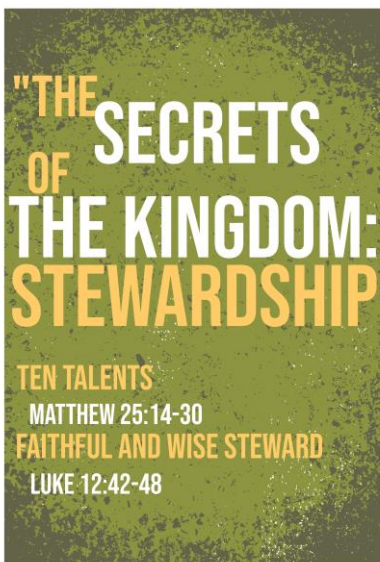


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

*Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost
July 25, 2021*



Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

“Treasures in Heaven”
Quartet

Pote

Announcements

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God’s Spirit to be what we ought to be.

We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our striving. Praise be to God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by our neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of the Christ who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:42-48

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“The Secrets of the Kingdom: Stewardship”

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

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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.

*Hymn of Commitment

“Take My Life”

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Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Rev. Dr. Jay Coker will be preaching next Sunday while Pastor Joe is on vacation.

**Please stand if you are able*

WELCOME! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God. *Your entire family is welcome*, but we do offer a nursery for children birth to 3 years of age located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Bob High; R. L. Lewis; Butch Row; Walter Strickland.

Assisted Care: Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

Friends: Pat Allen; Sarah Anglin; Richard Blake; Jack Branch; Hugo & Paula Caesares; Matthew Coker; Billie Joe Conrad; Family of Betty Faircloth; Richard Hobgood; Shelby Hodge; Rhonda Housend; Martha & PW Jessup; Family of Roger Kennedy; C. P. Lewis; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Helen Reid; Thetus Sessions; Shiryl Smith; William Smith; Melba Ward; Nancy Washburn.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team:	July 25: Caroline Smith	August 1: Caroline Smith
Flowers:	July 25: Greg & Suzanne Blackmon	August 1: _____
Nursery:	July 25: Kaye Pope	August 1: _____
Head Usher:	July: Joan Dorsett	August: Gail Crutchfield

- *Congratulations to Greg and Suzanne Blackmon on the birth of their grandson on July 11.*
- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Keplar Strickland Blackmon from Greg and Suzanne Blackmon.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 25:	Worship Service - 11:00 am Centsability Offering Vacation Bible School, Camp Out - 2:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:00 pm
Monday, July 26:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 28:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together Bible Study, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 29:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 31:	Forty Day Prayer Challenge begins
Sunday, August 1:	Worship Service - 11:00 am
Monday, August 2:	Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, August 4:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 6:	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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Pastor Joe will be out of the church office beginning Friday, July 30, 2021 and will return Monday, August 9, 2021.

Karen will be out of the church office beginning Monday, August 9, 2021 and will return Monday, August 16, 2021.

First Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School



Sunday, July 25, 2021
2:00 pm–6:00 pm



Beginning
Saturday, July 31, 2021



Bible Study begins weekly on
Wednesdays
July 28, 2021 | 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

**No meeting on August 4th and 25th.*



Centsability Offering collected today!