

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third 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 third Sunday of Advent we will once again be in the Old Testament, but this time in the 12th chapter of Isaiah. Our focus will be on the Advent wreath theme for the third Sunday of Advent...joy.

Worship information:

Scripture: Isaiah 12

Sermon: "Becoming People of Joy"

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 this week we begin 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!

Wednesday Prayer Service: Each week we have been offering a Prayer Service using Zoom. This is a time when we can catch up with one another and then enter into a time of prayer together. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 and an invitation to join us is sent out either Monday or Tuesdays with a reminder going out about 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. This gathering and praying together typically lasts about 30 minutes. Hope you will join us.

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:

12/13: Will Scott

12/20: Justin Smith

12/27: Jonathan Medford

December, 2020 Worship Schedule

December: Paul Pope

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent

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

Scripture: Isaiah 12 Sermon: "Becoming People of Joy"

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"



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

Diana Butler – friend of Jack Hooks, cancer

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

Steve Nelson's family – cousin of Sydney Kilpatrick, passed away

Helen Reid – grandmother of Jonathan Medford, COVID-19

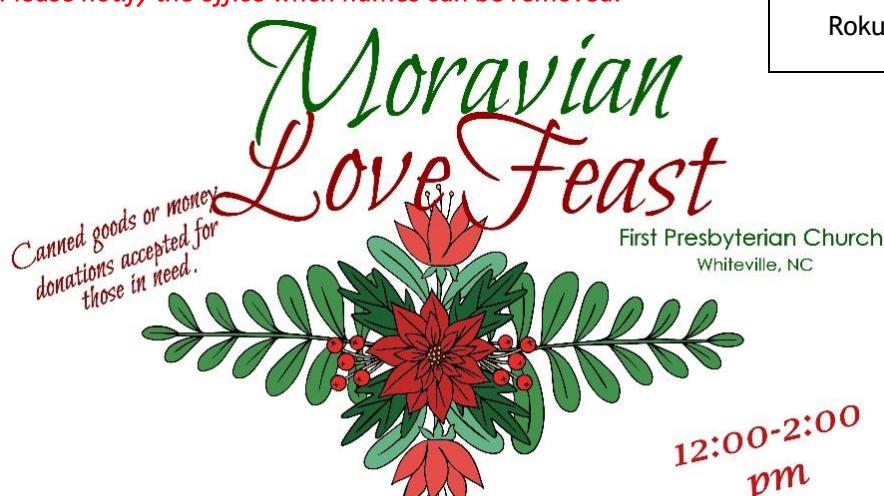
Kim Sellers – friend of Doug Spivey, cancer

Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues

William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke

Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe

Please notify the office when names can be removed.



Drive-Through Pick up Sunday, December 13, 2020

Love Feast Kit will include a roll, candle, Moravian history, and Moravian Blessing

Call or text Mary Anne (910-640-9837) or Joan (910-840-5468)

to reserve a Love Feast Kit by Friday, December 11, 2020.



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*



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am
(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Angel Tree gifts due

Moravian Love Feast Drive Through Pick-Up - 12:00 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

Thursday, December 17:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 20:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm

Monday, December 21:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 24:

Congregational Life Committee, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Friday, December 25:

Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Christmas Day - Office Closed

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 Dec 13 - 19, 2020:

Pre-K - 5th grade:

Video: <https://youtu.be/uEvvYaMjt6c>

Activity sheets: <https://fpcwhiteville.org/2020/12/11/sunday-school-lesson-12-13-2020/>

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

Day 49

Reading: Luke 6:36-38

Write: Luke 6:36

List 3 good things you will do for someone who does not like you. (Luke 6:35)

Day 51

Reading: Luke 6:43-45

Question: Where do our words come from? (v. 45)

Day 52

Reading: Luke 6:46-49

Write: Luke 6:46

Day 50

Reading: Luke 6:39-42

Write: Luke 6:41

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

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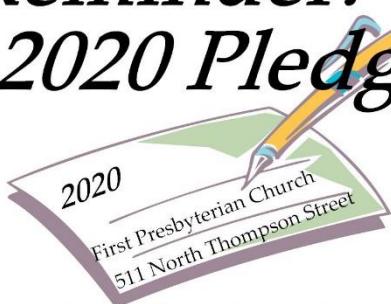
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Pastor Joe will be out of the office Friday, December 24, 2020 and will return to the office Monday, January 4, 2021.

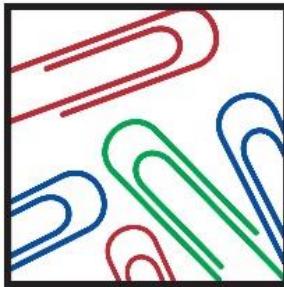
Reminder: 2020 Pledges



*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

Dedications and memorials

- for Christmas flowers and greenery may be made through Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Each dedication is \$5.00.
- Given by: _____ In Honor of/In Memory of: _____

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Total Amount enclosed: (cash/check)\$ _____

*Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church,
"Christmas Dedications" in the memo line.*