

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost
October 25, 2020*



**Guest Minister
Rev. Jeremy Simmons**

**Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

**In one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free, indigenous people and later
comers to this land...**

**The body does not consist of one member but
of many.**

**If one member suffers, all suffer together with
it;**

**if one member is honored, all rejoice
together with it.**

**We are the body of Christ and individually
members of it.**

**Baptized by the Spirit, we claim our
membership of the body of Christ.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

see insert

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy
putting up walls between ourselves and
others, we cannot see the home you are
building for all of us. We spend so much time
noting the differences between us and others,
while you are embracing everyone as your
child. We run to welcome those who look,
talk, and act like us, and you throw open your
doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.
Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help
us to see the household you are building for
all people: there are no plastic protectors on
the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-**

limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2:1-5

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people^a came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jeremy Simmons

"Stronger Together"

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

“We Are One in the Spirit”

see insert

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World



Family Night Supper - Fish Fry

Drive-Thru Family Night Supper - Fish Fry
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
6:00 pm

Menu:

Fried filet of fish (prepared by Will Scott)
Coleslaw
Sweet potato patty
Corn bread
Dessert

Enter church from Wyche Street where greeters will meet you. After you receive your food, continue around the church and exit onto Thompson Street.

Please place your order by **Sunday, October 25, 2020**

Joan Dorsett : 910-840-5468
or Mary Anne Tyndall: 910-640-9837
Looking forward to seeing you!



Join us at First Presbyterian Church
for a drive-through Trunk-or-Treat on
October 31st from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Wear your costumes and don't forget to
bring your Trick-or-Treat bags.

Drive through our parking lot to see
decorated trunks while volunteers bring the
treats to you!

Daylight Saving Time
ends
November 1, 2020



MASKS MUST BE WORN
PROPERLY
THROUGHOUT WORSHIP

Beginning Sunday, November 1, 2020



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; 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; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Benny McBride; Jerome McPherson; Carmen McQueen; Juda Millman; Kim Sellers; Shiryl Smith; Mike Spradley; William Smith; Nancy Washburn.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team: October 25: Justin Smith

November 1: Todd Burney

Flowers: October 25: _____

November 1: Paula and Steve Smith

Head Usher: October: Susan Smith

November: Donny Viets

Sympathy to Martin Scott and family upon the death of their wife and mother, Ginger Scott, on October 20, 2020.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25:	In-Person Worship Service with Jeremy Simmons - 11:00 am Centsability Offering
Monday, October 26:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28:	Drive Thru Family Night Supper - Fish Fry - 6:00 pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 29:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 31:	Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat - 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 1:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am (masks must be worn throughout worship) Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday, November 2:	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 5:30 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 4:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm 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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Operation Christmas Child

As Christmas is quickly approaching, we have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus through gifts placed in a shoebox and prayed over. If you would like to participate in this easy and important ministry to children all over the world, you can fill your shoeboxes and drop them off at the church by Sunday, November 15th or if you don't feel comfortable doing the shopping, Angela will happily shop for you if you would like to make a monetary donation. There are shoeboxes available at the church if you would like to pick one up along with a pamphlet that has instructions as to how to prepare the box. If you would like these items brought to you, please let Angela know.

