

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ's name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here at Whiteville. We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God’s message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.) Brien Inman

PRELUDE “All Glory Be to God on High”/W. Marpug Nan Leggett, Organist

(Entering the sanctuary and preparing for worship, you are invited to discover the theme of today’s service by reading through this order of worship. Also, please pray for those on the prayer list and for all persecuted people around the world.)

Nursery care is available on request; please ask Suzanne Hall or Lynne Inman.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Anna and Sophie Bivens
(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

People: Here I am, for you called me.

Pastor: In the daylight, God calls us.

People: Here I am, for you called me.

Pastor: God calls to each of us by name.

People: Here I am, for you called me.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “To God Be the Glory” #98 UMH

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. Amen.

✠ 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Pastor: God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us.

People: God’s love shelters us and keeps us safe.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD L. A. Cothern, Baritone
“Consecration”/J. N. Beck Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD (“Praise God”) #95 UMH

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “Sanctuary” #2164 TFWS

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51

SERMON “The Call to Follow Jesus” Rev. Terry Hunt

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #474 UMH
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church on this Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in a pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

To ensure the health and safety of our church family, an advisory team, that includes healthcare professionals, has been assembled to develop guidelines for re-gathering who will also implement and monitor these guidelines.

Twice per week our sanctuary is sanitized. This includes wiping down pews, doors, knobs, and handles, and hymnals. Our air conditioning system filters are being replaced frequently to help purify the air quality in the Worship space. Some pews are roped off to allow for social distancing. Masks are available in the Narthex as well as hand sanitizer at all entrances. In addition, an offertory basket will be in the Narthex each Sunday morning to place your contributions in as you enter the Sanctuary, eliminating the passing of offering plates. Also, the microphone used for announcements will be sanitized between each person using it.

The Church Council will meet on ZOOM, Monday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated and followed by a 30 minute Bible Study (continuing in Galatians) on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m.

WUMC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, February 11 from 2:00 until 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or to sign up, please call Peggy Huffman at 356-0099 or Pat Ray at 642-4813.

Thanks so much for your prayers and love shown to my son, Greg, during his illness and passing away. Thanks for contributing to the fund-raiser some time ago and when he passed away. I so much appreciate your beautiful cards and messages. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers. In Christian love, Ann Worthington and family.

This Service of Worship is broadcast on WTXY 1540 AM and 103.9 FM from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Also it is available online at www.Kool1039radio.com Click on the "Web Audio Player" applet. To listen to the entire service, go to: <https://lynx.prostreaming.net:2199/start/unitedmethodist/> and click on the Web Audio Player applet. For either choice, you may need to enable Adobe Flash. There is also a link to the radio station on our church webpage www.whiteville.org. Click on "Stream Live Service Sundays at 10:00 a.m."

Prayer Concerns: David and Carolyn Nix (Becky High's parents), the family of Sue Wells (death of her brother, James), the family of Ron Suggs, the family of Linda Overcash (death of her sister, Marian Mac Gillivray), Chalmers Waddell (death of his wife, Rose), Debbie Simmons, W. C. Butler, Bob Deans, Herb Hoback, John Barkley, Clara Hunsucker, Lewellyn David, Marty Ward, Betty and Gary Faircloth, Jane Bullard, Jimmy and Nancy Oakley, and Bill and Sara Brooks.

Prayer Requests: Via email to Kathy Graham at wumc@whitevilleumc.org.

Adult Sunday School: Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom at 9:00 a.m.

Christians Under Construction Sunday School: Via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (Receive a link to join by emailing Carolyn Hankins at carolynjhankins@msn.com)

Boy Scouts: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir/Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Temporarily canceled.

Handbells/Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Temporarily canceled.

Cub Scouts: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Canceled due to Covid 19.

Sunshine Circle: Third Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Canceled due to Covid 19.

United Methodist Men: Canceled due to Covid 19.

United Methodist Women: First Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship: Canceled due to Covid 19.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study/Holy Communion Service: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

WOW Meal: Occasional Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2021 Church Budget	\$299,933.00
As of 1/10, Needed	\$11,536.00
As of 1/10, Received	\$10,185.00
Needed Each Sunday	\$5,768.00
Received on 1/10	\$4,700.00
Attendance 1/10	38

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Repeat

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

1. Precious Lord, take me hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain