

# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Seventh Sunday after  
Pentecost*  
July 23, 2017



Jesus heals a sick woman

Guest Minister  
Rev. Walter Dinkins

Worship Assistant  
Judy Nelson

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome, Announcements

\*Call to Worship

*The good Lord is not slack concerning His promises.*

The power to become an effective witness for Jesus Christ, comes from the Holy Spirit.

*Come Holy Spirit and refresh our tired souls anew.*

We are ready to share the good news with all. Let us worship the Lord our God, with heart, and soul and voice. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 438

Call to Confession

*Let us confess first in self-searching silence.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God's blessing is not won by merely going to church service - that blessing comes automatically to us, whatever our work, if we work honestly and patiently. God's grace is freely given, yet we are called to confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior before strangers. Lord, help us to be a better witness of your mission and message. We stumble and stare, and wonder if you are here or there. Speak to us Lord this Lord's day, and let us feel your Holy Spirit. This we confess... we are not worthy, yet you call us worthy sons and daughters, a community of believers. Lord speak to us through words and prayers and praises this day. Amen.

Choral Response

You are the Lord, giver of Mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of Mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of Mercy!

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Assurance of Pardon

*Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and a new life has begun.*

**We believe in the gospel of our Lord and Savior, in Jesus Christ- we are forgiven. 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.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

**The peace of Christ be with you, and also with you!**

### *Proclaiming the Word*

Prayers for the People

Time with the Children

\*Hymn

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

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Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson

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

Leviticus 15:19-20

New Testament Lesson

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

Matthew 9:18-22

Sermon

**“To Touch His Garment”**

Rev. Walter Dinkins

### *Responding to the Word*

\*An Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Handchimes  
Jack Hooks, Anne Branch, Janet Royal, Judy Nelson, Jenny Meekins, Peggy Blanchard  
Directed by Annette Powell

\*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

\*Closing Hymn "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" 192  
*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service

"Pick" an apple from the tree in the Narthex. If you want to donate supplies, choose a **red apple** which lists various items needed. Supplies can be dropped off in the church office by Sunday, **August 6th**.

To help organize supplies on **August 11th**, or working the event on **August 12th**, please choose a **green apple**. If you are volunteering your time, please write your name and when you will help on the sheet on the podium next to the tree.

To donate money, please make your check out to FPC with "School Supply Giveaway" in the memo line.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your support!

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



**UPDATE RECORDS**

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!

**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 located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

**Prayer Concerns:** Bob High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker; John Hall. **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Anna Jane Collier; 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; Eli Clark; Zori Abdus-Salaam, great-granddaughter of Dolores Harris.

- The guest minister for next Sunday, July 30, 2017, will be Bob Hankins.

### CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

*Thank you to the Handchime players for the Offertory music today!*

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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**OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday**

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Nursery Team: 6/23: Ben & Sydney Kilpatrick  
Sound Team: 6/23: Jonathan Medford  
Worship Assistant: 6/23: Judy Nelson  
Head Usher: July: Mandy Horne

6/30: Ethan Scott  
6/30: Natalie Royal  
6/30: Gail Crutchfield  
August: Sara Cartrette

### SESSION

Class of 2017  
Greg Blackmon  
Peggy Blanchard  
Joan Dorsett  
Coke Gray II  
Ethan Scott

Class of 2018  
Mandy Horne  
Ben Kilpatrick  
Sally Medford  
Fuller Royal  
Debbie Viets

Class of 2019  
Sara Cartrette  
Coke Gray III  
Kaye Pope  
Douglas Spivey

If you have pictures of FPC events, please submit to [karen@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org) so they can be featured in the newsletter!

### Minister Bio:

**Rev. Walter Dinkins** has two daughters- one in high school and one in university; and a son in the 7th grade. He has been married for over twenty years to Marilyn Lazara.