

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

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

"Faces at the Manger..."

*The Shepherds* "



*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2018

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

*Pre-service Music*

*The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

A Moment of Reflection/Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is with us!

**Immanuel is born!**

Born to save us from ourselves!

**Born to bring God closer to us!**

Alleluia! Christ is with us!

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn

**“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

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## *Proclaiming the Word*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*The Kindschuh Family*

\*Congregational Response

**O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;**

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

*Susan Smith*

\*Hymn

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

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Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-14

*Martin Scott*

\*Hymn

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

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Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Faces at the Manger... the Shepherds”

## *Responding to the Word*

Passing of the Christmas Light

\*Hymn

“Silent Night”

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Joy to the World”

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\*Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service to the World

On behalf of the Session, and members, of First Presbyterian Church, I would like to welcome each one of you to our Christmas Eve Service. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, a sincere invitation is extended to you to join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and worship, as well as any other activities of the church which may interest you. We offer Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Following Sunday School, we gather in the sanctuary for worship at 11:00 a.m. We invite you to visit our web page at [www.fpcwhiteville.org](http://www.fpcwhiteville.org) in order to learn more about who we are as a community of believers and the ministry God has called us to undertake in Whiteville, Columbus County, and throughout the world. Please know that we live stream our services on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Roku, as well as Spectrum cable channel 1304. We take seriously our vision of seeking “To be a light in our community reflecting Christ’s love and compassion...” and would love for you to join us for this journey of faith and ministry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 642-2253.

In the spirit of this most Holy night we wish you a truly blessed Christmas!

In the Love of Christ,

**Pastor Joe**

(Email: [pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org))

## Silent Night

### **Verse 1**

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

### **Verse 2**

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake, at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born;  
Christ the Savior is born!

### **Interlude**

### **Verse 3**

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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## Joy To The World

### **Verse 1**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

### **Verse 2**

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### **Verse 3**

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

### **Verse 4**

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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