

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Second Week of January, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** As we head into the second week of 2021, I will be preaching a loose sermon series exploring some of the major events and moments in the life and ministry of Jesus. We begin this week observing Baptism of the Lord Sunday. We will explore John's version of Jesus' baptism and in doing so not only find a declaration of who Jesus is and what is mission is, but also what our role and mission as believers and followers is. I hope you will join for worship this Sunday...either in-person or online. I also encourage you to share this invitation with others.

Worship information:

- Scripture: John 1:29-34
- Sermon: "Jesus and Us"

**Two Ways to Worship with Us!** Don't forget that there are two 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](https://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!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe

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**Volunteers:** A/V: 1/10: Will Scott 1/17: Justin Smith 1/24: Jonathan Medford

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## January, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for January: Todd Burney

### January 10: Baptism of the Lord

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

Scripture: John 1:29-34 Sermon: "Jesus and Us"

### January 17: Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 Sermon: "The Life of Faith"

### January 24: Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Scripture: John 1:35-51 Sermon: "Come and See"



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



1- Beth Owens, 2- Todd Burney, 4- Tim McColskey, 5- Gayle Kindschuh, 7- Jack Hooks, 9- Bob Crutchfield, 12- Donald Hester Sr., 12- Sara Thompson, 13- Larry Thomas, 13- Mike Tyndall, 14- Kelly Love, 16- Abigail Owens, 16- Bookie Trogon, 16- Jayme Tyndall, 16- Pastor Joe, 17- Jason Klara, 17- Erin Thompson, 19- Justin Smith, 24 – McLean Thompson, 24- David Trogon

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 Trogons, mission trip

Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant

Billie Joe Conrad

Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer

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

Greg Goodson – friend of Jack Hooks, cancer

**Richard Hobgood** – Kathryn Clark's brother, burns

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 Trogon - 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

Michael Ann Williamson - friend of Emily Owens

*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](mailto:Joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com) We look forward to a wonderful study.

- 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.

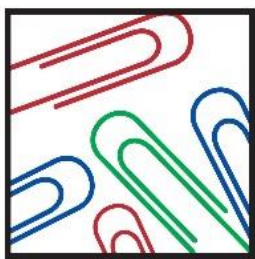
## **COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**TO BEGIN VACCINATING  
INDIVIDUALS 75 OR OLDER  
ON JANUARY 11, 2021**



**COVID-19**  
*Vaccines*

The county health department will begin accepting appointments on January 7, 2021  
Call 910-640-6615 extension 7006 to set up your appointment.



**Church  
Office  
will be  
CLOSED**  
**Monday, January 18, 2021**  
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10:

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

Monday, January 11:

Session Meeting, Zoom - 12:30 pm

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**

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

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

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

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Thursdays, and Fridays

Karen: [karen@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org)

## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School Lessons Week of January 10 - January 16, 2021:



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

#### Day 65

Reading: Luke 8:4-8

Write: Luke 8:7

#### Day 66

Reading: Luke 8:9-15

Question: What kind of heart do good ground hearers have? (v. 15)

#### Day 67

Reading: Luke 8:16-18

Question: What will happen to our secrets? (v.17)

#### Day 68

Reading: Luke 8:19-25

Write: Luke 8:21