

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

*Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost
July 2, 2017*



Worship Leaders
Kaye Pope and
Peggy Blanchard

Gathering Around the Word
Congregational Meeting Rev. Steuart Link

Psalms were the hymns of the church before the American Revolution. We will use them this Sunday as hymns and prayers.

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Psalm 150: 1-2
Praise Him in His temple, and in the heavens
He made with mighty power. Praise Him for His
mighty works. Praise His unequalled greatness.

*Hymn of Praise “God of the Ages” 33 v. 1,4

Call to Confession
*We all fall short in our Godly responsibilities. In
the quietness of your mind, talk to God about
those shortcomings.*

Prayer of Confession Beth McLendon, 2012
Almighty God, we come to honor you this day.
We come to acknowledge that you are the only
one who can rightly lead and guide our
country.

Lord, we lift up prayer for our country.

We ask that you would bless our country with
your wisdom, your love, and your compassion.
May we be a people who are pursuing you and
your plans for us - individually and corporately.

Lord, we lift up prayer for our leaders.

Lord, we ask for blessings on our leaders.
May these servants who are in positions of
authority take that responsibility seriously and
do their very best each day. May they realize
their need for you and for your direction. May
they hear your voice as they make their
decisions, and may they follow your guidance.
May they have a passion for people, for truth,
and for righteousness.

Lord we lift up prayer for our troops.

Lord, we ask for blessings on our service men and women. We ask protection for all our men and women in uniform both here and around the world. We are grateful for their service and their dedication to keeping our nation safe. We pray that you would keep them safe.

We thank you for our blessings of life and liberty. May our country continually show love and honor to you. May our dedication to you cause us to reach out to all the other nations and people groups with a strong desire for peace and harmony to be displayed whenever possible.

We ask all these things in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Response

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You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You Are the Christ, Giver of Mercy!

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32: 1-2

What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record.

*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

Prayer for Understanding

Psalm 85: 1, 8

Lord, you have poured out amazing blessings on this land...! I am listening carefully to all the Lord is saying- for He speaks peace to his people...

Old Testament Lesson

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

Proverbs 11:11, 28:2, 9

New Testament Lesson

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

1 Timothy 2: 1-2

“Whose Side Are You On?”

Responding to the Word

*An Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”	337 Congregation and Choir
*Doxology		609
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer		35
*Hymn of Commitment	“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”	338
*Charge and Benediction		



The office has been updating our records and trying to make everything as accurate as possible. Please take the time to make sure all phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays, etc. are in the church database. Thank you!



The Worship Committee is signing up pulpit assistants for July and August. We need volunteers from the congregation. You do not have to be an Elder to participate. Please see Peggy Blanchard, Kaye Pope, or Douglas Spivey. **Thank you!**

WELCOME! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God. *Your entire family is welcome*, but we do offer a nursery for children birth to 3 years of age, and a "children's church" program for children 4 years old through 1st grade, located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

Prayer Concerns: Bob & Charlene High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; Anna Jane Collier. **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Arlene Blaha. **Friends:** Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Ed Jackson; Mary Cherry; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Rex Ros; Brenda Walters; Hobert Wicker; David Gore; Daphne McLeod; Gail Moye; Melinda Powell; Jerome McPherson; Nancy Wilson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Barbara Shepherd; Annette Caldwell; Roger Kennedy; Jerry Ford; George Edwards; Eli Clark; Zori Abdus-Salaam, great-granddaughter of Dolores Harris.

- The guest pastor for next Sunday, July 9, 2017, will be Dr. Jerry Bron.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Tuesday: NETworX of Hope, 5:30 pm
 Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
 Thursday: Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am

Sunday, July 2: Congregational Meeting, 10:00 am
 Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting and Session Meeting Cancelled
 Saturday July 8: Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org
OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday fpcwhiteville.org

Nursery Team: 7/2: Janet Royal 7/9: Mandy Horne
 Sound Team: 7/2: Jim Brooks 7/9: Josh Horne
 Head Usher: July: Mandy Horne

SESSION

Class of 2017
 Greg Blackmon
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 Ethan Scott

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 Sally Medford
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Class of 2019
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