

First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

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

*Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost*
July 4, 2021

“THE
OF SECRETS
THE KINGDOM:
ARE BLESSED
THE MERCIFUL”

UNFORGIVING SERVANT
MATTHEW 18:23-35
CREDITOR AND DEBTORS
LUKE 7:36-50
BARREN FIG TREE
LUKE 13:6-9

Rev. Dr. Joseph D.
Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will
remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work, and muse on
your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as
our God?

**You are the God who works wonders; you have
displayed your might among the peoples.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

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“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of freedom, set at liberty we who are
captive, and grant us absolution as we confess
our sin. Prisoners of self-interest, we disregard
neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others’
expense. When slander is rampant, we seldom
stop it. When rumors are rife, we seek not the
source. Help us to check our destructive ways,
lest we consume one another, and cause us to
use our freedom in more loving ways. We lift
this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control. There is no law
against such things.” We who “belong to Christ
Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions
and desires.”

**Therefore, let us live in love and bear one
another’s burdens, in the assurance that we
are forgiven and made alive in the Spirit.**

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 18:23-35

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:36-50

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“The Secrets of the Kingdom: Blessed are the Merciful”

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“Change My Heart, O God” (2x)

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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.

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: 15:11-32, Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: “Secrets of the Kingdom: Humility”

**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; Judy Hester; Bob High; Rita & 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; Mary Donnan; Betty Engen Faircloth; Richard Hobgood; Shelby Hodge; Rhonda Housend; Martha & PW Jessup; The Family of Roger Kennedy; C. P. Lewis; Julie Malone; Jerome McPherson; Helen Reid; Thetus Sessions; Sheryl Smith; William Smith; **Melba Ward**; Nancy Washburn.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

Sound Team:	July 4: Jonathan Medford	July 11: Justin Smith
Flowers:	July 4: Thurston Pope	July 11: _____
Nursery:	July 4: Mandy Horne	July 11: Steve and Joan Dorsett
Head Usher:	July: Joan Dorsett	

- The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of the tireless service of Paul and Kaye Pope and Kaye Pope's birthday by Thurston Pope.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 4:	Worship Service - 11:00 am
Monday, July 5:	Church Office Closed - Independence Day Observed
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 7:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 8:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 10:	Southeastern NC Genealogical Society, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, July 11:	Worship Service - 11:00 am
Monday, July 12:	Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 14:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 15:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 11:00 am
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Friday, July 16:	Church Office Closed

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

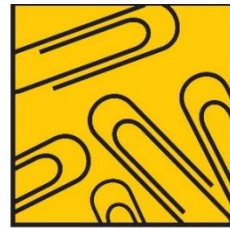
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Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku



**The Church Office will be
Closed
Monday, July 5, 2021
and will reopen Tuesday, July 6th
at 8:30 am**



**CHURCH
OFFICE**

Closed
Friday, July 16, 2021
and will reopen
Monday, July 19th
at 8:30 am

Mona Watts Kahl Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Mandy Horne, Abigail Owens, and Olivia Smith for receiving the Mona Watts Kahl Scholarships for 2021-2022. The independent reviewers noted that, "...all candidates displayed admirable qualities of scholarship, dedicated community spirit, and Christian character." Mandy will continue graduate school in history education at UNC-Pembroke, Abigail will begin dental school at East Carolina University, and Olivia will finish pre-nursing at Cape Fear Community College, then transfer for spring semester to UNC-Wilmington's nursing program.

Heads up for Spring 2022-2023! High school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students seeking degrees in K-12 education, a medically related field, the ministry, or Christian education are eligible. This includes those who received a scholarship for 2021-2022. At least two scholarships will be awarded. The application period will be announced in May 2022.

The Gifts & Memorials Committee members are Anne Branch, Emily Owens, Jenny Meekins, Paul Pope, chair, and Justin Smith.