

# *First Presbyterian Church*

**Whiteville,  
North Carolina**

**“To be a light in our  
community reflecting  
Christ’s love and  
compassion...”**

*Third Sunday of  
Advent*

**December 13, 2020**



**“Becoming People of Joy”  
Isaiah 12**

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

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

A voice cries out in the wilderness, and we find ourselves drawn to the message.

**God invades the common place, and we cannot evade the changes God brings.**

On every hand our values are challenged as attention is drawn to the lowly and weak.

**We are not worthy to untie the sandals of the Humble Servant, who loved all people.**

Draw near to join those who rejoice in a God who comforts and confronts.

**We come to proclaim the worth of God, and to claim the worth God invests in us.**

Opening Prayer

Instrumental Music

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Donald & Melena Hester*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We are mindful of the ways we walk in darkness, avoiding the light, Light of the World. We choose to live with harmful habits rather than count on you to bring us to health. We choose to stay the same rather than accept the new life to which you draw us. Forgive us for our unwillingness to change. Create in us a desire for the adventure of life lived in the light. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord does not take delight in sacrifices and burnt offerings. We do not need to bring any animal or gift to God in order to receive forgiveness.

We have been forgiven through the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we await once more. Amen.

## *Proclaiming the Word*

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 12

*12 You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Becoming People of Joy"

## *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: Micah 5:2-5

Sermon: "Becoming People of Love"

# Today!



Drive-Through Pick up Sunday, December 13, 2020  
Love Feast Kit will include a roll, candle, Moravian history, and Moravian Blessing



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex Sunday, November 29, 2020 with 10 angels for people to "adopt". A sign-up sheet will be there

to record the angel number chosen to adopt.

Gifts are due by **Sunday, December 13, 2020**

## Reminder: 2020 Pledges



*Must be finalized by  
**December 31, 2020***

All money given after this date will be applied toward 2021 totals.

Please contact the church office at 642-2253 if you have any questions or concerns



**Online Only**

Sunday, December 13, 2020  
7:00 pm

Join us:

<https://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville>

<https://twitter.com/FPCwhiteville>  
[youtube.com/channel/UCxKHBaZ2uwGyeXY1u7da15A](https://youtube.com/channel/UCxKHBaZ2uwGyeXY1u7da15A)

Roku - First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville & Spectrum 1304

If you would like to give a gift to our staff members, Pastor Joe, Doug Spivey, or Karen Ware, you may give a gift directly or write a check to "First Presbyterian Church"

with "staff gifts" in the memo; all monies collected by December 24th will be split evenly between them. - Administrative Committee



**2021 Pledges Due**

**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; Martha & PW Jessup; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Carmen McQueen; Steve Nelson's Family; Helen Reid; Kim Sellers; Sheryl Smith; William Smith; Nancy Washburn.

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

**Sound Team:** December 13: Will Scott  
**Head Usher:** December: Paul Pope

**December 20: Justin Smith**

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13:

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

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

**Drive-Through Love Feast Kit Pick Up - 12:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Moravian Love Feast, Online Only - 7:00 pm**

Monday, December 14:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 17:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 20:

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

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

Monday, December 21:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 23:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 24:

**Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 pm**

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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

**Website: [www.fpcwhiteville.org](http://www.fpcwhiteville.org)**

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

**Cell: 910-625-8023**

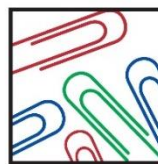
**Thursdays, and Fridays**

**Angela Washburn: [joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com](mailto:joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com)**

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**Live-Stream of Service: [www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville](https://www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville), Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum 1304, & Roku**

*Pastor Joe will be out of the office Friday, December 24, 2020 and will return to the office Monday, January 4, 2021.*



The  
**Church  
Office**  
will be closed

**Friday 12/25 through Monday 12/28**

By appointment only Tuesday 12/29 through Thursday 12/31  
Please call 910-642-2253

**The office will be closed Friday, 1/1/21**