

✠ SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-39

SERMON

“Why not me?”

Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577

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

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you. AMEN.

✠ POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune” W. Held

Nan Leggett, 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

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Rev. Howard James

May 11, 2025

Mother’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 "Meditation" setting by G. Martin

Nan Leggett, 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 come like Philip: following the angels, waiting for a word from the Spirit.

People: So breathe your Word into us, O God, that we might have boldness to speak to the stranger on the road, to proclaim the good news about Jesus, to love one another.

Leader: Let us dwell within your deep love for us.

People: Let us live within the truth of Scripture: Perfect love casts out all fear. Amen

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE "O Worship the King" UMH 73

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Oh Holy One, with Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. 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: Loving and Gracious God, forgive us for we have gone astray from your ways. Soften our hearts so we may come to you in contrition and allow us grace to walk again in the light so we may be light to the world. We ask this for our good and Your glory.

People: This is the good news and the free Grace we are given. That God forgives us and allows us to be renewed. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen!

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"My Tribute" by Tomlin
Wayne Hill- Baritone
Nan Leggett- Piano

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD "Praise God" UMH 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH 277

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.

The Southeastern Oratorio will present its spring concert Monday night, May 12, at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church. Come and enjoy a tribute to music of the stage and screen.

United Women in Faith will be hosting a mission study program and lunch Saturday, May 31st in the church fellowship hall. The cost of lunch will be \$15.00. Registration forms are available in the church office and in the narthex. Please turn forms in or let Vickie Pait know if you plan to attend no later than Monday, May 26th. For more information or questions, please contact Vickie. Schedule of events listed below.

Schedule for the day:

Registration: 8:45-9:30

Class: 9:30-Noon

Lunch: Noon-12:45

Class: 12:45-3:00 (depending on class discussion.)

Prayer Concerns: Chalmers Waddell, Sylvia Walters, 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 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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

United Women of Faith: 1st Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

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

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 05/04, Needed</i>	<i>\$104,580.00</i>
<i>As of 05/04, Received</i>	<i>\$70,639.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 05/04</i>	<i>\$6,277.00</i>
<i>Attendance 05/04</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>33</i>