

First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville



The First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville, North Carolina exists to praise and magnify the name of God, bringing people to Christ and uniting them with the Covenant Family, developing them to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for ministry to the Church and to the world.

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Prelude *Prelude in F* Beethoven / arr. Todd Kendall

Welcome

Call to Worship - Nehemiah 9:5-6

LEADER: Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

ALL: Blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You.



Opening Hymn of Worship *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* page #225

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!*

Invocation

Statement of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism Question #72

Q. What is justifying faith?

A. Justifying faith is a saving grace that works that works in the hearts of sinners by the Spirit and the word of God. By it sinners are convinced of their sinfulness and miserable condition and realize that neither they nor anyone or anything else can get them out of that lost condition, and by it they give full assent to the truth of the Gospel promise; they receive and rest on Christ and His righteousness for pardon for sin, as the Gospel tells us, and for being accepted and accounted as righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 38:16-17, 20

You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In Your love You kept me from the pit of destruction; You have put all my sins behind my back...The Lord will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the Lord.



Hymn

At the Cross

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*Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?*

*Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's sin.*

*Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calv'ry's cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears.*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.*

Congregational Prayer

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Morris, *soprano* / Alan Sonner, *baritone*

Hymn

The Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. William Bradbury/Martha Mier



In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,³ “Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah:⁵ “Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.’⁶ And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.⁷ “This is the LORD’s sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised:⁸ I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.⁹ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:¹⁰ I said, “In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?”¹¹ I said, “I will not again see the LORD, the LORD, in the land of the living; no longer will I look on mankind, or be with those who now dwell in this world.¹² Like a shepherd’s tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me.¹³ I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me.¹⁴ I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove. My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am troubled; O Lord, come to my aid!”¹⁵ But what can I say? He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this. I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul.¹⁶ Lord, by such things men live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live.¹⁷ Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.¹⁸ For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.¹⁹ The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.²⁰ The LORD will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the LORD.²¹ Isaiah had said, “Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover.”²² Hezekiah had asked, “What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?”



Hymn of Response

Psalm 51

*God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.*

*My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.*

*I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.*

*Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.*

*Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.*

*Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.*



Benediction - Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Isaiah 38 “Heartfelt Prayer and a Poultice”

Introduction:

P_____

1. v1 The P

A. The faithful King is

2 Kings 20:7

B. Today

Rom. 6:23

2. v2-3 The P

A. Different from 37:14-20.

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B. After ____ words, the king _____

3. v4-8 The P

A. v4-6 Isaiah's _____

B. v7-8 God's _____ 7:10f

4. v9-20 The P _____ or P _____

A. v10-14 Deep

B. v15-19 Joyful

C. v20 Sure _____

2 Cor. 9:15

Heb. 12:4-11

5. v21-22 The P

A.

B.

Questions to Ponder???