

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Week of December, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: Guest Minister Time Verhey

Two Ways to Worship with Us! Don't forget that there are three ways you can join us in worship on Sunday morning.

1. First is our live stream of the 11:00 service. We livestream on four platforms: Facebook (www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville); YouTube (First Presbyterian church—Whiteville); Twitter (@FPCWhiteville); Roku (First Presbyterian Church—Whiteville). We are also (usually) on Spectrum Channel 1304.

2. 11:00 In-person worship. Please remember that we began our new mask protocol for in-person worship: masks are required throughout the whole service.

Sunday School: Be sure to check out our children's and youth Sunday School offerings! For the children there is a weekly video...the link is in this newsletter as well as the worship reminder email that goes out on Saturday evening. For the youth we have a list of Bible readings and questions. It is also included in this newsletter as well as the worship reminder email on Saturday!

Community Outreach: Want to make a difference in our community? Here are three pretty simple, not too time-consuming ways, you can have an impact on your community!

- **Cards:** Write cards for employees at the hospital...or nursing home. You can drop these off at the church, there is a plastic shoe box beneath the carport of the Outback building, and we will deliver them for you. Jeremy Simmons, chaplain at the hospital, tells me every time I drop some off how much they mean to those who get them.
- **Snack Food:** Besides cards, I know the hospital welcomes donated snacks...homemade or store bought...for the staff. Just a little something that reminds them that they are in our thoughts and prayers. You can also drop these off at the church and we will deliver them.
- **Canned Food:** If you would like to help families in need within Columbus County, Community CPR is collecting canned food. There are collection boxes at Penn's Grill and Pharmacy on Main...or feel free to drop them off at the church and we will get them to where they need to be!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

Volunteers: A/V:

12/27: Jonathan Medford

1/3: Donald and Jenifer Hester

1/10: Will Scott

December, 2020 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for December: Paul Pope

December 27: First Sunday of Christmas

11:00 am In-Person Worship (no nursery or Sunday School)

Guest Minister: Tim Verhey

Head Usher for January: _____

January 3: Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00 am In-Person Worship (no nursery or Sunday School)

Sermon: "After the Party's Over"

Scripture: Matthew 2:9-23



4- Will Thompson, 5 – Price Wheatley, 10- Tom Owens, 11 – Carrie Burney, 11- Chris Cook, 12 – Junius Lee III, 13 – Melena Hester, 16 – Mary Moody, 16 – Chris Smith, 18 – Kathryn Clark, 18 – Maggie Horne, 19 – Sarah Kindschuh, 19- David Smith, 20- Fran Thomas, 21 – Madison McLean, 22- Meredith McColskey, 24- Bob High, 27- Debbie Viets, 28- Natalie Royal



2- Jayne Smith, 2- Jennifer Yoder, 3- Randy Yoder, 5- Jackson Cook, 11- Janna Neisler, 12- Mary Louise Bannerman, 14- Greg Williamson, 15- Hillary Kindschuh, 15- Berry Love, 16- Wes Gray, 17- Olivia Smith, 17- Tripp Thompson, 18- Emily Hooks, 21- Paul Pope, 22- Geraldine Becker, 27- Jenny Meekins, 28- Jolie Burney

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 – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's

Michael Brown – friend of Carrie Burney, cancer

Ronnel Burney - Todd Burney's father

Hugo & Paula Caesares – friends of the Trogdons, mission trip

Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant

Billie Joe Conrad

Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer

Rev. Ben Garris – friend of Joe and Angela, cancer

Greg Goodson – friend of Jack Hooks, cancer

Shelby Hodge

Barry Housend – friend of Steve Smith, cancer

Phyllis Howlett – friend of Martin Scott, cancer

Martha & PW Jessup – family of Kirk Clark, COVID-19

Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon - stroke

Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia

Jerome McPherson

Carmen McQueen – friend of Janet Gray, cancer

Helen Reid – grandmother of Jonathan Medford, COVID-19

Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues

William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke

Emmett & Sylvan Tedder – friends of Charlene High, COVID-19

Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Ladies Bible Study

On Thursday, January 14, at 10:00 am over Zoom, we will begin a winter study of the book of James. This study was written by Rev. Gene Ensley, whose daughters are our own Jenny Meekins and Marty Ensley. Jenny and Angela will be teaching this study together. We will send out some "homework" to be done before we meet each week so if you are interested, let Angela know soon so she can include you in the email with the homework as well as the link to join us on January

7. Joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com We look forward to a wonderful study.

2021 Pledges Due

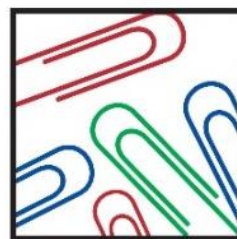
**Reminder:
2020 Pledges**



**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



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

Pastor Joe will be out of the office Friday, December 25, 2020 and will return to the office Monday, January 4, 2021.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Friday, December 25:

Christmas Day - Office Closed

Sunday, December 27:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Centsability Offering

Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Monday, December 28:

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 30:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 31:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Friday, January 1:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, January 3:

New Year's Day - Office Closed

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Monday, January 4:

Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 5:30 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 7:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 9:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

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

Cell: 910-625-8023

Thursdays, and Fridays

Angela Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku



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Sunday School Lessons Week of December 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021:

Pre-K - 5th grade:

Video: <https://youtu.be/z1qQ0fzGgo>

Middle & High Class (6th -12th Grades)

Day 57

Reading: Luke 7:19-23

Write: Luke 7:23

Day 58

Reading: Luke 7:24-27

Write: Luke 7:27

Day 59

Reading: Luke 7:28-30

Write: Luke 7:30

Day 60

Reading: Luke 7:31-35

Question: How were the adults of Jesus day like children? (v. 31-35)