

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Week of December, 2020

Whiteville, NC

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



From the Pastor

Sunday Worship: For our fourth Sunday of Advent, we will be in the New Testament. This week our scripture will be Luke 1:39-56. Our focus will be on the Advent wreath theme for the fourth Sunday of Advent...Love.

Worship information:

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: "Becoming People of Love"

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!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Please plan to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00. We will ring in Christmas day with the singing of some of our favorite Christmas carols and the reading of the birth of Jesus. We will be observing our social distancing seating and masks are required. The service will also be live streamed on our normal livestream platforms.

Wednesday Prayer Service: With Christmas coming next week, we will take a break from our regular Wednesday gatherings on Zoom. We will begin again in January.

In Christ,
Pastor Joe

Volunteers: A/V: 12/20: Justin Smith 12/27: Jonathan Medford 1/3: Donald and Jenifer Hester

December, 2020 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for December: Paul Pope

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5

Sermon: "Becoming People of Love"

December 27: First Sunday of Christmas

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

Guest Minister Jeremy Simmons



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

Kim Sellers – friend of Doug Spivey, cancer

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.

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

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**

**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

Southeastern Oratorio Society



**announces its
free virtual concert**

**A rebroadcast of our 2019
Christmas Concert, part 1**

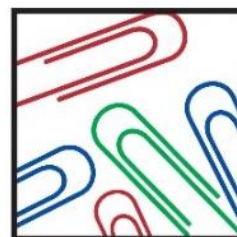
"Misa a Buenos Aires, Part II"

Saturday, December 19

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 4, Whiteville, NC 28472**



**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

Sunday, December 20:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am (masks must be worn throughout worship)
Monday, December 21:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 23:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Congregational Life Committee, Conference Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm (masks must be worn throughout worship) 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)
Monday, December 28:	Office Closed Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 30:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 31:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Friday, January 1:	New Year's Day - Office Closed
Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org Cell: 910-625-8023 Angela Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku	
Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org	



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Sunday School Lessons Week of Dec 20-26, 2020:

Pre-K - 5th grade:

Video: <https://youtu.be/nwfvCtPPA6c>

Activity sheets: <https://fpcwhiteville.org/2020/12/18/sunday-school-lesson-12-20-2020/>

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

Day 53

Reading: Luke 7:1-5

Question: How did the people describe the centurion? (v. 5)

Day 54

Reading: Luke 7:6-10

Write: Luke 7:7

Day 55

Reading: Luke 7:11-15

Question: What did Jesus say to the widow? (v. 13)

Day 56

Reading: Luke 7:16-18

Write: Luke 7:16

Who should you take your tears to? (Luke 7:13)

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.

Christmas "Bag of Treats" Drive-Thru

A Christmas "Bag of Treats" is coming to the families of First Presbyterian Church. The church "mice and elves" have been busy preparing and planning for this "first ever" occasion. All church families are included. No reservations are needed. Just come and receive your "Merry Christmas" treat bag. Know that you are loved and missed and hopefully fellowship with one another can resume in 2021.

When: December 20, 2020 | Drive-Thru
Time: After Worship 12:00-1:30

Greeters will welcome you from Wyche Street entrance and your family "Bag of Treats" will be presented to you. No donation expected, just share expressions of Christmas love, joy, and peace. Merry Christmas 2020