

# *First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville*



## WELCOME!

### *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

***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

December 12, 2021



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship – Luke 1:68-75**

*LEADER: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David (as He said through His holy prophets of long ago),*

*PEOPLE: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us – to show mercy to our father and to remember His holy covenant,*

*ALL: The oath He swore to our father Abraham, to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.*



**Opening Hymn of Worship**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

hymn #249

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him- born the King of angels!

*O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

*O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!*

## Statement of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism Question 70

*Q. What is justification?*

*A. Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts them as righteous in His sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.*



### Hymn

### *How Great Our Joy*

hymn #269

While by the sheep we watched at night,  
Glad tidings bro't an angel bright.

*How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

There shall be born, so he did say,  
In Bethlehem a Child today.

*How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

There shall the Child lie in a stall,  
This Child who shall redeem us all.

*How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

This Gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

*How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*



## Confession of Sin

*Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but You are mountain; that they are shifting, but You are anchor. We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions, His fullness for our emptiness, His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon – Luke 1:54-55

*He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as He said to our fathers.*



## Musical Meditation

### *Grace of God With Us*

Wonderful and wise in counsel.  
Forever, mighty God.  
Precious Father, Everlasting.  
Blessed Prince of Peace.

*Glory to God in the highest.*  
*Jesus, our Savior, the grace of God with us.*

The kings of earth rest on Your shoulders.  
You rule on David's throne.  
Your kingdom here is now established.  
Christ our Lord of lords.

*Glory to God in the highest.*  
*Jesus, our Savior, the grace of God with us.*

We bow before You.  
We worship and adore You.  
Our Emmanuel.

Born that we might know forgiveness.  
Born that we should live.  
With joy and hope, and expectation,  
our King will come again.  
Our King will come again!

*Glory to God in the highest.  
Jesus, our Savior, the grace of God with us.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Jesus, our Savior, the grace of God with us.  
The grace of God with us.*

## **Congregational Prayer**



## **Reading of God's Word – Matthew 1:18-25**

\*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."*

*When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

## **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Skip Gillikin

### **"The Promised Savior"**



## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### **Hymns of Response**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

hymn #290

*As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed;  
There to bed the knee before  
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So, may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee our heav'nly King.*

*Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.*



**Benediction - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

*May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthened you in every good deed and word.*

**Postlude**

Matthew 1:18-25 "The Promised Savior"

Introduction: P I L L O W

1. Our Greatest \_\_\_\_\_

A. Forgiveness of sin. 1) Its \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Tim. 3:1-5

2) Its \_\_\_\_\_ Gen. 3:14-24 Gal. 5:19-21

B. Restoration. 1) To \_\_\_\_\_ 2) To \_\_\_\_\_ 3) To \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:22-23;

2. The Promise \_\_\_\_\_

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ Is. 45:17; 56:1

B. Is. 7:14; 9:6 \_\_\_\_\_ means ' \_\_\_\_\_ '.

3. The Promise \_\_\_\_\_

A. v21 His \_\_\_\_\_ Zech. 9:9 Ps. 27:1

B. v22-23 \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture

C. His \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ The importance of the \_\_\_\_\_.

D. 1 Peter 1:18-19 His Blood Rom. 5:9 \_\_\_\_\_ by His \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Savior Coming

A. Lk. 19:19; 1 Tim. 1:15 "Jesus came into the world to \_\_\_\_\_." Gal. 3:13

B. It is why we \_\_\_\_\_

C. It teaches what \_\_\_\_\_ is. Heb. 4:16.

D. It is the only \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Ponder???





*hope*  
*for ALL!*

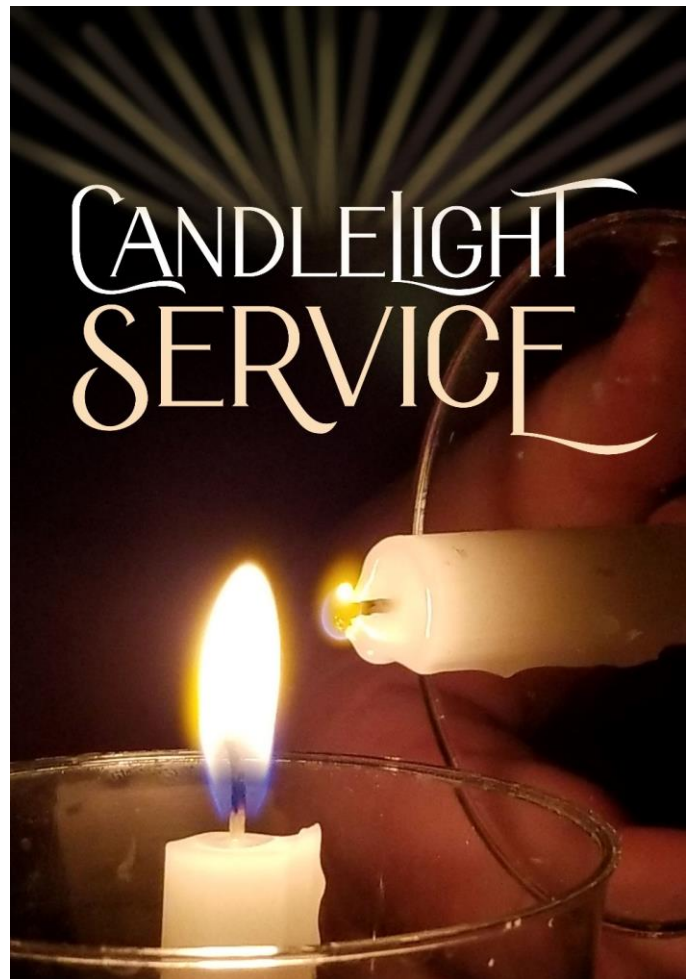
*sponsored by the Music Ministry of the*

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

*For more information, please call (828) 645-7344 or visit [fpcweaverville.org](http://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.

Join us at 6:00pm on Friday, December 24 in the FPC Weaverville Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.





## ***Poinsettias***

### **Memory of**

Henry Dendy  
Susan Blevins  
Marinette Blevins  
Don & Alice Parsell  
James Bradburn  
Robert E. McDarris  
Anita Shelton  
Norma Dean Metcalf  
Sigrid Bollfrahs  
Charles & Ruby Brigman  
Harry & Margaret "Poco" Harper  
Mickey Fisher  
Ed Cole  
Our Parents  
Sid Wheelon  
Bronie Ramsey  
Dan Ray  
Meed Ray  
Sigrid Bollfrahs  
Lee Statum, Sandy's mom  
Helen Sonner, Alan's mom  
Sally Ham  
Paul Ham  
Elfreida Tom  
Rick Garrison  
Halbert & Ambra Garrison  
Christopher & Ada Massey  
Jim & Lorraine Morris  
Richard Browning  
Roy & Ethel Morris  
Wade Dillingham  
Harry & Dorothy Buckner  
Betty Sawyer  
Ella Dillingham  
Sigrid Bollfrahs  
Bud Conrad (Kit's father)  
Carolyn Conrad (Kit's mother)  
Diana Sapia (Sandie's mother)  
Mary Ruth Blackwell  
Richard Cowan  
Jill Britton  
Walt Draffin

### **Given by**

Betty Dendy  
Steve Blevins  
Steve Blevins  
Donnie & Jennifer Parsell  
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Nell Jean McDarris  
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Nell Jean McDarris  
Joe & Margaret Brigman  
Joe & Margaret Brigman  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
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Jean Ramsey & Dwayne Ramsey  
Jean Ramsey & Dwayne Ramsey  
Jean Ramsey & Dwayne Ramsey  
Alan & Sandy Sonner  
Alan & Sandy Sonner  
Alan & Sandy Sonner  
Bryan & Teresa Tom  
Bryan & Teresa Tom  
Bryan & Teresa Tom  
Bob & Sandy Massey  
Bob & Sandy Massey  
Bob & Sandy Massey  
Steve & Cheryl Morris  
Steve & Cheryl Morris  
Steve & Cheryl Morris  
Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
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Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
Ben & Judy Spangler  
Kit & Sandie Conrad  
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## **Memory of**

Dorothy Harwood  
Phil McGeoch  
Anita Shelton  
Sandra Tweed  
Henry Dendy  
Barbara Rogers  
Harold Welch  
Tom Roberts  
Maxine Nelson  
Bonnie Towe  
Gordon Moore  
Ed Cole  
Gerald Carswell  
Norma Metcalf  
Sigrid Bollfrahs  
Roger McAbee  
LB & Jessie Mackey  
Charles Mackey

## **Honor of**

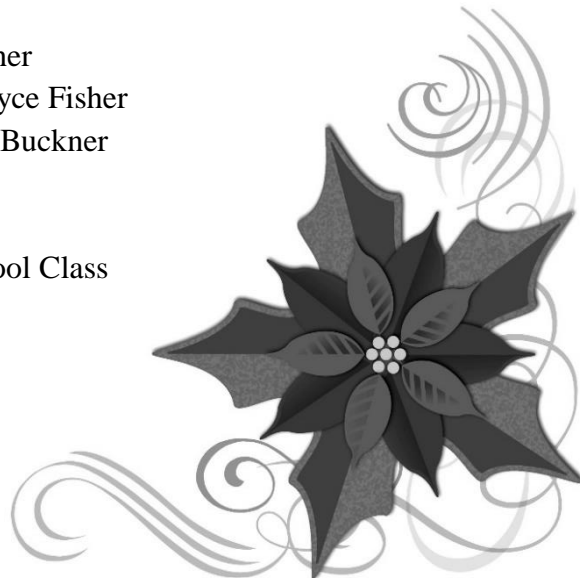
Nell Jean McDarris  
Helen Pritchett  
Betty Ausband  
Joyce Fisher  
Joyce Edmonds  
Lucy Carlisle  
Mary Whitson  
Jean Ramsey  
Irene Harwood  
Isabel Cole  
Margaret Dillard  
Al & Kathy Harrell  
Our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren  
Betty Dillingham  
Cooper Myers, Carol's grandson  
Steve Russell, Sunday school teacher  
Connie Buckner  
Sarah Fowler  
Jennifer Smith  
Elaine Brewer  
Kathy Gillikin  
Pastor Skip Gillikin  
The Session at FPC  
The Deacons at FPC

## **Given by**

Kit & Sandie Conrad  
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Carol McAbee  
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## **Given by**

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Nell Jean McDarris  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
Carol McAbee  
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Ladies Sunday School Class  
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# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 12, 2021

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The Hospitality Team extends a huge "Thank You" to everyone for a wonderful Christmas Banquet last evening!!! A special "Thank You" for the generosity of an anonymous church member who funded this event for our entire church family. To each table hostess/host and assistant—Lisa and Jaylea Carswell, Sandy and Bob Massey, Sandy and Alan Sonner, Nancy and Julian Hyatt, Cheryl and Steve Morris, Bryan and Teresa Tom, Jean Ramsey and Mary Whitson, Carol McAbee and Jessica Myers, Lucy Carlisle, Mary and J. D. Hughes—thank you for setting a beautiful table and for taking great care of your guests. Thank you to our dear Lagatha for the wonderful desserts!! Thank you Richard Smith for picking up the food from Moe's and Bellagio Bistro. The delicious meal was served by Connie Buckner, Joyce Fisher, Lagatha Russell, Kathy Harrell, Kathy Gillikin and Jennifer Smith—Thank you!! Our evening together was most enjoyable starting with a welcome by Connie Buckner, a prayer and short meditation from Pastor Skip, "Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary and Joseph" by Bryan and Teresa Tom, beautiful music and solos by Sarah Fowler, a fun game led by Alan Sonner, and closing remarks by Steve Russell. Thanks for the treat bags provided and assembled by Tena Cole, Carol McAbee, and Jennifer Smith. A huge "Thank You" to our wonderful Elaine Brewer who is always so willing to help in any way with any project—we appreciate and love you.

A heartfelt "Thank You" from Jennifer Smith to the Hospitality team (Connie Buckner, Lucy Carlisle, Lisa Carswell, Tena Cole, Carol McAbee, Jean Ramsey, Nancy Morgan, and Jennifer Parsell) for your labor of love in decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall as well as other events during the year. You are appreciated!!

Greeters: Circle Joy ~ Sandy Sonner & Kathy Harrell

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*.

Circle Peace will meet Monday, December 13 at 1:00 in the Nursery area.

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

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....

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: **hams, pancake mix(add water only), syrup, jelly & soup.** 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: December 12, 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance: \_\_1<sup>st</sup> time \_\_2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

## 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.