

# 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 Only Takes a Spark*

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experience it;  
You spread His love to every one; You want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time in spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming,  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experience it;  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found,  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top- I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

based on

1 John 4:11 *If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

## Welcome

Ruling Elder Alan Sonner

## Call to Worship – Psalm 119:140-144

*LEADER: Your promises have been thoroughly tested and Your servant loves them.*

*PEOPLE: Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget Your precepts.*

*LEADER: Your righteousness is everlasting and Your law is true.*

*PEOPLE: Trouble and distress have come upon me, but Your commands are my delight.*

*ALL: Your statutes are forever right; give me understanding that I may live.*



## Opening Hymn of Worship

### *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

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*We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee;  
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.*

*We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;  
Thro' life's storm and tempest guide Thou hast been.  
When perils o'er-take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,  
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of true worship we raise.  
Thy strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.*

## **Invocation**

### **Statement of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism Question 101**

*Q. What is the Preface of the Ten Commandments?*

*A. The introduction to the Ten Commandments is: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. In these words God reveals His sovereign being as LORD, in and of himself, eternal, unchangeable, and almighty God, who gives being to all His words and works. God also points here to His covenantal relationship with the Israelites in ancient times and with all His people, so that just as He brought the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt, He delivers us from spiritual enslavement. Consequently we are bound to accept only Him as our God and to keep all His commandments.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*O Holy God, we have not worshipped You alone as You clearly command. We have exchanged Your truth for a lie and worshiped created things rather than You the Creator of heaven and earth. We have given glory to other things when You alone are to receive all glory. We have failed to glorify You and give You thanks for Your many blessings. Forgive us through the atoning work of Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.*

## **Assurance of Pardon – John 5:24**

*I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; for he has crossed over from death to life..*

## **Hymn**

### ***I Am Thine, O Lord***

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*I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me.  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord!  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the pow'r of grace divine.  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord!  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord!  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord!  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

### **Congregational Prayer closing with The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### **Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Reading of God's Word – Exodus 21:1-2 (ESV)**

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

*"Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing.*

#### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Rob Herron

#### **"The Gracious Lawgiver"**



#### **Hymn of Response**

#### ***O Word of God Incarnate***

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*O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That o'er life's surging sea,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.*

*O make Your Church, dear Savior; A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face.*

## **Benediction – Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **Postlude**

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## **Church Directory**

Skip Gillikin - Pastor (280-7333)  
Flavien Pardigon - Assistant Pastor  
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 2022: Steve Russell and Alan Sonner ~ Class of 2023: Shawn Cole ~ Class of 2024: Steve Blevins

## **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.



# CRATES FOR UKRAINE

Our Mission team has approved to partner with Arden Presbyterian in **Crates for Ukraine**. The Crates for Ukraine Mission: *At the request of the Ukrainian Church and our national partners, to provide personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of churches in the U.S. to the hands of churches and displaced communities in Ukraine.* Our church will be filling up 2 crates, while Arden will fill up 4. Once these crates are filled a team from Arden will fly to the Ukraine and help distribute the items collected to those in need.

The items needed are listed in the church foyer (and listed below). Please take a moment to look and **sign up for as many items as you can**. Next to each item will be a spot for you to initial your name. If there are 2 spots then that means 2 items are needed....if there are 4 spots then 4 items are needed, etc..... **The deadline to bring your items is Monday, August 22**. You can bring them on Sunday's where 2 crates will be in the foyer next to the item list **OR** you can drop them by the church office during the week.

You can also give a monetary donation. Make the check out the FPC and put in the subject line: *Crates for Ukraine*

If you have any questions please see or contact Joyce Roberts.

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| Hand Sanitizers                  |
| Toothbrushes (Children & Adults) |
| Dental Floss                     |
| Toothpaste (Children & Adults)   |
| Bar Soap                         |
| Mylar Thermal Blankets           |
| Tampons                          |
| Maxi Pads                        |
| Water Filters (individual)       |
| Baby Powder / Gold Bond Powder   |
| pairs of Men's Socks             |
| pairs of Women's Socks           |
| pairs of kids Socks              |
| Chapsticks / Vaseline            |

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| packages of Body Wipes (not baby wipes)  |
| Tweezers/Nail Clippers                   |
| Kleenex (small packages)                 |
| AA Batteries                             |
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| Sewing Kit                               |
| LED Flashlight with Batteries            |
| Swiss Army Knife or Multi-tools          |
| packages of Hair Ties                    |
| Thermometer (Celsius)                    |
| bottles of Eye Drops                     |
| bottles of Water purification tablets    |
| bottles of Electrolyte hydration tablets |
| Adult diapers                            |

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| Standard Gauze               |
| Alcohol Wipes                |
| Sterile Latex Medical gloves |
| tubes of Neosporin           |
| Medical Tape                 |
| Ace Bandage Wraps            |
| Trauma Shears                |
| Bandages/Band Aids           |
| Sterile Gauze Rolls          |
| Trauma First Aid kits        |
| Israeli emergency bandages   |
| Cat 7 Tourniquet - Gen 7     |
| Chest seal                   |
| Hemostatic bandages          |

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Greeters: Circle Goodness ~ Betty Dendy & Margaret Brigman  
Elder ~ Alan Sonner      Deacon ~ Britt Webb

Pastor Skip will be on vacation until August 8. We welcome Rev. Rob Herron with RUF App State as our guest speaker today.

Al Harrell's Small Group meet each Sunday evening beginning at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. They are studying a 6-week DVD series on The Pilgrim's Progress by Derek Thomas of Ligonier Ministries. Everyone is invited to attend. For questions call the church office or see Al Harrell.

Circle Joy will meet Monday, August 8 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

The Men's Bible Study will NOT meet this Tuesday.

Gifts of Grace has changed their meeting days to Tuesday's. They will meet Tuesday, August 9 at 1:00 pm in the Sunday school bottom floor area.

Join us for Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting / Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Games Night will be Saturday, August 20 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

ABCCM North ~ the following items are needed for ABCCM North's food pantry: **Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Grits (small packets) and Crackers.** Drop your bags off at the church office or in the church sanctuary foyer.

There are only 2 baby backpacks left in Kentucky. More backpacks will need to be put together and driven there. Please help collect supplies for the backpacks or you can give a monetary donation. There are brochures on the foyer table that gives a list of items needed.

## First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

### *Everyone*

Today's Date: August 7, 2022

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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Exodus 21:1-2 ~ "The Gracious Lawgiver"

Introduction:

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Questions to Ponder???