

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of April, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: We continue our exploration of events and encounters following the resurrection by looking at the encounter two believers had with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. More than a history lesson, I believe that this story invites us into the story and to examine and explore our own walks of faith.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
- Sermon: "Walking with Jesus"
- Hymns:
 - "The Day of Resurrection"
 - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
 - "Christ Be Beside Me"

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 masks are required throughout the whole service.

Spiritual Retreat: I will be out of the office this coming week as I travel to the Savannah area for my Personal Spiritual Retreat for 2021. This is an annual trip I do as one of my weeks of Continuing Education. As I did this past year, this year I will be spending a week of solitude on a sailboat just outside Savannah, GA. (Sadly, I will be tied to the dock the whole time...not out sailing or cruising!) What will I be doing on this retreat?

- Each day will begin and ends with a service of prayer and worship, along with my daily devotional and scripture readings.
- Each day also has a different prayer focus that will guide my prayers, reflection, and writing for that particular day.
- During the week I will also be reading a book by Donald Whitney, *Disciplines for the Christian Life* as well as listening to several podcasts on leadership by John Maxwell.

I would ask that while I am away you lift prayers that this would truly be a time renewal for me...spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

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 (www.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: 4/18: Jonathan Medford	4/25: Donald or Jenifer Hester	5/2: Will Scott
Flowers: 4/18: Sally Medford	4/25: Erin Thompson	5/2: _____

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

Angela Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

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

April, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for April: Donald Hester, Sr.

April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 | Sermon: "Walking with Jesus"

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Youth Sunday

May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: John 20:19-23 | Sermon: "Peace in the Midst of Fear"



1- Thad Thomas, 4- Greg Blackmon, 4- Anna Capps, 5- Kim Neisler, 7- Ethan Scott, 10- Judy Harritan, 11- Ellie Horne, 14- Emily Kea Gray, 17- Mark Smith, 18- Liam Scott, 19- Suzanne Blackmon, 19- Nick Logan, 22- Margaret Gray, 24- Miriam Davenport, 25- Janet Royal, 25- Rachel Smith, 30- Miriam Schulken



1- Sarah Boley, 1- Sandra Love, 3- Olivia Stocks, 4- Fuller Royal, 5- Maggie Williamson, 5- Mary Gregg Williamson, 10- Amber Dinkins, 10- Matthew Smith, 11- Sally Medford, 17- Alexander Scott, 17- Christopher Scott, 18- Don Harritan, 21- Rick Edwards, 22- Layton McLean, 25- John Hall, 25- Sarah Moody, 26- Judy Hester, 26- Sara Rain Thompson

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 – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's

Sarah Anglin - family of Todd Burney, stroke.

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

Mary Donnan - friend of Butch Row, cancer

Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer

Richard Hobgood – Kathryn Clark's brother, burns

Shelby Hodge

Barry Housend – friend of Steve Smith, cancer

Martha & PW Jessup – family of Kirk Clark, COVID-19

Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon – stroke

Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia

Jerome McPherson

Helen Reid – grandmother of Jonathan Medford, COVID-19

Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues

William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke

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 and in honor of Nick Logan's birthday from Sally Medford.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 18:

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

Monday, April 19:

MVE Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 21:

Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 22:

Scout Roundtable, Scout Room - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 25:

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

SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm

Monday, April 26:

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 28:

Family Night Supper - 5:15 pm?

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 29:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm



Sunday School Lessons Week of Week of Apr 18– Apr 24, 2021

Preschool – 5th grade:

Video: <https://youtu.be/uoxvJJdyzO4>

Handout: <https://fpcwhiteville.org/2021/04/16/sunday-school-lesson-4-18-2021/>

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

Day 121

Reading: Luke 13:18-21

Write: Luke 13:19

Day 122

Reading: Luke 13:22-28

Question: Who will be seen in the kingdom of God? (v. 28)

Day 123

Reading: Luke 13:29-33

Write: Luke 13:30

Day 124

Reading: Luke 13:34-35

Question: What animal did Jesus compare himself to? (v. 34)



Family Night Supper
Wednesday, April 28,
2021
5:00-6:00 pm

Joan Dorsett
 and Debbie Viets
 would like to
 invite you to the April
 "Drive-Thru Family Night Supper"
 on April 28, 2021.

Place your order ASAP.
Menu:
 Ham Potato Salad
 Green Beans Dinner Roll
 & Cookie

Enter church from Wyche Street where greeters will meet you and accept donations. After you receive your food, continue around the church and exit onto Thompson Street.

Please place your order by **Sunday, April 25, 2021**
 Joan Dorsett : 910-840-5468 or Debbie Viets: 910-770-2344

Looking forward to seeing you!

A message from the Chicks with Sticks



The Chicks with Sticks are still proudly helping out the community! The Donayre Cancer Center was recently in need of knitted "Knockers" of all shapes and sizes and fortunately we had these to give!



If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, please contact the church office at 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org

UPDATE RECORDS

Need to update your address, email, or phone number? Please contact the office - 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Pastor Joe will be out of the office beginning Monday, April 19 and return to the office Monday, April 26, 2021