

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2020



*He himself
is before all
things, and in
him all things
hold together.*

COLOSSIANS 1:17, NRSV

Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

Opening Prayer

Instrumental Music

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Turn us, O God, from our vanities so we may value the gifts you have given and number ourselves among your children. We confess that we have nursed our egos in ways that are destructive and judged others rather than loving them. We live moment by moment as if there were no eternal verities, and deny your presence by our inattention. Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are confirmed for those in awe of their Creator.

God turns away the reproach we dread and frees us to walk once more as people liberated by a word of grace.

When we are truly sorry for our sin and resolve to walk in love of God and neighbor, we hear once more,

"You are not far from the realm of God."
Amen!

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in^[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[b] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“In the Hands of God”

Responding to the Word

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Instrumental Music

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

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.



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:	November 1: Todd Burney	November 8: Donald Hester
Flowers:	November 1: Paula and Steve Smith	November 8: _____
Head Usher:	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

Monday, November 2:	Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 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
Thursday, November 5:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 8:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, November 9:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 11:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, November 12:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 14:	Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 15:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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

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