

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of May, 2021

Whiteville, NC

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



Sunday Worship: Well, we are still exploring some of the major events and encounters of the disciples and believers following Jesus’ resurrection. This week we finally move to an event that takes place well after the day of resurrection...we will focus this week on the ascension of Jesus and specifically what that means for us, his people. As we prepare to worship this Sunday, I invite you to read over our text from the book of Acts, and to spend some time praying over the text as well.

Worship information:

- Scripture: Acts 1:6-11
- Sermon: “After the Ascension
- Hymns:
 - “Lead On, O King Eternal!”
 - “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”
 - “I Love to Tell the Story”

Two Ways to Worship with Us! Don’t forget that there are two ways you can join us in worship on Sunday morning.

1. First is our live stream of the 11:00 service. We livestream on four platforms: Facebook (www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville); YouTube (First Presbyterian church—Whiteville); Twitter (@FPCWhiteville); Roku (First Presbyterian Church—Whiteville). We are also (usually) on Spectrum Channel 1304.
2. 11:00 In-person worship. Please remember that masks are required throughout the whole service.

Giving: There are three ways you can use to keep current with your church giving. If you attend in-person worship, there are collection plates at each entrance/exit. Online giving is an option, simply go to our web page (www.fpcwhiteville.org) and follow the link to on-line giving. Or you can mail/drop off a check to the church office.

In Christ,
Pastor Joe

Volunteers:	A/V:	5/16: Justin Smith	5/23: Donald Hester	5/30: _____
	Flowers:	5/16: Sara and John Thompson	5/23: Steve & Joan Dorsett	5/30: Will Scott

May, 2021 Worship Schedule

Head Usher for May: Ben Kilpatrick

May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11 | Sermon: “After the Ascension”

May 23: Day of Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 | Sermon: “Oh, What a Day!”

May 30: Trinity Sunday

11:00 am In-Person Worship

(no Sunday School or nursery available)



1- Sarah Boley, 1- Sandra Love, 3- Olivia Stocks, 4- Fuller Royal, 5- Maggie Williamson, 5- Mary Gregg Williamson, 10- Amber Dinkins, 10- Matthew Smith, 11- Sally Medford, 17- Alexander Scott, 17- Christopher Scott, 18- Don Harritan, 21- Rick Edwards, 22- Layton McLean, 25- John Hall, 25- Sarah Moody, 26- Judy Hester, 26- Sara Rain Thompson



1- Paula Smith, 3- Ed Grigsby, 5- John Lawson Cook, 5- Susan Smith, 7- Ann Hall, 7- Helen Holden, 8- Riley Medford, 9- Scott Smith, 10- Campbell Thompson, 14- Steve Dorsett, 15- Sealey Scott, 20- Tanner Hester, 21- Danny McNeill, 22- Kelly Prince, 24- Coke Gray II, 24- Cherye Moody, 24- Will Scott, 25- Rita Lewis, 27- Caroline Smith, 29- J.B. Elkins, 29- Pete Kindschuh, 29- Butch Row, 30- Mary Wheatley

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

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

Friends:

Pat Allen – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer’s
 Sarah Anglin - family of Todd Burney, stroke.
 Richard Blake –friend of David Trogdon, back & spine surgery
 Anne Burney – Todd Burney’s mother
 Ronnel Burney - Todd Burney’s father
 Hugo & Paula Caesares–friends of the Trogdons, mission trip
 Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant
 Billie Joe Conrad
 Mary Donnan - friend of Butch Row, cancer
 Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer
 Richard Hobgood – Kathryn Clark’s brother, burns
 Shelby Hodge

Rhonda Housend – friend of Steve Smith, health issues
 Martha & PW Jessup – family of Kirk Clark, COVID-19
 Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon – stroke
 Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia
 Jerome McPherson
 Helen Reid – grandmother of Jonathan Medford, COVID-19
 Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues
 William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke
 Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe
 Michael Ann Williamson – friend of Emily Owens
Please notify the office when names can be removed.

- The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Mack Thompson from Sara and John Thompson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 16:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, May 17:	Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall - 12:15 pm MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 5:30 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, May 19:	Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 20:	Chicks with Sticks, Fellowship Hall - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, May 23:	In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am <i>(masks must be worn throughout worship)</i>
Monday, May 24:	SDO Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26:	Family Night Supper Prayer Service, Zoom - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 27:	Chicks with Sticks, Fellowship Hall - 11:00 am Scouts Roundtable, Scout Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Angela Washburn: joeandangelawashburn@gmail.com

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Karen: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku



Sunday School Lessons Week of Week of May 16 – May 22, 2021

Preschool – 5th grade:

Video: <https://youtu.be/nzSchtzGuvI>

Handout: <https://fpcwhiteville.org/2021/05/13/sunday-school-lesson-may-16-2021/>

Middle & High Class (6th -12th Grades):

Day 137

Reading: Luke 15:28-32

Question: Why was the older brother angry?

Day 138

Reading: Luke 16:1-8

Write: Luke 16:2

Day 139

Reading: Luke 16:9-13

Write: Luke 16:13

Day 140

Reading: Luke 16:14-18

Question: What will last longer than the heavens and the earth? (v. 17)

Extra Question

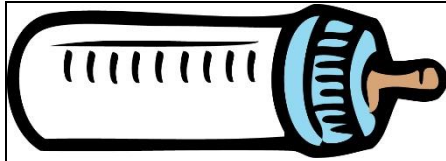
What does God see in your heart? (Luke 16:15)



If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, please contact the church office at 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org



Need to update your address, email, or phone number? Please contact the office - 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org



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.



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?

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