

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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The First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville

November 28, 2021



Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

PEOPLE: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you.

LEADER: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

PEOPLE: The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

ALL: Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.



Opening Hymn of Worship

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

hymn #244

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

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Statement of Faith – Isaiah 9:2; Luke 1:76-79

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... You will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercies of our God, by which the Rising Sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

O come, O come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
 Our spirits by Thine advent here;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
 And order all things, far and nigh;
 To us the path of knowledge show
 And cause us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
 All peoples in one heart and mind.
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
 Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Confession of Sin

O Holy God, we have sinned against You. We know that You have commanded us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Your Word tells us to not have any other gods before You. Yet, we have not loved You as we ought. We have loved and served created things rather than You the Creator of all things. Forgive us, O God, for our rebellion. Cleanse us afresh that we may walk in Your perfect love. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live to Your glory alone. Through Jesus we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Musical Meditation

The First Noel

Congregational Prayer



Reading of God's Word – Malachi 4:1-4

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the Lord Almighty. "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“The Promised Light”



Hymns of Response

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

hymn #264

*Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
And usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright
But hear the angel's warning:
This Child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be.
The pow'r of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.*

*He comes, a Child from realms on high;
He comes the heav'ns adoring:
He comes to earth to live and die,
A broken race restoring:
Although the King of kings is He,
He comes in deep humility;
His people to deliver
And reign in us forever.*

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Postlude

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Malachi 4:1-4 "The Promised Light"

Introduction:

1. A Few Truths about God's Promises

A. Gen. 15:2 Who _____ the Promises?

B. James 1:12, Gal. 3:28f Who _____ the Promises?

C. Will They Be Fulfilled? _____! Ps. 145:13

Neh. 9:8

Gen. 3:15

Gen. 9:12-17

Gen. 12:2-3

Ex. 19:5

2 Sam. 7:16

Jer. 31:31

2. The Promise _____

A. v2

1) v1 Why?

2) v3 How?

3) v4 Who?

4) v2 For whom?

B. Other OT passages: 1) Gen. 1:3; Gen. 3

2) Micah 3:5-7

3) Is. 9:2

4) Is. 42:6

3. The Promise _____

A. 2 Cor. 4:6

B. John 1:5 John 8:12

C. Luke 1:76-79

Questions to Ponder???



You are Invited to a Church-Wide Banquet

BBQ
Smoked Turkey
Sides
Dessert
Drink

Everyone is invited to this wonderful banquet. You will need to sign-up so we will know how much to fix for. Sign-up online, in the bulletin or call the church office. Deadline to sign-up is December 6.

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

We need folks (men & women) to host a table, so please sign-up if interested.

As a wonderful gift to our church family, a very generous donation has been made to cover the cost of the Christmas Banquet for our members. You will still need to sign up and indicate the meat choice. To those outside our church family the \$10 cost will still apply (and needs to be paid before the banquet).

"Thank you, anonymous donor, for this loving, generous gift to your church family."



hope
for ALL!

sponsored by the Music Ministry of the

First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville
Sunday, December 19, 2021
5:00pm

For more information, please call (828) 645-7344 or visit fpcweaverville.org

Join us at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 19th 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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 28, 2021

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Greeters: Circle Goodness ~ Nancy Morgan & Sandie C

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 30.**

Join us on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room (located in the Church Office Building) for a short bible study on *A Praying Life* and a time of prayer for our church family, friends, country, etc....

Gifts of Grace will meet Thursday, December 2 at 1:00 pm in the Sunday school building (in one of the classrooms).

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.

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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.

Please fill out the tear-off sheet and place it in the Offering Box near the entrance/exit doors. Thank you!!!

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: November 28, 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 30

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.