

✝ SCRIPTURE READING

*Jeremiah 1:1-10, 7:1-11*

SERMON

“Called to Confront”

Rev. Howard James

✝ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Abide with Me”

UMH 700

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✝ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dear God, we pray that you would touch our mouths and give us the words to speak of your Good News in the world. Teach us not to be afraid for you will give us strength and the courage to persevere in times of trouble and threats. Our world needs prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah and Amos to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. May we become your prophets today. Amen.

✝ POSTLUDE

Thomas McLam, Organist

✝ Please stand if you are able.

*The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Greeters..... Rob Conway & Tom Leggett  
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn  
Organist..... Nan Leggett  
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley  
Altar Committee.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon  
and Elizabeth Gibson

# WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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June 15, 2025  
Father’s Day



**Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church**

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.

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.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

Thomas McLam, Organist

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WELCOME

### ✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**People: Who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

### ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

UMH 103

### ✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

**O God of all the prophets, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. 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

Leader: Father of Grace, you told us through your servant Jeremiah that if we would amend our wicked ways, you would come and dwell with us. Instead, we oppressed those who were most vulnerable: the alien, the orphan, and the widow. We shed innocent blood, and worshiped idols. We broke all your commandments, all the while believing we were still safe. Forgive us we pray. Do not withhold your grace but help us to be better.

**People: Holy Father, you sent your Son Jesus to atone for our sins. Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves your love for us. Thank you for this new life in Christ and for sending your Holy Spirit to abide with us always. Amen!**

### ✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

## PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Faith of Our Fathers” arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad  
L.A. Cothorn – Piano  
Thomas McLam - Organ

### ✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH 95

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

### ✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

UMH 383

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.**

Visitors, please complete a Visitor’s Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

**Reminder:** The Church office will operate on its summer hours July-August, 9:00-1:00.

**If you have borrowed church keys** from the office, please return those as soon as possible. We have a few keys that have not been turned back in. Thank you!

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 06/08, Needed</i>	<i>\$133,630.00</i>
<i>As of 06/08, Received</i>	<i>\$87,175.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 06/08</i>	<i>\$5,471.00</i>
<i>Attendance 06/08</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>24</i>

**Prayer Concerns:** The Family of Betty Lewis, The Family of Jim Hill, Debbie Conway, Dick & Janice Simms, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

**Prayer Requests:** Contact the Church Office at [wumc@whitevilleumc.org](mailto:wumc@whitevilleumc.org) to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

**Ongoing ministries:**

**Adult Sunday School:** Meet in parlor @ 9:00 a.m.

**Children’s Sunday School (ages 3-12):** Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

**Handbell Rehearsals:** Hiatus until September 2025.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Boy Scouts [ages 11-18]** Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Cub Scouts [ages 6-10]** Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

**Preschool [ages 2-4]** Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

**Fifty-Plus Exercise Class:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

**Food Bank:** distributes food on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**United Women of Faith:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Caregivers Support Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @1:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Reaching Out:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 (support group for widows and widowers)