

# First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,  
North Carolina

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

*Seventh Sunday of  
Easter*  
May 16, 2021



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.  
Washburn

## *Gathering Around the Word*

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

God be gracious to us and bless us and make  
your face to shine upon us.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the  
peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase; may God  
continue to bless us.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the  
peoples praise you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

**“Lead On, O King Eternal!”**

Litany of Affirmation

In the Spirit I saw the holy city Jerusalem  
coming down out of heaven from God.

**Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let  
them be afraid.**

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is God  
the Almighty and the Lamb.

**Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let  
them be afraid.**

By its light shall the nations walk; and its gates  
shall never be shut by day--and there shall be no  
night there.

**Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let  
them be afraid.**

And the rulers of the earth shall bring into it the  
glory and the honor of the nations.

**Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let  
them be afraid.**

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

Acts 1:6-11

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"After the Ascension"

## *Responding to the Word*

Hymn of Response

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

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.

Hymn of Commitment

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Oh, What a Day!"



## Mona Watts Kahl Scholarship First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, NC

Academic scholarships were established in 2018 by former member, Mona Watts Kahl, for our members. For the 2021-2022 academic year there will be three awards, each for \$2,000.00.

Last year's scholarship winners were Mandy Horne and Claire Smith.

High school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students planning to or majoring in K-12 education, a medically related field, the ministry, or Christian Education are eligible. Reminder: Those who have had a scholarship in previous years may apply again; he or she would be considered a new applicant and could get a scholarship multiple years.

The guidelines and an application can be found on our website:

<https://fpcwhiteville.org/scholarship-information/>

The firm deadline is Monday, June 7, 2021, including receipt of transcripts.

### Questions?

Contact Gifts & Memorials Committee Chair: Paul Pope

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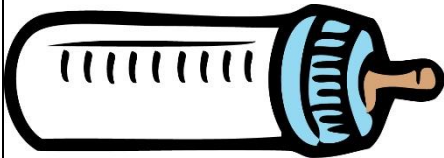
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Be sure to get your baby bottle, found in the Narthex, after church today for the **Blessings in a Bottle Project** benefitting Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services. Living Hope is a life-affirming Christian ministry which helps woman and children right here in Columbus County. Please fill your bottle with cash, a check, or change. Only checks (made out to Living Hope) will be receipted for tax purposes.

