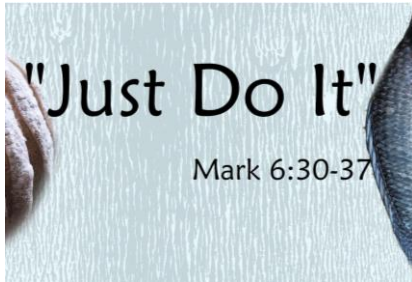


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Guest Minister:
Jeremy Simmons

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Come to this holy space and time in
humility.

**We come with heads bowed and hearts
open.**

Center mind and heart on the journey of
Jesus.

We take on the mind of Christ Jesus.

Still the voices that make noise in the head.

We turn our attention to you, O Christ.

**We worship with awe the one who takes
us to Jerusalem.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

**"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest
Near to the Heart of God"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of Life, we look to you for forgiveness of
our trespasses, both seen and unseen. It is
easy for us to confess on Sunday without
repenting or changing our ways on
Monday. Give us a heart of humility and a
desire for change, for we can only change
through the power of your presence. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

**God's grace is His covenant with a sinful people.
We receive the grace of forgiveness this day.**

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lesson

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jeremy Simmons

"Just Do It"

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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.

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.

Hymn of Commitment

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: John 19:28-30

Sermon: “Seven Last Words: I Am Thirsty”

 <p>The image shows a white and blue exercise bike with a digital display screen. The screen displays various icons and numbers. The bike has a silver frame and black pedals. The text "OmniTrainer" is written in green and blue at the top, and "All Body Active + Passive Trainer" is written in black below it. The model number "OT-1100" is visible on the bottom left, and a "LIFETIME" warranty seal is on the bottom right.</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Checks should be made payable to “First Presbyterian Church” with “Kenneth Smith” in the memo line. All donations are greatly appreciated!</i></p>
 <p>The text "UPDATE RECORDS" is written in a bold, brown, serif font, centered between two horizontal lines. Below the text is a purple, starburst-shaped graphic.</p> <p><i>Need to update your address, email, or phone number? Please contact the office - 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org</i></p>	<p><i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p><i>Lenten Services 2021</i></p> <p>511 North Thompson Street, Whiteville, NC Fpcwhiteville.org 910-642-2253</p> <p>Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Friday, April 2: Good Friday 6:00pm First Presbyterian Church</p>

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; Ann Coburn; 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; Martha & PW Jessup; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Helen Reid; Shiryl Smith; William Smith; Nancy Washburn.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team: March 14: Jonathan Medford

March 21: Jonathan Medford

Flowers: March 14: _____

March 21: _____

Head Usher: March: Larry Thomas

April: Donald Hester, Sr.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

Monday, March 15:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 17:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 18:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 19:

Fellowship Hall Reserved - 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 20:

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, March 21:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

(masks must be worn throughout worship)

Session Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Monday, March 22:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 24:

CLC Meeting, Conference Room - 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 25:

Scout Roundtable, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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