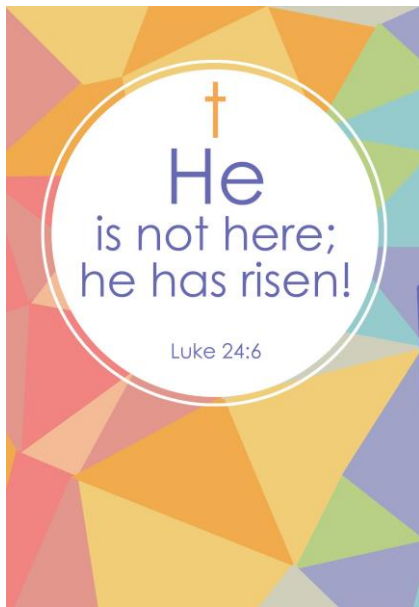


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina
“To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ’s love and
compassion...”

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Christ the Lord is risen today!

Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!

The tomb is empty. No body is there.

Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!

Death no longer has a sting.

Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!

Sin no longer has a hold.

Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!

A new day has dawned!

Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Easter Litany

Alleluia! We sing it loud: alleluia!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

For the sweet relief of life that defies the power
of death, we sing it loud: alleluia!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

For the wild dance of heaven that interrupts &
overthrows the powers of earth, we sing it loud:
alleluia!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

For stones rolled away & stones beneath our
feet that witness to God’s power to always do a
new thing, we sing it loud: alleluia!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

For the unearned grace of forgiveness that heals
our brokenness and calls us to new ways, we
sing it loud: alleluia!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

For the glimpse of our LORD upon each face that
cheers our spirits and changes our hearts, we
sing it loud: alleluia!

God's steadfast love endures forever!
Alleluia! We sing it loud and forever: alleluia!
God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

The Family Band

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

John 11:28-44

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So

they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

This is the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Unbound and Set Free"

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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.

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

"Lift High the Cross"

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

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; **Gail Crutchfield**; John Hall; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Walter Strickland.

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

Friends: Pat Allen; Sarah Anglin; 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: April 4: Will Scott

April 11: Justin Smith

Head Usher: April: Donald Hester, Sr.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 4:	Easter Celebration, Sanctuary - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, April 5:	Church Office Closed
Wednesday, April 7:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 8:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 11:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i> Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm
Monday, April 12:	Nuts & Bolts Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 13:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 14:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

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

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The church office will be closed Monday, April 5, 2021 and will reopen Tuesday April 6 at 8:30 am.

