

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021



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

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.

When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all too often all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

John 1:29-34

²⁹ *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."*

³² *Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."*

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Jesus and Us"

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.

Hymn of Commitment

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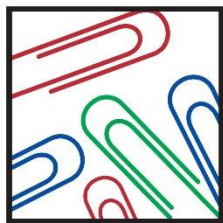
Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "The Life of Faith"



Church
Office
will be
CLOSED

Monday, January 18, 2021
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Ladies Bible Study We will begin our ladies Bible study again on Thursday, January 14 at 10:00 am on zoom. We will study the book of James. Let Angela know if you are interested in joining us so you will be included in the emails for receiving the homework and the zoom link. Joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

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; **Richard Hobgood**; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Phyllis Howlett; Martha & PW Jessup; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Carmen McQueen; Helen Reid; Shirl Smith; William Smith; Emmett and Sylvan Tedder; Nancy Washburn; **Michael Ann Williamson**.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team: January 10: Will Scott
Head Usher: January: Todd Burney

January 17: Justin Smith

- *Sympathy to Kaye Pope and family upon the death of their son/stepson/brother, David Goldston, on December 25, 2020.*
- *Congratulations to Michael & Stefanie Kilpatrick for their wedding on December 31, 2020.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm

Monday, January 11:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 14:

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, January 17:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Monday, January 18:

Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 21:

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

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