

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven with *I Sing Praises*

Welcome

Call to Worship - Isaiah 12:1-6

LEADER: I will praise You, LORD. Although You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away and You have comforted me.

PEOPLE: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD Himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.

LEADER: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.

PEOPLE: Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One among you."



Opening Hymns of Worship

He Is Lord

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Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

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*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious- Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest- to both great and small;
In all life thou livest- the true life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changest Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render- O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

Invocation

Statement of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Question 52

Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the quick and the dead" comfort you?

A. In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine He will condemn to everlasting punishment: but I and all His chosen ones He will take along with Him into the joy and glory of heaven.



Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

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*At the name of Jesus Every knee shall bow;
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season To receive a name
From the lips of sinners Unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it, Spotless to the last;
Brought it back victorious When from death He passed.*

*In your hearts enthrone Him; There let Him remove
All that is not holy, All that is not true.
Crown Him as your captain In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you In its light and pow'r.*

*Watch, for this Lord Jesus Shall return again
With His Father's glory, O'er the earth to reign;
For the day is coming When each knee shall bow,
All our hearts confess Him King of Glory now.*

Confession of Sin - Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

Assurance of Pardon - 1 Peter 2:24-25

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Congregational Prayer

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

Lamb of God

by Twila Paris/Lloyd Larson, arranger



Reading of God's Word – Isaiah 34-35

Please stand for the reading of God's Word

Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it! ² The LORD is angry with all nations; his wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, he will give them over to slaughter. ³ Their slain will be thrown out, their dead bodies will send up a stench; the mountains will be soaked with their blood. ⁴ All the stars in the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with

singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“Will You Know Blessing or Judgment?”



Hymn of Response

And Can It Be?

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And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th' eternal throne
And claim the crown, thro' Christ, my own.

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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Benediction - Jude 24

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

Grace, Love and Fellowship

Isaiah 34-35 “Will You Know Blessing or Judgment?”

Introduction:

1. We Deserve _____ Nahum 1:2-3; Ps. 94:22f

A. Character of _____ – _____ LOGY God is

v2

v2b-4.

B. Character of _____ – _____ OLOGY

2. v5-13 We Will See God’s _____

A. v5 God Has a _____. It is covered with _____. “_____ History”

Gen. 3:24

Dt. 32:41 (Ro. 12:19)

Rev. 19:15

B. v6b God Has a _____

C. v8 God Has a _____. It a day of _____, a year of _____

v9-13

v14-15

3. IS THERE ANY _____?

A. In the Midst of _____ God hints at _____

1) 34:6

2) 34:14-15

3) 34:16-17

B. chap. 35 The Beauty of New Life in Christ Instead of _____, the

1) v1-2 Like a _____

2) v3-7 _____ in _____ No longer _____ in _____, but alive _____ in _____. v4 Is. 12:2

3) v8-10 The _____ of _____

4) v9b-10 The _____ of God’s _____

WHY? Sproul “The _____ of God is a celebration of the _____.”

1 Jn. 2:2

John 3:36

Questions to Ponder???