

# 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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December 26, 2021



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 18:2**

*LEADER: I love You, O Lord, my Strength. The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress and my Deliverer. The Lord is My Rock, in whom I take refuge.*

*PEOPLE: He is my Shield and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold.*

*ALL: I will call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.*



**Opening Hymn of Worship**

***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***

hymn #272

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord can down, And glory shone around,  
And glory shone around.*

*“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind,  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind,  
To you and all mankind.*

*“To you, in David’s town this day Is born, of David’s line,  
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign,  
And this shall be the sign:*

*“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid,  
And in a manger laid.*

*“All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace.  
Goodwill hence-forth from heav’n to men Begin and never cease,  
Begin and never cease!”*



*Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;  
Angels lifting praise before You Sing thro'-out this holy night.  
In a manger lies a Baby-Child of Mary, Son of God.  
Voices joined in joyful chorus Praise You for Your gift of love.*

*All Your works declare Your glory; All creation joins to sing.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices In the birth of Christ, the King.  
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
As with joy our hearts are lifted, Joined in wonder, love, and praise.*



### Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

*Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

*A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*



*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*



## **Confession of Sin**

*Holy Father, like sheep we have gone astray and have turned to our own ways. We have turned to our own earthly desires—to our own flesh, and in doing so we have turned to strange flesh. We have turned to other gods and we have sinned against You. We have done unlawful things in Your sight. Father, please forgive us and renew us in Your grace. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.*

## **Words of Assurance of Forgiveness – Hebrews 8:10-12**

*“This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Reading of God’s Word – Luke 2:25-35**

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

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”*

*The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”*

## **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Skip Gillikin

**“Advent – the Rest of the Story”**

## Hymn of Response

### *In Christ Alone*

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*



## Benediction - Luke 2:29-32

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”*

## Postlude

“Advent – the Rest of the Story” Luke 2:25-35

Introduction:

The Promise Made to Simeon

A. v25-26 To Simeon

A) v25 His C\_\_\_\_\_

B. v26 His H\_\_\_\_\_

Barabree Harper – “I think God also wants to teach us to live in light of His promise. When we know someone is coming or something is going to happen, we plan for it and around it.”

2. The Promise Kept

A. v22-24, 27 The S\_\_\_\_\_

B. v28 The S\_\_\_\_\_

C. v29-32 The S\_\_\_\_\_

1) v29 Simeon

2) v30; Acts 4:12

3) v31

4) v32; Is. 49:6; 60:3

3. The Significance of the S\_\_\_\_\_

A. v33-35 To His P\_\_\_\_\_

1) v33

2) v34-35; 1 Pet.2: 1) v6 THE R\_\_\_\_\_

2) v8 THE F\_\_\_\_\_

B. v29-24 To His P\_\_\_\_\_

1) v29

2) v30

3) v31

4) v32

5) v33-35

Questions to Ponder???

## ***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  
Dorothy Harwood

### **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  
Joe & Margaret Brigman  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
Buddy & Joyce Fisher  
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  
Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
Harry, Gail & Kate Buckner  
Ben & Judy Spangler  
Kit & Sandie Conrad  
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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

Kit & Sandie Conrad  
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Carol McAbee  
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Carol McAbee

### **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  
FPC Choir  
FPC Musicians

### **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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**O**n the 40th day after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph were required by the Law of Moses to go somewhere and do something.

Find where Mary and Joseph went. Answer each math problem. The spaces that have even-numbered answers make a path through the puzzle. Read the words on those spaces in order.



They 2x2=___	water 3x3=___	key 6+7=___	river 12-7=___	to 10-2=___	present 8÷2=___	Jesus 2x3=___
went 4+2=___	Gift 2+3=___	an 12÷6=___	offering 8+8=___	and 10+4=___	traveled 7x7=___	to 6-2=___
to 6-4=___	out 14-7=___	make 5x2=___	Nazareth 5x1=___	boat 4+3=___	boy 9÷3=___	the 8+2=___
the 10÷5=___	mountains 9+2=___	to 5+5=___	fish 10÷2=___	at 12-5=___	lake 5x7=___	Lord. 15-5=___
Temple 2+2=___	in 5+3=___	Jerusalem 12-4=___	to 1x5=___	run 7x3=___	a 18-9=___	race 3+2=___

Two special people recognized Jesus even though He was just a baby. Who were they?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
C	P	X	G	I	L	M	Z	A	K	V	B	W	F	N	T	U	Y	R	E	S	D	H	J	Q	O

Use the alphabet code to fill in the missing letters.

I was a 14 9 5 16 23 14 17 6 7 9 15. I believed in God's  
2 19 26 7 5 21 20 21. He said that I 13 26 17 6 22 not 22 5 20 until  
 I had seen the 7 20 21 21 5 9 23. I was moved by the 23 26 6 18  
21 2 5 19 5 16 to go to the 16 20 7 2 6 20 that day. I lifted the  
12 9 12 18 and 2 19 9 5 21 20 22 God that my 20 18 20 21 had seen  
21 9 6 11 9 16 5 26 15! I am 21 5 7 20 26 15.

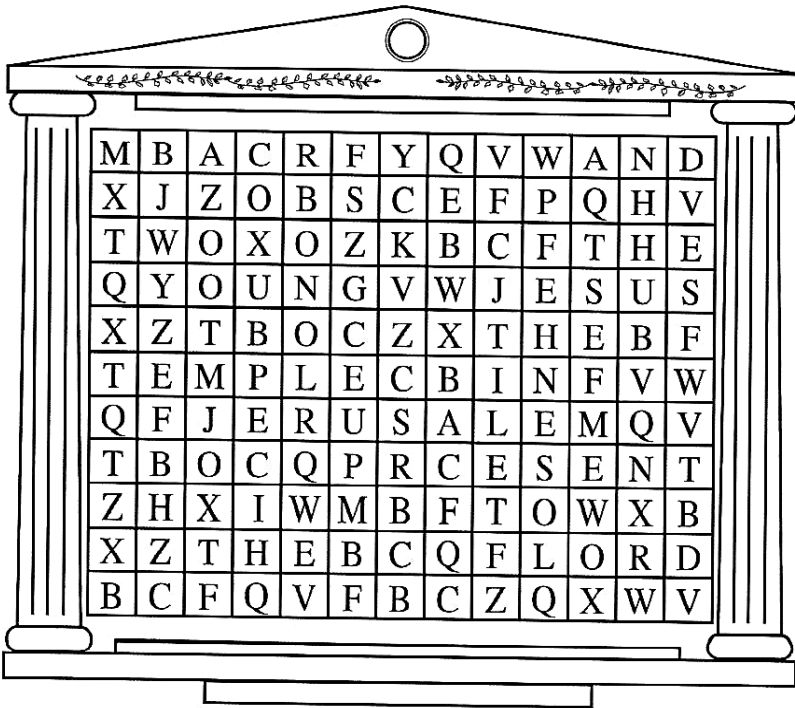


I was an elderly 2 19 26 2 23 20 16 20 21 21 who never left the  
16 20 7 2 6 20. I 13 26 19 21 23 5 2 20 22 night and day. I  
10 15 20 13 who this special 1 23 5 6 22 was and 2 19 9 5 21 20 22  
 God. I spoke about 23 5 7 to all 13 23 26 waited for the  
7 20 21 21 5 9 23! I am 9 15 15 9.



Jesus is presented in the temple.

Color the squares with these letters: B C F Q V W X Z  
Write the remaining letters on the lines in order.



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Mary and Joseph met two people at the temple. What were their names?



Who is this man?

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Write the missing letter from each set on the line.

QRTUV \_\_\_\_\_

HJKLM \_\_\_\_\_

KLNOP \_\_\_\_\_

CDFGH \_\_\_\_\_

LMNPQ \_\_\_\_\_

MOPQR \_\_\_\_\_

XYZBC \_\_\_\_\_

KLMOP \_\_\_\_\_

LMOPQ \_\_\_\_\_

XYZBC \_\_\_\_\_



Who is this woman?

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# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A special "**Thank you!**" to everyone who participated in the inspiring Choir Program last Sunday evening and the reception that followed. Thank you especially to our Director of Music, Sarah Fowler, to whom we are forever grateful for giving us nine years of beautiful music and all the work and technological expertise during the pandemic to keep our church family connected. You have truly been a blessing to us. We pray God's guidance, love, and protection over you and His blessings as you pursue a career in medicine. Thank you!

Greeters: Circle Joy ~ Sheryl Olsen & Joyce Edmonds

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*.

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 are available in the sanctuary foyer or you can 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.

Circle Joy will meet Monday, January 3 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Circle Goodness will meet Tuesday, January 4 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

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*

Today's Date: December 26, 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*

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### *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.