

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of December, 2018

Whiteville, NC

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



**Sunday Worship:** As we continue our Advent journey, I again invite you to take a look into the manger. Our Advent sermon series, “Faces at the Manger” seeks to invite you to virtually enter the manger scene and take a look around at the different faces of the people present so we may listen to their stories...that they may help us in our journeys of faith. More than beautiful decorations during this season, manger scenes also offer us an invitation to enter the story of God’s love for us that we see played out in the birth of his son, Jesus Christ.

For the third week of Advent we will be exploring Luke 2:8-14, and the sermon title is “Faces at the Manger...the Angels”. This beautiful scene in the story of Jesus’ birth offers us comfort in the midst of an anxious time. I hope to see you Sunday and don’t forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

**Sermon Note Sheets:** Please remember that if you would like to take notes on the sermon, we make available “Sermon Note” sheets. These can be found in the fellowship pads as well as the Narthex.

**First Presbyterian Church Introduction Cards:** Please be sure to pick up our new cards about First Presbyterian Church. On one side you will find information as to the times of our regular programs. On the other are all of the ways to follow us on Social Media and live stream. This is a great resource intended to be handed to people you meet or want to invite to join us for worship. These cards can be found in the narthex and in the church office.

*-Pastor Joe*

## December 2018 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, December: Sara Cartrette

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 2:8-14 “Faces at the Manger...the Angels”

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 2:1-12 “Faces at the Manger...the Magi”

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Luke 2:8-20 “Faces at the Manger...the Shepherds”

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

December 16: A/V: Josh Horne

Nursery: Ethan Scott

December 23: A/V: Jonathan Medford

Nursery: Kaye Pope

December 30: A/V: Fuller Royal

Nursery: Sarah and Coke Gray

### Backpack Ministry

1st Sunday: Men of the Church

2nd Sunday: Young Adult Sunday School

3rd Sunday: Youth

4th Sunday: MVE Committee

5th Sunday (as needed): Scouts or Young Adult Sunday School

**VOLUNTEERS**



For information on Online Giving through the Presbyterian Foundation, go to <https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!

## BIRTHDAYS



4- Will Thompson, 5 - Price Wheatley, 10 - Mary Eplee, 10- Tom Owens, 11 - Carrie Burney, 11 - Chris Cook, 12 - Junius Lee, 13 - Melena Hester, 16 - Mary Moody, 16 - Chris Smith, 18 - Kathryn Clark, 18 - Maggie Horne, 18 - Sally Smith, 19 - Sarah Kindschuh, 19 - David Smith, 20 - Fran Thomas, 21 - Madison McLean, 22 - Meredith McColskey, 24 - Bob High, 27 - Debbie Viets, 28 - Natalie Royal



1- Jeff Rudnik, 2- Jayne Smith, 2- Jennifer Yoder, 3- Randy Yoder, 5- Jackson Cook, 6 Grace Palmer, 11- Janna Neisler, 12 - Mary Louise Bannerman, 14 - Greg Williamson, 15 - Hillary Kindschuh, 15- Berry Love, 16- Wes Gray, 17- Olivia Smith, 17- Tripp Thompson, 18- Emily Hooks, 20- Karen Ware-Rudnik, 21- Paul Pope, 21- Mckenna Ware-Rudnik, 22- Geraldine Becker, 24- Abbie Edwards, 27- Jenny Meekins, 28- Jolie Burney

**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 - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Sara and Rob Armstrong  
Annette Caldwell  
Billie Joe Conrad  
Shari Dutton - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
Betty Faircloth - friend of Janet Gray  
Rick Hedgecock - former member of FPC, cancer  
Shelby Hodge  
Barry Housend - friend of Steve Smith, cancer  
Daphne McLeod - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Jerome McPherson  
Fred Meekins, Sr. - father of Fred Meekins, hospice  
Gail Moyer  
Angie Pinkston - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon  
Hollis Salyer - friend of the church, cancer  
Barbara Shepherd  
Ken Smith - friend of Butch Row, cancer  
Arthur Sweum - brother of Miriam Marks

Tori Tarro - friend of Mandy Smith, cancer  
Ronnie Thayer - friend of David Trogdon, cancer  
Gail Townsend  
Melba Ward - mother of Janet Royal, stroke  
**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

We invite you to join us for these special activities during the season of Advent

December 17 at 7:30 pm  
Southeastern Oratorio Society  
Christmas Concert

December 24 at 5:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

2018 Advent Season  
First Presbyterian Church

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 16: Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm  
 Monday, December 17: Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm  
 Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm  
 Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm  
 Southeastern Oratorio Society Concert, Sanctuary - 7:30 pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday, December 18: MVE Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm  
 Cub Scouts Pack Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm  
 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm  
 Wednesday, December 19: Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am  
 Thursday, December 20: Scouts Roundtable Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Friday, December 21: **Office Closed**  
 Sunday, December 23: Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm  
 Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve - Office Open!  
**Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary - 5:00 pm**  
 Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday, December 25: **Christmas Day - Office Closed**

 <p>Southeastern Oratorio Society  <b>Monday, Dec. 17,</b>  <b>at 7:30 p.m.</b>          Handel's "Messiah"</p>	<p><b>Community Advent Service</b>          Wednesday, December 19, 2018          12:00 pm          Grace Episcopal Church</p>
 <p><b>A Message from The Session:</b>          If you would like to give a gift to our staff members, Pastor Joe, Doug Spivey, or Karen Ware, you may give a gift directly or write a check to "First Presbyterian Church" with "staff gifts" in the memo; all monies collected by <b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b> will be split evenly between them.</p>	<p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, December 21</li> <li>• Tuesday, December 25 –</li> <li>• Wednesday, December 26</li> </ul> <p><i>Have a safe and Merry Christmas!</i></p>
 <p>Have you checked the Lost and Found lately?          Check today!          (In the hall just outside of the church office)</p> <p><b>ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED AT THE END OF THE YEAR!</b></p>	<p><b>Reminder: 2018 Pledges</b></p>  <p><b>Must be finalized by December 31, 2018</b>          All money given after this date will be applied towards 2019 totals.  <small>Please contact the church office at 642.2253 if you have any questions or concerns.</small></p>

