

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina
"To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ's love and
compassion..."

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

The Humphreys

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O magnify the Lord with me!
And let us exalt His name together.
O magnify the Lord with me!
For He has done great things.
O magnify the Lord with me!
Holy is His name.
O magnify the Lord with me!
We are here to worship the Lord!
Let us praise our Lord in worship today.

*Hymn of Praise

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Choir

Congregational Response

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us
adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord!

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, gracious God, for our desire to buy
Christmas during these December days. We
create our own darkness by our insistence
that this is the busiest time of year. Grant us
the desire to hold still, wait, watch the skies
and listen for your voice inviting us to follow
it to a stable. Quiet us, clear our hearts and
simplify our preparation so that it is focused
on you. Forgive and teach us the way of
repentance. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

As we desire repentance, as we work to change,
we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

*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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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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.

*Passing of the Peace

Proclaiming the Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Faces at the Manger... Mary”

Responding to the Word

Call for the Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”

Purifoy

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

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*Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response **“Christmas Isn’t Christmas”** *Choir and Congregation*
 Christmas isn’t Christmas ‘til it happens in your heart,
 Somewhere deep inside you is where Christmas really starts;
 So, give your heart to Jesus, you’ll discover when you do
 That it’s Christmas, really Christmas for you.

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Sermon: “Faces at the Manger... The Inn Keeper”



Sunday, December 2

Arrive at 4:30, trailer leaves at 5:00
 Hot Dog Dinner after. **Join Us!**

ADVENT  SERVICE

Grace Episcopal Church
 Wednesday, December 5

12:00 PM

Pastor Joe, Preacher



Advent | Wednesday, December 5 | 6:30

Moravian Love Feast

Sunday,

December 9, 2018

7:00 pm



Southeastern
 Oratorio Society
Monday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.
 Handel's "Messiah"



Have you checked
 the Lost and
 Found lately?

Check today!

(In the hall just outside of the church office)

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: Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Sally Smith; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston.

Assisted Care: Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston.

Friends: Pat Allen; Sara and Rob Armstrong; Annette Caldwell; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Betty Faircloth; Rick Hedgecock; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; **Fred Meekins, Sr.**; Daphne McLeod; Jerome McPherson; Gail Moye; Angie Pinkston; Hollis Salyer; Barbara Shepherd; Ken Smith; Tori Tarro; Ronnie Thayer; Gail Townsend; Melba Ward.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

- *Sympathy extended to the family of Mack Thompson following his death on Saturday, November 17, 2018*
- *Sympathy is extended to Carrie Burney and her family upon the death of her brother, Scott Short, who died Friday, November 30, 2018.*

Nursery Team:	December 2: Joan Dorsett	December 9: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick
Sound Team:	December 2: Justin Smith	December 9: Donald Hester
Backpack Ministry:	December 2: Men of the Church	December 9: Young Adult Sunday School
Head Usher:	December: Sara Cartrette	

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 2:	Caroling and Hot Dogs, Fellowship Hall - 4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, December 3:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Nuts and Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 4:	Morning Circle, Conference Room - 11:00 am Evening Circle, J. Lee - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 5:	Advent Service, Grace Episcopal Church - 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 6:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 9:	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm

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