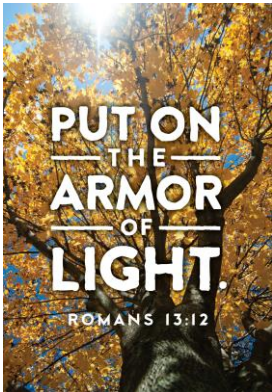


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

*Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost*
July 30, 2017



Guest Minister
Bob Hankins

Worship Assistant
Gail Crutchfield

Gathering Around the Word

Before the service begins, quietly consider the printed prayers and Scriptures. During worship, let them help open you to God.

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

*Call to Worship

Great is the Lord - **exalted among the nations.**
Mighty is the Lord - **King of heaven and earth.**
Holy is the Lord - **beyond our understanding.**
Let us worship our God and King!

*Hymn of Praise

267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession

Come away from all evil that holds you in its grasp. Awaken to God’s word that convicts and challenges. Lay aside the burdens of your mistakes and failures.

Let us seek the cleansing power God’s own messenger provides to those who pray for pardon and deliverance.

Let us begin our confession in self-searching silence.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you create us for relationship. And yet we are isolated from one another and separated from you. We confess that our self-sufficiency leads to loneliness, and our self-improvement leads to exhaustion. Anoint us with the power of your Holy Spirit; connect us to the One body, the church, and to the Lord of the church, Jesus Christ, who comes to set the captives free and who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father . . . Amen.

Song of Assurance

839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is the gift of God, not the result of works, lest anyone should boast.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and through his gracious life, death, and resurrection, 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

Time with the Children

(Bob Hankins?)

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-13

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18 - selected verses

**The Gospel of our Lord;
Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Look! They’re Moving”

Bob Hankins

Responding to the Word

*An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the gathered community of faith. Through it, we learn to love and to value life. In it, we find acceptance.

We believe in the wholeness of life. We are not intended to be split and divided as persons. We are created and set in a fractured world, so that we can bring it to wholeness as well.

We believe in one God expressed in three ways: Father, Son, and Spirit. When we worship one, we acknowledge all. When we are troubled, God responds according to our needs.

We believe in the flow of life, from birth through death into everlasting life. We cannot capture the wonder of life before God with explanations. We only know God is with us. Thanks be to God!

Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" 203
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

*Hymn of Commitment "Jesus Calls Us" 720

*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service



Photo Information - Worth Hall

Date: Friday, Aug 18 Time: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Date: Saturday, Aug 19 Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Please be on time. The full photo session, from taking of photos to choosing your photo for the Church Directory will take about 60 mins.

The background will be blue and Life Touch says that solid colors show up better than patterns. (But this is up to you)

I will be in Worth Hall after Church each Sunday for the next few Sundays to help you find a time that suits you and your families.

You can also call my cell 910-770-2344. - Debbie Viets

This will be a wonderful time for all of us.

"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 work 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!*



Bob Hankins, the son of a United Methodist Pastor, spent his early years in southwest Virginia and east Tennessee. He lives on West College Street with Carolyn, his wife of 54 years.

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 Moyer; 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; Virginia Tanner.

- The guest minister for next Sunday, August 6, 2017, will be Walter Dinkins.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Tuesday: NETworX of Hope, 5:30 pm
Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Thursday: Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am
Monday, August 7: Nuts & Bolts Meeting, 6:30 pm

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:	7/30: Ethan Scott	8/6: Kaye Pope
Sound Team:	7/30: Natalie Royal	8/6: Jim Brooks
Worship Assistant:	7/30: Gail Crutchfield	8/6: Susan Smith
Head Usher:	July: Mandy Horne	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 so they can be featured in the newsletter!