

# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
May 2, 2021



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Let everything that has being praise the  
name of the Lord!

**Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all  
cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.**  
Young men and women alike, old and young  
together shall praise the name of the Lord.

**We shall praise your name, O God, for  
your glory is above earth and heaven.**  
Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

**“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

A Litany of Affirmation

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of  
God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows  
God.

**If we love one another, God abides in us.**

In this the love of God was made manifest among  
us, that God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

**If we love one another, God abides in us.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God  
loved us and sent Jesus to be the expiation for  
our sins.

**If we love one another, God abides in us.**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love  
one another.

**If we love one another, God abides in us and  
God’s love is perfected in us.**

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.**

## *Proclaiming the Word*

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lessons

John 20:19-23

*<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Peace in the Midst of Fear"

## *Responding to the Word*

Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Hymn

**"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**

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

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Luke 24:44-48

Sermon: "Instructed and Sent"

**WELCOME!** We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God.

**Prayer Concerns:** Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Walter Strickland.

**Assisted Care:** Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

**Friends:** Pat Allen; Sarah Anglin; Michael Brown; Anne Burney; Ronnel Burney; Hugo & Paula Caesares; Matthew Coker; Billie Joe Conrad; Mary Donnan; Betty Engen Faircloth; Richard Hobgood; Shelby Hodge; Barry Housend; Martha & PW Jessup; Roger Kennedy; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Helen Reid; Shiryl Smith; William Smith; Nancy Washburn; Michael Ann Williamson.

**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

Sound Team:	May 2: Will Scott	May 9: Justin Smith
Flowers:	May 2: Jean Lee	May 9: Diane Scott
Head Usher:	May: Ben Kilpatrick	

- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Henry Reeves from Junius and Jean Lee*

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2:	<b>In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am</b> <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, May 3:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 5:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 6:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am
Saturday, May 8:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, May 9:	Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall <b>In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am</b> <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, May 10:	Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:00 pm Nuts and Bolts Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 12:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 13:	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: Cell: 910-625-8023

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30-2:30- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

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**UPDATE RECORDS**

*Need to update your address, email, or phone number? Please contact the office - 910-642-2253 or [karen@fpcwhiteville.org](mailto:karen@fpcwhiteville.org)*