

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

**“To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ’s love and
compassion...”**

*Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost*

August 16, 2020

**Stepping Out
in Faith
with Mary**

Luke 1:26-38

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Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and sing praises to the Most High.

We lift our voices in praise and adoration.

Come and sing praises to Jesus our Savior.

We praise the Shepherd who leads us to God.

Come and sing praises to the Spirit.

**We rejoice in the presence of the Spirit that
fills us with God.**

Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Instrumental Hymn of Praise

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O most gracious God, we confess that we spend much of our lives on that which does not satisfy. We do not always count our time and resources as precious gifts, but squander them in meaningless activities and seemingly urgent needs. Look kindly upon us, for the temptation to waste is overwhelming in our world. Enable us to understand what is important, and to use the gifts of life responsibly, for we want to be your people in word and in deed. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are made new and offered
the chance to begin again.**

Believe the good news!

We are forgiven! Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Stepping Out in Faith with Mary"

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Instrumental Hymn of Commitment

"To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

NEXT WEEK:

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon: "Stepping Out in Faith with the Disciples"

WELCOME! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God.

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

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

Friends: Pat Allen; Michael Brown; Ronnel Burney; Hugo & Paula Caesares; Matthew Coker; Billie Joe Conrad; Betty Engen Faircloth; Frank Frione; Rev. Ben Garris; Patty High; Shelby Hinson; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; **Carmen McQueen**; Carrie Palmer; Sheryl Smith; Mike Spradley; William Smith; Christy Stoops; Nancy Washburn; Joe Youngblood.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team: August 16: Donald or Jenifer Hester

August 23: Will Scott

Flowers: August 16: Thurston Family

August 23: Judy Nelson

- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Ellen Thurston's 100th birthday by her grandchildren.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 16:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

Monday, August 17:

MVE Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19:

CLC Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 20:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Sunday, August 23:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

SDO Committee Meeting - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Monday, August 24:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 26:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 27:

Scout Roundtable Meeting - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm, Mon, Thur, Fri & 2:00-5:30pm Tues & Wed

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WHITEVILLE, NC

NEW!

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
TUESDAY - 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM



Face Masks: Wearing face masks in public became mandatory in NC. We encourage you to please wear one as we work

together to put this Covid-19 down. If you are in need of a face mask, please contact Pastor Joe, or the office, as we have some homemade masks available.

Hand Sanitizer: If you are in need of hand sanitizer let Pastor Joe or the office know. Alex Munroe and Cape Fear Distillery have donated some of their "DistilliSan". We can gladly refill your container! Just let me know and we will get together.

2020 US Census

Completing the census is particularly important in areas such as ours, which are prone to hurricane damage and rely on government recovery funds. When people aren't counted, it means our community could miss out on important benefits every year for the next 10 years. The Census is a population count of every person living in the U.S. and its five territories. In March 2020, households across the country began receiving invitations to respond. Results will shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to communities for critical public services such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, and public safety. They also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Knowing who lives throughout the nation means that communities can better support programs and services benefitting people aged 65 and older, low-income people, veterans, children, and newborns.

When you respond to the 2020 Census, you are helping to shape the future of your community. This year is the first time everyone can respond online, by phone, or by mail. For more information, connect with me to set up an interview with a Census representative.



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