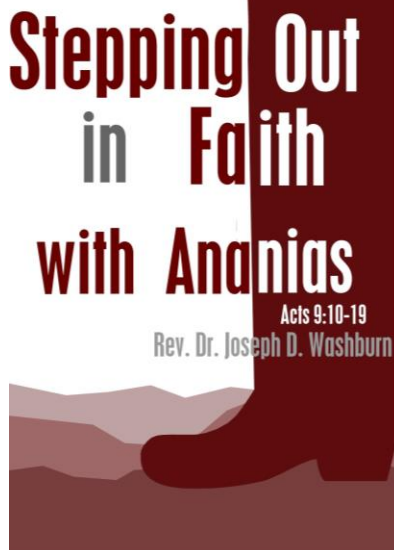


# *First Presbyterian Church*

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Thirteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
August 30, 2020*



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and worship the God who created us.

**We come to sing praises and offer our prayers.**

Come and listen to the God who speaks to us  
still.

**In the Scriptures and in the sermon and in all  
we do during worship, we listen for God to  
speak to us.**

God is faithful and wants to speak words of life  
to all.

**We are here, O God, to listen and to obey.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

*see insert*

"How Firm a Foundation"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We confess to you, O Rock of Ages, and before  
one another that we have sinned. You, O God,  
offer us your steadfast love and grace on  
which we can build our lives, but we choose  
to build on the sands of wealth, power and  
popularity. You give us the truth that never  
fails, and we listen to the lies of the world.  
Forgive us and bring us back to the shadow of  
your solid love that we may ground our lives  
in your eternal grace. It is in the name of  
Jesus Christ that we lift this prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is our solid rock and a very present help in  
times of trouble.

**We can depend on God and His steadfast love.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven  
and empowered to build a new life in God.  
Amen.

## *Proclaiming the Word*

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:10-19

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision<sup>[a]</sup> a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Stepping Out in Faith with Ananias"

## *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.**

Call to Stewardship

## 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.

Hymn of Commitment

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*see insert*

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World



On Thursday, Sept. 10th at 10am, we will begin a 7-week Bible study called **Me, Myself, and Lies** by **Jennifer Rothschild**. If you would like to join us, the member books are **\$20** and you will need to let Angela know as soon as possible if you want one ordered for you.

"Words are powerful. Especially the words women speak to themselves. All too often, what they say to themselves when they lie in bed at night or look in the mirror in the morning is not even close to the words God wants them to speak to their souls. According to Rothschild, what we think about often has a ripple effect on nearly every area of our lives.

*Me, Myself, and Lies: A Thought Closet Makeover* - Member Book provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions of this women's Bible study. Based on Jennifer Rothschild's book. *Self Talk, Soul Talk*, the study encourages women to clean out the junk in their minds and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's word."



We have received word concerning a family with students in Whiteville City Schools who are in need of some assistance. This family, who is homeless, has three students and they are in need of school uniforms. If you would like to help, you may send donations through First Presbyterian Church.

Donations will be accepted through:  
Online

Giving <http://fpcwhiteville.org/onlinegiving>,  
by mail 511 North Thompson Street,  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
or in the offering plate this Sunday,  
August 30, 2020.

*Thank you for your help!*

**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.

**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; Patty High; Shelby Hinson; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Carmen McQueen; Carrie Palmer; Shiryl Smith; Mike Spradley; William Smith; Nancy Washburn; Joe Youngblood.

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

**Sound Team:** August 30: Justin Smith  
**Flowers:** August 30: Sara Cartrette

**September 6:** Todd Burney  
**September 6:** Todd and Carrie Burney

- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jerry L. Cartrette by Sara W. Cartrette and family.*

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30:	<b>In -Person Worship Service - 11:00 am</b>
Monday, August 31:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 3:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 6:	<b>In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am</b>
	SDO Committee Meeting - 12:00 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
Monday, September 7:	<b>Office Closed - Labor Day</b>
	Nuts and Bolts Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm
Thursday, September 10:	Women's Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am
	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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