

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

It is our practice to quietly meditate through prayer and stillness as the prelude is played.

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 103:1-2, 17-18, 22

LEADER: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

LEADER: From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children;

PEOPLE: With those who keep His covenant and remember to keep His precepts.

ALL: Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.



Opening Hymn of Worship #576

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.*



Hymn of Worship #8

Come, Thou Almighty King

*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.*

Statement of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 95

Q. To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to anyone outside the visible church until they profess their faith in Christ and their obedience to Him; but the infants of member of the visible are also to be baptized.



Confession of Sin

We have sinned thinking that we can fix ourselves. We are guilty of clinging to the very sins for which Your Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross. Forgive us for our pride and for not bringing our burdens to You, thinking that they are not too heavy for us to bear. Father we cannot bear the awful load of our sin. So please, heavenly Father, by the blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, remove from us this burden and save us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and renew a right spirit within us. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Hymns of Assurance

By His Grace

Hymn #339

*By His grace I am redeemed, By His blood I am made clean;
And I now can know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised,
Hidden now in Christ by faith; I will praise the glory of His grace.*

*By Your grace I am redeemed, By Your blood I am made clean;
And I now can know You face to face. By Your pow'r I have been raised,
Hidden now in You by faith; I will praise the glory of Your grace.*

Redeemed

Hymn #516

*Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.*

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy; His child, and forever, I am.*

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell!
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy; His child, and forever, I am.*

I think of my blessed Redeemer;
I think of Him all the day long.
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy; His child, and forever, I am.*

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King, in whose law I delight,
Who lovingly guardeth my foot-steps
And giveth me songs in the night.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy; His child, and forever, I am.*

Congregational Prayer

Reading of God's Word – Romans 11:17-24

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do you boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“God and an Olive Branch”



Hymn of Response #348

My Savior's Love

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!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs, But sweat drops of blood for mine.

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

In pity angels beheld Him And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.

*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!*



Benediction - Revelation 1:5-6

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

Postlude

Romans 11:17-24 "God and an Olive Branch"

Introduction:

1. v17-21 Learn About God the _____

A. v17 Branches have been _____

B. v17 You have been _____ in: 1) 'You' is

2) Called 'a _____', BUT GOD

3)

C. v18-21 Do not _____ about anything. It is all of _____.

2. v22 Consider the Character of God

A. His _____

B. His _____

3. Therefore,

A. _____ in God's Grace

B. _____ at the God's Grace

C. _____ by Grace

Questions to Ponder?

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 22, 2021

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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 40-minute study on *Breaking Free from Fear*.

Elaine will be out of the office on Monday, August 23.

Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

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....

Gifts of Grace will meet Thursday, August 26 at 1:00 pm in a Sunday school classroom.

Our monthly Games Night will resume Saturday, September 18 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for some great food, laughter and lots of fun.

ABCCM North ~ **Beef stew, jelly, canned fruit, cold cereal & tuna.** 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!!!

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

2021 FALL RETREAT

September 24 & 25, 2021

Friday Afternoon/Evening & Saturday (Ends 2:30 Sat)

RIDGE HAVEN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

215 Ridge Haven Road, Brevard, NC 28712

Courtney Doctor, Speaker

"Join us as we seek to better understand what Jesus meant when He prayed (John 17) that we would all "be one" and how we are to live that one-ness out in our lives." ~ Courtney Doctor

Cost: \$30 Registration plus lodging/meals.

Registration: July 23 – August 24, 2021 (sign-up on tear-off sheet)

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: August 22, 2021

Name _____

Attendance: __1st time __2nd 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.

**Women's Ministry Fall
Retreat at Ridge Haven,
September 24 & 25**

Speaker: *Courtney Doctor*

Three Sessions:

“One” . . . in WHOM we BELIEVE

“One”. . . with all OTHERS
who BELIEVE

“One” . . . so that the WORLD
may BELIEVE

Important lessons for all of us –
young and more mature alike.

Registration begins Friday, July 23
and continues through August 24.

Name _____

Friday & Saturday _____

Only Friday _____

Only Saturday _____

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:

Class of 2022: Steve Russell and Alan Sonner

Class of 2023: Richard Smith

Board of Deacons

Class of 2021: Jim Eldridge

Class of 2022: Kit Conrad

Class of 2023: Buddy Fisher and Britt Webb

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

Michael and Amy Parks (MTW) ----- Australia

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.