

First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville



HAPPY
Thanksgiving
CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS

***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

We Gather Together

hymn #790

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the flight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side- all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!*

Welcome

Call to Worship – 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

LEADER: Praise be to You, O Lord; God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

PEOPLE: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.

LEADER: Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

PEOPLE: In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

ALL: Now our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.



Opening Hymn of Worship

Let All Things Now Living

hymn #794

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us-
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night-
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law He enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!:*



Statement of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 107

Q. What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer which is, “For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen,” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer only from God, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to Him. And in testimony of our desire and our assurance of being heard, we say amen.

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid You in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Words of Assurance of Forgiveness - 2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Musical Meditation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.*

Congregational Prayer closing with 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.



Reading of God's Word – Romans 12:6-8

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Hymn of Illumination

Speak, O Lord

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us-
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“The Gifted Church in Action – Part 1”



Hymns of Response

The Family of God

hymn #419

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God-
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God-
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

*Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Whole-some grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away.
Give His angels charge at last
In the first the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

Benediction - Revelation 1:5-6

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Postlude

Romans 12:6-8 “The Gifted Church in Action – Part 1”

Introduction:

1. Basic Truths

A. They are _____ in nature. Phil 4:13; Acts 1:8; Zech. 4:6

B. They are gifts from _____.

C. 1 Peter 2:4-9 Every Christian is a _____. Ex. 19:6

Is. 61:6 Rev. 1:6

2. Every Christian Needs to be Equipped to Serve

A. Heb. 13:20-21; Eph. 3:2-21 By _____

B. Eph. 1:20 By _____

C. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 By _____

3. The Purpose of the Gifts

A. Eph. 4:12

B. Eph. 4:13 Goal of _____ John 17:11 John 15:12

C. Eph. 4:13-17 Maturity in Christ of self AND fellow members of the body of Christ. Shown in:

1) v13; Eph. 1:18

2) v14

3) v15

4) v16

5) Eph. 5:27

Questions to Ponder???

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Skip, Sarah and Elaine want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you and your families.

"After consulting with an arborist, it was recommended and decided to remove the dogwood tree in front of the church office. The tree is diseased and severely decaying to the point it could be a liability if a child climbed into it and a branch broke off. Thank you for your understanding. Sincerely, the Diaconate"

"Due to the flooding that occurred this summer, Elida Home's lost their corn maze. So we ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation to support this important organization in our community. Sincerely, the Diaconate"

Greeters: Circle Goodness ~ Nancy Morgan & Lettie Ray

Shoebboxes are due **TODAY**. Leave them in the church foyer or church office. *If you have any questions please see/contact Kit & Sandie Conrad.*

NEW STUDY ~ Al Harrell's Small Group meet each Sunday evening from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to join. Right now they are doing a 6 week study on *Why I Believe*.

Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 10:30 am in the Conference Room – Join us as Bryan Tom teaches the *Parables of Jesus*.

Christmas Silk Poinsettias ~ *in Honor or in Memory of someone* ~ \$4.00 each (money will go to ABCCM North) In December silk poinsettias are placed in the church for decoration in honor/memory of someone. Fill out the tear-off sheet in your bulletin and place in the offering box (check...write to FPC and put poinsettias in the memo). If you have any questions please contact the church office. Deadline to purchase is Tuesday, November 23.

There will be no Prayer Meeting/Bible Study on Wednesday, November 24.

Games Night will be Saturday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for some great food, laughter and lots of fun.

Help Needed ~ leaf/blow/rake day – come out and help collect all the leaves around the church – 9:00 am – Friday, December 10

Tena Cole's HOSA group at North Buncombe High School want to give each resident at the Brian Center & Emerald Ridge a pair of socks for Christmas. That is over 200 residents. If you would like to help with giving a new pair of socks (you can give whatever amount you want) please bring them to the church office or leave them in the church foyer before December 19. You do not have to wrap them. Thank you in advance.

Join us at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 19 in the FPC Weaverville Sanctuary as the Music Ministry presents "Hope for All" — a program of music and worship, scripture readings, words of hope, and the Christmas carols we know and love. Reception to follow.

ABCCM North ~ the following items are needed for ABCCM North's food pantry: **jelly, canned soup, beef stew, tuna and cold cereal**. Drop your bags off at the church office or in the church sanctuary foyer.

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: November 21, 2021

Name _____

Attendance: __1st time __2nd time __regular

I would like to join the church _____

Visitors

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone/Cell _____

E-mail _____

I would like to receive the weekly Prayer Band _____

Are you a member of a church? _____

Where _____

I came as a guest of _____

I would like more information about First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville.

Please call me

Please e-mail me

Please schedule a home visit

Prayer Requests

CD Ministry

CD's of First Presbyterian's Morning Worship Service are available upon request.

Date of Service: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please complete this tear-off sheet
and place it in the offering box.

**Christmas Poinsettias
\$4.00 each**

Deadline is November 24

Name _____

How many poinsettias _____

Honor of _____

Memory of _____

Church-Wide Banquet

**No cost to church family
\$10 to guest**

**Saturday, December 11
4:00-6:00 pm**

Name _____

How many attending _____

**Please pick either BBQ or
Smoked Turkey....not both.**

BBQ: yes _____

Smoked Turkey: yes _____

Can you decorate a table: yes _____

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Church Directory

Skip Gillikin – Pastor (280-7333)

Sarah Fowler - Director of Music Ministries

Elaine Brewer - Church Secretary

Connie Buckner - Women’s Ministry Coordinator

Betty Dendy - Sunday School Director

Buddy Fisher - Church Treasurer

Steve Russell - Mission Ministry Team Chairman

Ministers - all members of this local body of Christ who desire to use their spiritual gifts to build up one another, take the Gospel to the world and glorify God in all they do.

The Session

Class of 2021: Richard Smith

Class of 2022: Steve Russell and Alan Sonner

Class of 2023:

Board of Deacons

Class of 2022: Kit Conrad

Class of 2023: Buddy Fisher and Britt Webb

Class of 2024: Jim Eldridge and Steve Morris

Our Missionaries (missionaries we financially support)

Marc and Denise Atchley (TEAM) ----- Greece

Alice Brawand (Wycliffe) -----Texas/Guatemala

Mark and Annemarie Dye (UWM) ----- Kenya

Merle and June Dye (SIM) ----- Southeast

Miriam Gebb, RN (Reach Beyond) ----- Brazil/Ecuador

Collin and Zury (MTW) ----- West Africa

Glenn & Bonnie Lafitte (Reach Beyond) ---- Texas/Mexico Border

F and I ----- Africa/Asia

Debbie Richards (MTW) ----- Japan

Mike and Eli Sabin (MTW) ----- Guam

Rick and Yvonne Sawyer (Hope for Miami) ----- Miami

Kenton and Adriana Wood (MTW) ----- Mexico

Rob Herron ----- RUF Appalachian State

Andrew Shank ----- RUF Western Carolina University

New Direction Mustard Seed ----- Asheville

ABCCM North Ministries ----- Weaverville

Remember our missionaries and our overall ministry in your prayer times.
The First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville, organized in 1921, is a
congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.