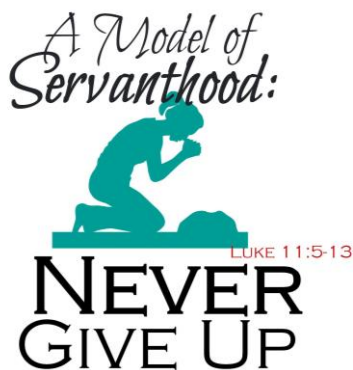


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

*Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
September 27, 2020



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

We are the community of faith that has been
created by the love of God.

**We are the people who have been set free by
the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

We have come not to parade our own goodness
but to praise the holiness of God.

**We have come not to boast of what we have
done but to proclaim the redeeming work of
Jesus Christ.**

With all our being, we will praise you, O God,
and tell of all your kindness toward us.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

see insert

"The Lord Is God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we
confess our sin. You endow us with goodness
while we squander your blessings. We yearn
for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy.
Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us.**

**Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings
increase. Quiet our longing for material
riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who
provides for our needs. We lift this prayer in
the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:
Christ came in a body that we might be
redeemed by his Body.

**Through the life, death, and resurrection of
Jesus, you and I are forgiven.**

Alleluia! Amen!

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lesson

Luke 11:5-13

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you; Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for^(u) a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit^(u) to those who ask him!"

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"A Model of Servanthood: Never Give Up"

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

“The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended”

see insert

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHITEVILLE, NC



**3 Ways to Join
Sunday Worship!**

511 NORTH THOMPSON STREET, WHITEVILLE, NC 28472

In Person Worship Services

11:00 am and 1:30 pm

In an effort to reach even more people the Session has approved a second in-person service of worship on a trial basis. Beginning Sunday, September 20, we will offer an **in-person worship service at 1:30 Sunday** afternoons. This service will differ from the 11:00 **as masks will be required throughout the whole service**. We are offering this in the hopes that we may be able to provide a setting of worship for those who due to health reasons or other risk factors would feel more comfortable if masks were worn throughout the service.

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; Shelby Hinson; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; **Benny McBride**; 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: September 27: Todd Burney

October 4: Justin Smith

Flowers: September 27: _____

October 4: _____

Head Usher: September: Chris Smith

October: Susan Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

In-Person Worship Service - 1:30 pm

Centsability Offering

SDO Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Monday, September 28:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 1:

Women's Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 4:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

In-Person Worship Service - 1:30 pm

Monday, October 5:

Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 8:

Women's Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

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