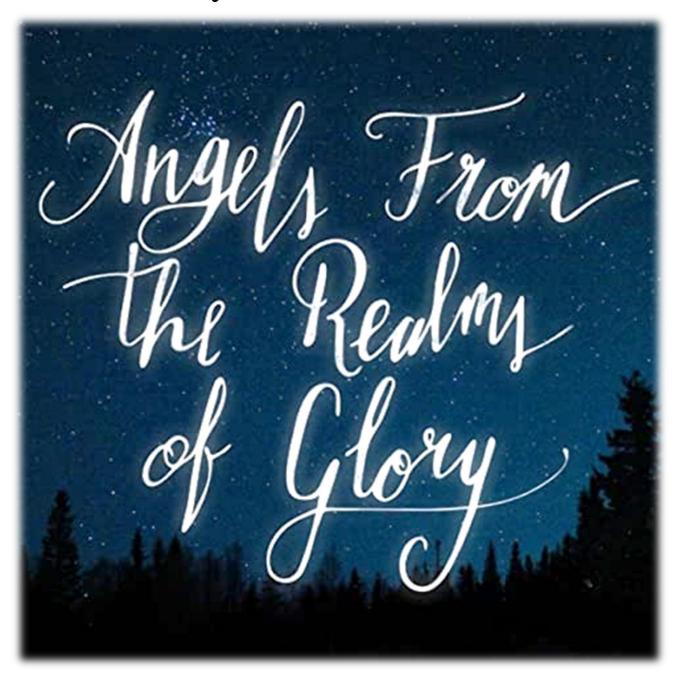
First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville



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

December 19, 2021



Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 62:1-2, 5, 7-8

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.



Opening Hymn of Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory

hymn #259

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who san creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing; Yonder shines the Infant Light:

> Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:

> Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending In His temple shall appear:

> Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Tho' an infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's throne; Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:

> Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.



Statement of Faith - The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; from thence He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Hymn What Child Is This? hymn #281

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.



Confession of Sin

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son Jesus, so we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 2:1-2

If anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



Musical Meditation

Noel (He Is Born)

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel Oh, oh

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made Heaven and Earth of naught And with his blood mankind has bought Noel, Noel Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel

He is born, He is born
The Son of God has come to dwell
The King of kings and Lord of lords
Emmanuel
He is born, He is born
Hope for all, now, go and tell
He has come to save the world
We sing Noel

Noel, Noel Noel, Noel The King of kings and Lord of lords Emmanuel

Noel, Noel Noel, Noel He has come to save the world We sing Noel, Noel

Congregational Prayer



Reading of God's Word – Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:13-18

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

Hymn of Response

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creationGod's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of loveJesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vuln'rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story.
Gold - a King is born today,
Incense - God is with us,
Myrrh - His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry."



Benediction - Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

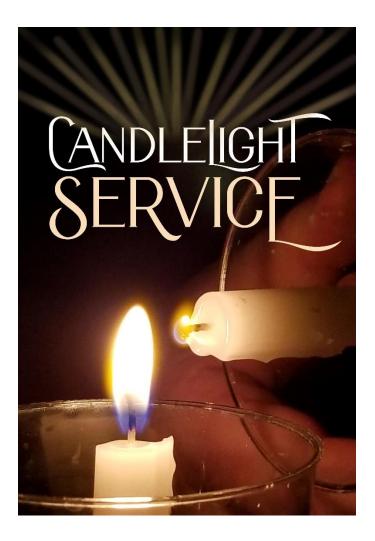
Introduction:				
1. The Promise				
A. Hosea 11:1 He would	WHY? Mal. 1:1-2; Rom. 9:13			
GOD: "I have you." Israel: "How?" GOD:	Ex. 33:19; Rom. 9:15			
B. Isaiah 9:6 God will a Son.				
2. The Promise Kept				
A. Mt. 2:15 The to NOTE v17-18	Jer. 31:15.			
B. Mt. 3:17, 17:5 At His, in the	, before His			
C. Mt. 16:16-17				
D. Mt. 27:54 After Jesus				
3. The of Jesus' Sonship				
A. Jn. 3:36 Only Source of If you	in the Son of God you have Gal. 4:4f			
B. John 3:16 It shows us God's Rom. 8:3 "All relig	gions except the Christian are"			
C. Heb. 1:1-3 The Final of God. DeYoung "God's revelation has been brought to completion by the Son in His redemptive work. God continues to speak in the completed work of Jesus in the past. The Scripture we have is enough because Christ is enough." 12:24-25				
THE AMAZING ACT OF JESUS - HE!!!				
D. Jn. 14:13; 17:1 The Display of God's				
Stephen Wellum "Jesus is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, who has eternally shared the one, undivided divine nature with the Father and Spirit and is thus fully God."				
E. Rev. 22:13 Ps. 94:14 Is. 53:3	Heb. 4:14-15 John 19:30			

Questions to Ponder???



Join us at 5:00pm this
evening 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 Donnie & Jennifer Parsell

Nell Jean McDarris Nell Jean McDarris Nell Jean McDarris Nell Jean McDarris

Joe & Margaret Brigman Buddy & Joyce Fisher Buddy & Joyce Fisher Buddy & Joyce Fisher Buddy & Joyce Fisher

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Steve & Cheryl Morris
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Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner

Ben & Judy Spangler
Kit & Sandie Conrad

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Carol McAbee

Honor of Given by

Charles Mackey

Nell Jean McDarris Anonymous Helen Pritchett Anonymous Betty Ausband Anonymous Joyce Fisher Anonymous Joyce Edmonds Anonymous Lucy Carlisle Anonymous Mary Whitson Anonymous Jean Ramsey Anonymous Irene Harwood Anonymous Isabel Cole Anonymous

Margaret Dillard Nell Jean McDarris
Al & Kathy Harrell Buddy & Joyce Fisher

Our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren Buddy & Joyce Fisher Betty Dillingham Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner

Cooper Myers, Carol's grandson Carol McAbee Steve Russell, Sunday school teacher Anonymous

Connie Buckner Ladies Sunday School Class

Sarah Fowler

Jennifer Smith

Anonymous

Elaine Brewer

Anonymous

Kathy Gillikin

Pastor Skip Gillikin

The Session at FPC

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS December 19, 2021

<u>firstpca@fpcweaverville.com</u> <u>www.fpcweaverville.org</u>

Pastor Skip, Sarah and Elaine want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Thank you Circle Joy for the gifts and candy. I love each of you dearly. *Margaret Dillard*

Greeters: Circle Joy ~ Sandy Massey & Teresa Tom

NEW STUDY \sim 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*.

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.

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 24.

Join us for the Candlelight Christmas Eve service Friday, December 24 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

There will be NO Sunday school December 26.

All 2021 Tithing and Offerings must be turned into the church office by Thursday, December 30 no later than 2:00 pm. 2022 Tithing Envelopes will be in the foyer next Sunday, December 26 and available for pick-up during the week (come to the office for a key). If you have any questions regarding either item please contact the church office.

Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting/Bible Study will not meet again until Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

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

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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 R	RUF Appalachian State
Andrew Shank RUF Wester	rn 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.