

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Second Week of December, 2018

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: This week we will continue our Advent journey... into a manger scene. Our Advent sermon series, “Faces at the Manger” invites us to virtually enter the manger scene to take a look around at all the different faces and people... 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 second week of Advent we will be exploring Luke 2:1-7, and the sermon title is “Faces at the Manger...the Inn Keeper”. Yeah, this may be a bit of an odd focus for a sermon... particularly since there is really no mention of him in the scriptures... but we will take what we do know from scripture and the customs of the time to explore this rather pivotal character. 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.

Wednesday’s Together Bible Study: Next Wednesday evening we begin our study of Advent. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for an exploration of Advent. Wednesdays Together: Adult Bible Study is open to anyone and everyone...member or friend of the church...long time student of the Bible or new. I hope you will plan to join us, but I also hope you will encourage/invite others to join you as well.

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 9 – Second Sunday of Advent
Luke 2:1-7 “Faces at the Manger...the Inn Keeper”
Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

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 9: A/V: Donald Hester

December 16: A/V: Josh Horne

December 23: A/V: Jonathan Medford

December 30: A/V: Fuller Royal

Nursery: Ben and Sydney Kilpatrick

Nursery: Ethan Scott

Nursery: Kaye Pope

Nursery: Sarah and Coke Gray

VOLUNTEERS

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



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!

- Sympathy is extended to Carrie Burney and her family upon the death of her brother, Scott Short, who died Friday, November 30, 2018.

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

Marvin Burney - T. Burney's uncle, S. Dorsett's classmate

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 Moye

Angie Pinkston - friend of Bookie and David Trogdon

Hollis Salyer - friend of the church, cancer

Barbara Shepherd

Ken Smith - friend of Butch Row, cancer

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.



A Message from The Session:

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 **December 24th** will be split evenly between them.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9: Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
Moravian Love Feast, Sanctuary - 7:00 pm

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: **A Service of Lights, St. Mark AME Zion Church - 6:00 pm**
 Session Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12: **Community 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
 Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 13: Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
 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 Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 7:30 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 16: MVE Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:30 pm

Monday, December 17: **Cub Scouts Pack Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm**
 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
Wednesdays Together: Advent, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
 Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am
 Scouts Roundtable Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 18: **Office Closed**

Wednesday, December 19: Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary - 5:30 pm
 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

Thursday, December 20: **Christmas Day - Office Closed**

Friday, December 21:

Sunday, December 23:

Monday, December 24:

Tuesday, December 25:

*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.

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)

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



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

December 9 at 7:00 pm
Moravian Love Feast (in Sanctuary)

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

December 24 at 5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dedications and memorials
for Christmas flowers and greenery
may be made through Wednesday,
December 13th. Each dedication is \$5.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church,
"Christmas Dedications" in the memo line.

A SERVICE OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 - 6:00 PM



A Service for those for whom the holiday season is a time of sadness as well as celebration.

All are welcome to join us at

**St. Mark AME Zion Church, 114 W Virgil Street,
Whiteville NC**

Service coordinated by Columbus County FAITH Collaborative
Contact Carol Caldwell (910-840-2540) or Carolyn Hankins (910-207-2241) for
information