scripture:** John 10:1-9

•**Sermon:** "The Great I Am... the Gate"

•**Hymns:**

o "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

o "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**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 Service:** Each week we have been offering a Prayer Service using Zoom. This is a time when we can catch up with one another and then enter into a time of prayer together. We typically meet on Wednesdays at 6:30. An invitation to join us is sent out either Monday or Tuesdays with a reminder going out about 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. We usually meet together about 30 minutes. Hope you will join us!

**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!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe

<b>Volunteers:</b>	A/V: 6/28: Josh Horne	7/5: Jonathan Medford	7/12: Fuller Royal
	Flowers: 6/28: Kathryn Clark	7/5: Butch Row	7/12: _____

## June & July, 2020 Worship Schedule

Head Usher – June: Will Scott July: Joan Dorsett

June 28: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (no Sunday School)

Sermon: "The Great I Am... the Gate"

Scripture: John 10:1-9

July 5: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (no Sunday School)

Sermon: "The Great I Am...the Good Shepherd"

Scripture: John 10:11-18

July 12: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (no Sunday School)

Sermon: "The Great I Am...the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Scripture: John 14:5-14



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



1- Elizabeth Turner, 2- Kaye Pope, 5- Jonathan Medford, 6- Mary Janet Maxwell, 7- Kirk Clark, 7- Laura McNeill, 8- Annette Powell, 8- John Thompson, 11- Janet Gray, 12- Clark Owens, 14- Kathryn Davenport, 15- Mark Bannerman, 17- Julie Stocks, 18- Fred Meekins, 19- Ariel Thompson, 20- R.L. Lewis, 20- Julia Smith, 22- Matt McLean, 28- Matthew Thomas, 31- Lacey Hooks

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; 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 Trogon, cancer  
 Michael Brown – friend of Carrie Burney, cancer  
 Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant  
 Billie Joe Conrad  
 Shari Dutton – friend of Bookie and David Trogon  
 Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer  
 Rev. Ben Garris – friend of Joe and Angela, cancer  
 Shelby Hodge  
 Barry Housend – friend of Steve Smith, cancer  
 Phyllis Howlett – friend of Martin Scott, cancer  
 Tommy Heustess – friend of Robert Nelson, heart attacks  
 Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogon - stroke  
 Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia  
 Jerome McPherson  
 Carrie Palmer - friend of the church, cancer  
 Bob Selby – friend of David Trogon, COVID-19 concerns  
 Michael Sellers – friend of Butch Row, cancer  
 Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues  
 William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke  
 Mike Spradley – friend of the church, cancer  
 Christy Stoops – niece of Kim Smith, non-Hodgkins lymphoma  
 Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe  
 Joe Youngblood - friend of the church, cancer

**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

- The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Kirk and Kathryn Clark.



**The Church Office will be  
 Closed  
 Monday, July 6, 2020  
 and will reopen Tuesday, July 7th  
 at 8:30 am**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, June 28:

**Centsability Offering**

Spiritual Development/ Outreach Meeting - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Monday, June 29:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, July 1:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Thursday, July 2:

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 9:00 am

Sunday, July 5:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Monday, July 6:

**In-Person Worship Service (no Sunday School) - 11:00 am**

**Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day**

Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 8:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Thursday, July 9:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 9:00 am

Saturday, July 11:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-1:30 pm, Monday - Friday

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Live-Stream of Service: [www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville](https://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville), Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku

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# In-Person Worship

Beginning

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Worship 11:00 am

There will be no Sunday School or nursery available

Livestream Service on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Roku, and Spectrum Channel 1304

## Guidelines for in-person worship.

- As you arrive for worship, we will have outside doors open so no one will have to touch handles in order to enter
- Everyone needs to wear a mask/face covering when entering and exiting the sanctuary. These masks/coverings may be removed once you are seated.
- If you do not have a mask/face covering, we will have masks available.
- As you enter and exit the sanctuary, hand sanitizer will be available.
- We will mark the pews in the sanctuary with blue painter's tape, providing guidance for appropriate social distancing. We recognize that families will be seating together so ushers will be available to provide guidance.
- We are trying to stagger seating, so people are not sitting directly in front of or behind one another. (It won't be too complicated...together we can handle this!)
- As we begin returning to in-person worship we will not have a choir. Hopefully, we can return to choral music in the near future...we will continue to monitor best practices.
- Initially congregational singing will be limited since singing is a much more forceful push of air.
- When we do resume congregational singing, hymns will be printed in the bulletin to eliminate the need to use hymnals.
- We will have someone keeping attendance so we can have an accurate record of who is present on what Sunday. (In case we need this information at a later date.)
- Worth Hall will be closed except for bathroom emergencies.
- Cleaning and disinfectant supplies will be outside of bathroom doors. We would ask anyone needing to use the bathroom facilities to help wipe down/disinfect surfaces touched before leaving.
- At this time, we will not be offering nursery care.
- Exiting the sanctuary will be by quadrants, utilizing all doors, including those near the front of the sanctuary, to better keep social distancing.



• 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!

