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 in C Major, BWV846

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship - Revelation 4:10; 5:12; 11:15

LEADER: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.

PEOPLE: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

ALL: The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign for ever and ever.



Opening Hymns of Worship

Spirit of the Living God

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Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King

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Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour.

Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be, Hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Invocation

Statement of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism Question 70

- Q. What is justification?
- A. Justification is the act of God's free grace to sinners, by which He pardons all their sins and accept and looks on them as if they were righteous, not because of anything worked in them or done by them but because God imputes to them the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ that can only be received by faith alone.

Confession of Sin - Psalm 40:11-13

Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord; may Your love and Your truth always protect me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. Be pleased, O Lord to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Assurance of Pardon – Revelations 1:5b-6

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



Hymn My Savior's Love page #348

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus, the Nazarene, And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, How wonderful Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own. He bore the burden to Calv'ry And suffered and died alone.

How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, How wonderful Is my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy thro' the ages To sing of His love for me.

How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, How wonderful Is my Savior's love for me!



Congregational Prayer

Hymn The Doxology page #815

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 Breathe Marie Barnett



Reading of God's Word – Isaiah 33

Please stand for the reading of God's Word

Woe to you, O destroyer, you who have not been destroyed! Woe to you, O traitor, you who have not been betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed. ²O LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. ³ At the thunder of your voice, the peoples flee; when you rise up, the nations scatter. ⁴ Your plunder, O nations, is harvested as by young locusts; like a swarm of locusts men pounce on it. 5 The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. ⁶He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure. ⁷Look, their brave men cry aloud in the streets; the envoys of peace weep bitterly. 8 The highways are deserted, no travelers are on the roads. The treaty is broken, its witnesses are despised, no one is respected. ⁹ The land mourns and wastes away, Lebanon is ashamed and withers; Sharon is like the Arabah, and Bashan and Carmel drop their leaves. ¹⁰ "Now will I arise," says the LORD. "Now will I be exalted; now will I be lifted up. 11 You conceive chaff, you give birth to straw; your breath is a fire that consumes you. 12 The peoples will be burned as if to lime; like cut thornbushes they will be set ablaze." ¹³ You who are far away, hear what I have done; you who are near, acknowledge my power! ¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling grips the godless: "Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?" ¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil—¹⁶ this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail them.

will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. ¹⁸ In your thoughts you will ponder the former terror: "Where is that chief officer? Where is the one who took the revenue? Where is the officer in charge of the towers?" ¹⁹ You will see those arrogant people no more, those people of an obscure speech, with their strange, incomprehensible tongue. ²⁰ Look upon Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful abode, a tent that will not be moved; its stakes will never be pulled up, nor any of its ropes broken. ²¹ There the LORD will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams. No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them. ²² For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us. ²³ Your rigging hangs loose: The mast is not held secure, the sail is not spread. Then an abundance of spoils will be divided and even the lame will carry off plunder. ²⁴ No one living in Zion will say, "I am ill"; and the sins of those who dwell there will be forgiven.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

"A Prayer for Grace"



Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved, How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when, we'd first begun.

Benediction – Revelation 1:5-6

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Postlude

Amazing Grace

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Isaiah 33:1-21 "A Prayer for Grace"

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