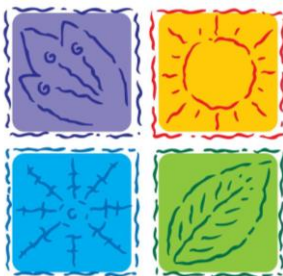


# *First Presbyterian Church*

**Whiteville,  
North Carolina**

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

*Twenty-third Sunday  
after Pentecost*  
**November 8, 2020**



*It's About  
Time*

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8**

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

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

The warmth of the shining sun...

**Reflects the warmth of God's love for us.**

The refreshing water of the gently flowing  
stream...

**Reflects God's cleansing and renewing grace.**

The rush of a mighty wind...

**Reflects God's powerful Spirit, present in each  
of us.**

**Let us worship God, who nurtures and sustains  
us!**

Opening Prayer

Instrumental Music

*Harris*

**"To Everything There Is a Season"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, if we carry the name Christian, we  
are signs of your presence. Yet we confess  
that we sometimes hurt people through our  
pride, rather than showing the way to the  
healing waters of your Spirit. When we are  
discouraged ourselves, we are unable to be  
signs of joy or hope or good news. Forgive us,  
and give us grace to be earthly reminders of  
your love. We ask this in the name of our  
Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people.

**May this gracious gift of being in right  
relationship with God draw us closer to the  
path God would have us walk.**

## *Proclaiming the Word*

Children's Sermon

## Prayer for Understanding

### Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

*This is the Word of the Lord;*

**Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“It’s About Time”

## *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 Music

### Charge and Benediction

### Music in Preparation for Service in the World

### Next Week:

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: “It’s Not About Us!”

MASKS MUST BE WORN  
PROPERLY  
THROUGHOUT WORSHIP



### 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.



Elder  
Nomination  
Forms due  
November 15, 2020

Pledge Cards  
due  
November 15  
2020



**UPDATE RECORDS**

**Please contact the office if you would like to  
be on our mailing list or update your records.**

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### **Southeastern Oratorio Society**

announces its  
*free virtual concert*

A rebroadcast of our 2019  
**"Legends of Lore"** concert

Tues. Nov. 10, Thurs. Nov. 12 & Sat. Nov. 14  
11 a.m., 4 & 9 p.m.

Spectrum Community Channel 1304  
and EduCable Channel 6  
Facebook & YouTube

Donations are appreciated: Southeastern Oratorio Society  
P.O. Box 2, Whiteville, NC 28472

**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 8: Donald Hester**

**November 15: Will Scott**

**Flowers: November 8: \_\_\_\_\_**

**November 15: Paul and Kaye Pope**

**Head Usher: November: Susan Smith**

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

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**

**(masks must be worn throughout worship)**

Monday, November 16:

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 19:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 22:

**In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am**

**(masks must be worn throughout worship)**

SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

**Contact the church office: 910-642-2253**

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**Pastor Joe: [pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org) NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm- Mondays, Tuesdays,**

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