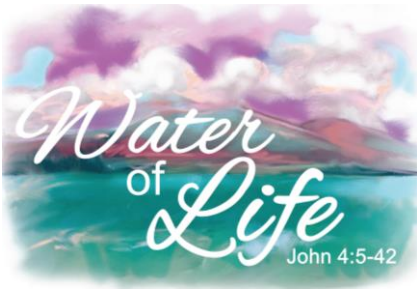


First Presbyterian Church

**Whiteville,
North Carolina**

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

*Fifth Sunday after
Epiphany*
February 7, 2021



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

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

**Great is the Lord, and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with the lyre.

**You take pleasure in those who fear you and
hope in your steadfast love.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us
from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors.
We bear grudges against those who deceive us.
We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we
judge inferior, since they don’t meet our
standards. Others we deem unworthy of our
respect and support. Jesus had compassion upon
all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when
our hearts are hardened against neighbors in
need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the
Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The assurance of our pardon resides in Christ,
“who, though he was in the form of God...
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.”

**Today, he intercedes on behalf of human
weakness before the great throne of God.**

Therefore, let every knee bow, and let every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Therein lies our assurance that we are forgiven!

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lesson

John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[b] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^[a] can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving^[c] wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Water of Life"

Responding to the Word

Call to Stewardship

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.

Communion Hymn

“As the Deer”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Hymn of Commitment

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World 511 North Thompson Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Next Week:

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Sermon: “New Life”

As The Deer

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Presbyterian Lenten Services 2021

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Wednesday, February 17:

Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 1:

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 2:

Good Friday 6:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye

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 memory of Abbie Edwards.

Sound Team: February 7: Will Scott
Flowers: February 7: Rick Edwards
Head Usher: February: Paul Pope

February 14: Justin Smith
February 14: David Trogdon

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, February 8:	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 10:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 11:	Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 14:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i> Session Meeting - 12:00 pm
Monday, February 15:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 17:	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary - 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, February 18:	Ladies Bible Study, Zoom - 10:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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