

# First Presbyterian Church

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

*Second Sunday of  
Advent*  
December 9, 2018



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Prelude

*The Humphreys*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The stable awaits the newborn.

**We gather in anticipation.**

The holy family finds its way to a safe place.

**We watch in awe.**

The birth is near.

**We hold our praise and thanksgiving, waiting  
for this great day!**

\*Hymn of Praise

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**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** vs. 1-4

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Sidney and Debra Gibson*

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

**In us there is great darkness, pleading for  
light. Yet, O God, we avoid the light that you  
offer us. We light Advent candles, we sing  
favorite hymns of faith, and we attempt to  
feel joyful in the midst of a beautiful  
season. And we still avoid the light that you  
offer because that would require too much of  
us. It is easier to open presents than to  
repent and live life as the Christ child would  
call us to do. Forgive us. Change us, we pray.  
Amen.**

\*Song of Assurance

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**"While We Are Waiting, Come"**

\*Words of Assurance

**God grants courage to those who ask to be  
closer to the light.**

**God forgives us as we sincerely desire to walk**

through the darkness of our sin and into the light of God's grace.

\*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 35

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 2:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Faces at the Manger...the Inn Keeper"

### *Responding to the Word*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Offering

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*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

\*Hymn of Commitment

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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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 2:8-14

Sermon: “Faces at the Manger...the Angels”

*Reminder:  
2018 Pledges*



*Must be finalized by  
December 31, 2018*

All money given after this date  
will be applied towards 2019 totals.

Please contact the church office at 642-2253 if you have any questions or concerns.

*Tonight!*  
*Moravian Love Feast*  
Sunday,  
December 9, 2018  
7:00 pm

*A Service of Lights*

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:00 pm  
St. Mark’s AME Zion Church

*Community Advent Service*

Wednesday, December 12 and  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
12:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church



Southeastern  
Oratorio Society  
Monday, Dec. 17,  
at 7:30 p.m.

Handel’s “Messiah”

**LOST &  
FOUND**

Have you  
checked the  
Lost and  
Found lately?

Check today!

(In the hall just outside of the church office)

**ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE  
DONATED AT THE END OF THE YEAR!**

**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; **Marvin Burney**; 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 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 9: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick	December 16: Ethan Scott
Sound Team:	December 9: Donald Hester	December 16: Josh Horne
Backpack Ministry:	December 9: Young Adult Sunday School	December 16: Youth
Head Usher:	December: Sara Cartrette	

**CHURCH CALENDAR:**

Sunday, December 9:	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 6:00 pm <b>Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm</b>
Monday, December 10:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 11:	<b>A Service of Lights, St. Mark AME Zion Church - 6:00 pm</b> Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 12:	<b>Community Advent Service, Grace Episcopal Church - 12:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 13:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 16:	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Monday, December 17:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm SDO Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm Oratorio Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

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