

First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany*
January 31, 2021



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

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us
praise God's holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, and reintegrate our
fragmented selves.**

Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us
praise God's holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, come repair that
which is broken.**

Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us
praise God's holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, come and bring
together that which has been torn apart.**

Come, worship the Lord; let all that is within us
praise God's holy name.

**Come amongst us, Lord, meet us where we
are but do not leave us the same when we
leave.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we sometimes
do not believe in our hearts what we proclaim
with our lips. We hear your word and continue
to live unchanged. We know of your liberating
grace, yet remain bound by our limitations.
We would rather rely on our own abilities, our
works and our intellect than rely on faith in
you. Help us approach each moment as an
intentional expression of our faith, that we
may be mindful that your grace surrounds us
and binds us to you forever. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who created us never turns away from us, but ever calls us into His righteousness with an abundant and healing love.

By God's grace we are made new as faithful covenant people. Alleluia!

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lesson

John 2:1-12

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"New Wine"

Responding to the Word

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

New Elders' Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and

renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you seek to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will.**

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our Baptism

Constitutional Questions to Officers

Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church, accept Greg Blackmon, Donald Hester, Sr., Ben Kilpatrick, and Larry Thomas as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Installation

Charge

Welcome

Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Commitment

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Sermon: "Water of Life"

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; **Freddie Stell**; Walter Strickland.

Assisted Care: Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

Friends: Pat Allen; Sarah Anglin; Michael Brown; **Anne Burney**; 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; Shiryl Smith; William Smith; **The Family of Emette and Sylvan Tedder**; Nancy Washburn; Michael Ann Williamson.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

- The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Jenny Meekins' birthday, best sister ever, from Marty.

Sound Team: January 31: Justin Smith

February 7: Will Scott

Flowers: January 31: Marty Ensley

February 7: Rick Edwards

Head Usher: January: Todd Burney

February: Paul Pope

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 31:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Monday, February 1:

Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 4:

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 7:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Monday, February 8:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 10:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 11:

Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am

Scout Roundtable, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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