FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Week of February, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: This Sunday is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. In somewhat of odd way, I am excited about this year's Lenten sermon series, "Seven Last Words". This series will explore the last things that Jesus said. As we explore them, we will see that he not only reveals the depth of God's love but also the extent of his call in our lives. This week we explore the first phrase, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." I encourage you to read, and pray, over our text in preparation for worship this Sunday.

Worship information:

- o Scripture: Luke 23:32-34
- o Sermon: "Seven Last Words: Father Forgive Them"
- o Hymns
 - o "Lift High the Cross"
 - o "What Wondrous Love Is This?"
 - o "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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); 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.

Giving: There are three ways you can use to keep current with your church giving. If you attend in-person worship, there are collection plates at each entrance/exit. Online giving is an option, simply go to our web page (fpcwhiteville.org) and follow the link to on-line giving. Or you can mail/drop off a check to the church office.

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!

In Christ, Pastor Joe

Volunteers:A/V:2/21: Jonathan Medford2/28: Donald or Jenifer Hester3/7: Will ScottFlowers:2/21: Sara Thompson2/28: Rick Edwards3/7:

February, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for February: Paul Pope

February 21: First Sunday in Lent 11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Luke 23:32-34 Sermon: Seven Last Words: Father Forgive Them"

<u>February 28: Second Sunday in Lent</u> 11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43 Sermon: "Seven Last Words: Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"

March, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for March: Larry Thomas

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Mark 15:25-39 Sermon: "Seven Last Words: My God, My God"

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Guest Minister: Jeremy Simmons





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 Trogdon, 16- Jayme Tyndall, 16- Pastor Joe, 17- Jason Klara, 17- Erin Thompson, 19- Justin Smith, 24 – McLean Thompson, 24- David Trogdon

1- Joe Kamberger, 3- Sidney Gibson, 3- Diane Scott, 3- Mary Anne Tyndall, 4- Steve Smith, 11- Wyche Watts, 11- Will Neisler, 18- Kim Smith, 18- Bill Turner, 19- Kate Meekins, 20- Douglas Spivey, 21- Ann Coburn, 21- Liz McLean, 23- Coke Gray III, 23-

Barbara Grigsby, 24 – Walter Munroe, 24- Chandler Thurston, 28 – Marty Ensley, 30- Anne Branch

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Walter Strickland.

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

<u>Friends</u>:Pat Allen – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's

Sarah Anglin - family of Todd Burney, stroke. Michael Brown – friend of Carrie Burney, cancer

Anne Burney – Todd Burney's mother

Ronnel Burney - Todd Burney's father

Hugo & Paula Caesares—friends of the Trogdons, mission trip

Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant

Billie Joe Conrad

Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer Rev. Ben Garris – 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 Troqdon – 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*

The Family of Emette & Sylvan Tedder – friends of Charlene High, COVID-19 related death

Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe

Michael Ann Williamson - friend of Emily Owens

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 21:

Monday, February 22:

Wednesday, February 24: Thursday, February 25:

Sunday, February 28:

Monday, March 1:

Wednesday, March 3:

Thursday, March 4:

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

Children's Lenten Event, Fellowship Hall - 3:00 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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Scout Roundtable, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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Website: www.fpcwhiteville.org

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

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NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org Angela

Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

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

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Sunday School Lessons Week of Feb 21 - Feb 27, 2021:

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

Reading: Luke 10:17-20 Write: Luke 10:18

Day 90

Reading: Luke 10:21-24

Question: Why did Jesus rejoice? (v. 21)

Day 91

Reading: Luke 10:25-29

Question: What question did the lawyer ask

Jesus? (v. 25)

Why do you think Jesus pointed the questioner to

the law? (Luke 10:26-27)

Day 92

Reading: Luke 10:30-37

Write: Luke 10:37

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.

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Lenten Services 2021

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Thursday, April 1:

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm

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Friday, April 2:

Good Friday 6:00pm

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Sunday, February 28, 2021 After Worship

and Corporation



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!