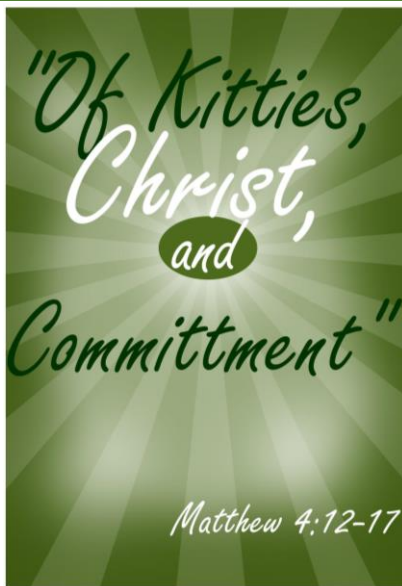


First Presbyterian Church

Whiteville,
North Carolina

"To be a light in our
community reflecting
Christ's love and
compassion..."

*Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost*
August 1, 2021



Guest Minister:
Rev. Dr. Jay Coker

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Prelude "You Are My All in All" *Jernigan*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Great is our God! He is worthy to be praised!
Let us lift up our voices and worship our King
and Savior.

God is faithful and good. He bids us to enter His
presence with grateful hearts.

Let us approach the throne of grace with
thanksgiving and praise.

Now is the time for worship. Proclaim to the
peoples of the earth His glory and honor.

We are here. Now is the time. Know that the
Lord is our God. Let us worship our Creator
and Redeemer.

We are His people. We are His hands and feet
for the sake of His mission to the nations.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 14
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we often go through our days so
caught up in our own concerns and tasks that
we overlook the beauty all around us. We fail
to notice your divine presence in those in our
midst; we miss the mystery of the budding
flower and the work of the industrious bees,
perfectly pollinating the plants. We ignore
grace extended to us, as if it is an entitlement
rather than a gift. Forgive us, and open our
eyes, our ears, our hearts to your amazing
works all around us. In the name of Jesus.
Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God can open us to experience life more fully.

Through God's grace we can live more richly.
Give thanks, for forgiveness is yours!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Coker

"Of Kitties, Christ, and Commitment"

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

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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

"Blessed Assurance"

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Charge and Benediction

Music in Preparation for Service in the World

Next Week:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Sermon: "Disciples: The Heart Matters"

**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: August 1: Todd Burney
Nursery: August 1: Susan Smith
Head Usher: August: Gail Crutchfield

August 8: Justin Smith
August 8: Diane Scott

- *Congratulations to Greg and Suzanne Blackmon on the birth of their grandson on July 11.*
- *Congratulations to Jack and Emily Hooks on the birth of their grandson on July 22.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

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
Sunday, August 8:	Worship Service - 11:00 am Session Meeting, Conference Room - 12:00 pm
Monday, August 9:	Nuts & Bolts Committee Meeting, Conference Room - 6:00 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Room - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, August 11:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together Bible Study, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 12:	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's last day in the church office will be Friday, August 6, 2021.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER:

Bible Study weekly on Wednesdays
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

Back to School



SCHOOL SUPPLY *Ministry*

Accepting
monetary or
item donations
by Sunday,
August 15, 2021

Items needed:

- #2 pencils
- Box of 8ct or 16 ct crayons
- Colored pencils
- Marble notebooks
- Pink erasers
- Loose leaf paper

Dr. John Wright Coker, Jr.

Dr. John Wright Coker, Jr., is a Minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.), now honorably retired. Dr. Coker, known as “Jay,” is a native of North Carolina, growing up in the Brunswick County community of Leland. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His Master of Divinity was received from the Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi. In 1989, he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Coker was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1979. He served as Associate Pastor of the Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina, and then, of the Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. In 1985, Dr. Coker was called as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he served until his move to the historic First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, in 1994. In August 2015, Dr. Coker began a new “chapter” in his ministry, working with The Outreach Foundation (www.theoutreachfoundation.org). In 2015-2019, he served as transitional pastor for two congregations, Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. Dr. Coker was honorably retired as a PCUSA minister February 2019. Dr. and Mrs. Coker have returned to Fayetteville where they now reside.

Dr. Coker is married to Sharon Beasley, of Houston, Mississippi. The Cokers have three grown children; John, a Certified Public Accountant, who lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with his wife Megan and children Matthew Himes Coker (8), John Thompson Coker (5), and Charlotte Lana Coker (2); Joseph, a manufacturer’s representative, who lives in Fayetteville; and Margaret Ann Coker Kleisch, a marketing consultant, who lives in Raleigh, with her husband, Dr. David Kleisch, along with daughters, Anderson Doss Kleisch (5) and Sallie Rodgers Kleisch (2).