

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Who has gathered this day in the sanctuary of
the Lord?

**We, the sheep of his pasture and the people
of God, have come.**

Why have you come, O people of God?

**We have come to worship the Triune God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

In what spirit have you come this Lenten season?

**We come with a spirit of earnestness. We seek
the forgiveness of sin and the life everlasting.**

**We have come with thanksgiving in our hearts
and praise on our lips.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

"Lift High the Cross"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in this season of penitence,
prayer, fasting and reflection on the ministry
of Jesus, we confess our desperate need for
your grace. The sorrow from our sins is
overwhelming. We have not loved you with all
of our heart, soul and strength. We have not
loved our neighbors as we have loved
ourselves. We have lived lives of greed and
consumption while others have gone without.
Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us. Raise
us anew so that we may learn to love you and
our neighbors according to the gospel of
Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters in Christ, did God send His
Son into the world in order to condemn the
world?

Certainly not! “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

In Jesus name, your sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

Proclaiming the Word

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:32-34

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Seven Last Words: Father Forgive Them”

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

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.

Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Commitment

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

Sermon: “Seven Last Words: Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”

Presbyterian
Lenten Services 2021

511 North Thompson Street, Whiteville, NC 28472
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Thursday, April 1:

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 2:

Good Friday 6:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

Annual Meeting



Sunday, February 28, 2021
After Worship



We are starting a fundraiser to purchase an Omni All Body Active + Passive Trainer for Kenneth Smith that will provide him with daily exercise to create muscle mass, better blood circulation, and range of motion...all in one machine! This machine is used in many homes and rehab facilities all over the world for people that have had spinal cord injuries of some kind.

The total cost of this unit is \$6,699.99 including shipping and handling. If you need any more information, please contact Pastor Joe or Karen at (910) 642-2253. If you would like to donate, you may do so by dropping it off at the church office, mailing it in (511 N. Thompson St; Whiteville, NC 28472), or by doing a one-time online donation. Checks should be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "Kenneth Smith" in the memo line.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Lenten Journey Begins Here...

Sunday, February 21st is the first Sunday of Lent and we will have a children's event in the church Fellowship Hall at 3:00 to begin a faithful Lenten journey. All children 4 years old -5th grade, are invited to attend. At least one parent from each family must attend with your child/children. We will spread out with each family having their own table which will be 6-8 feet from other tables. We will do a couple of crafts and talk about the meaning of Lent. Each family will leave with things to do for each of the following Sundays of Lent. Please wear your masks while entering and leaving.

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; 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 from John and Sara Thompson.*
- *Sympathy to Bill and Elizabeth Turner and their family upon the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Freddie Stell, on February 11, 2021.*
- *Congratulations to Pastor Joe and Angela Washburn on the birth of their grandson, George Alexander Suire.*

Sound Team:	February 21: Justin Smith	February 28: Donald or Jenifer Hester
Flowers:	February 21: Sara Thompson	February 28: Rick Edwards
Head Usher:	February: Paul Pope	March: Larry Thomas

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 21:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am (masks must be worn throughout worship)
	Children's Lenten Event, Fellowship Hall - 3:00 pm
Monday, February 22:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 24:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 25:	Scout Roundtable, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 28:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am (masks must be worn throughout worship)
	Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, Sanctuary- 12:00 pm
	Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm
Monday, March 1:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 3:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm
	Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 4:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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

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