

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

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 147:1-7

LEADER: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praise to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him.

PEOPLE: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

LEADER: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and might in power; His understanding has no limit.

PEOPLE: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

ALL: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.



Opening Hymn of Worship

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

hymn #225

*Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ, our King;
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!*

Invocation

Statement of Faith – Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



Confession of Sin [from Book of Common Prayer (1552)]

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden – cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words of Assurance of Forgiveness – Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble and heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.



Hymn

Near to the Heart of God

hymn #617

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God.
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God.
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God.
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.*



Congregational Prayer

Reading of God's Word – Romans 12:6-8

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contribution to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“The Gifted Church in Action – Part 4”



*We are called to be God's people,
Showing by our lives His grace.
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us
And remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne.*

*We are called to be God's servants,
Working in His world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
All his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons,
Dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now His call.*

*We are called to be God's prophets,
Speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice,
Bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
Our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will.*



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 12:6-8 “The Gifted Church in Action – Part 4”

Introduction:

1. M_____ of a _____

A. Rom. 1:1; Col. 1:23

B. Phil. 2:7

2. M_____ Spiritual Gifts

A. 1 Cor. 12:9

B. 1 Cor. 12:10 WARNING!!!

Acts 17:10-15

Gal. 1:6-8; 5:7-9

C. 1 Cor. 12:28 _____ or _____

D. Rom. 12:8

E. 1 Peter 4:9; Rom. 16:23

3. M_____ of the _____

A. 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1:15 Divine C_____

B. Eph. 4:12-16 Divine P_____ Rom. 12:1-5

v1)

v2)

v3)

v4-5)

C. 2 Cor. 12:9-10 Divine P_____

Questions to Ponder???

Ladies:

It's that time again! (Well, actually, past that time – my apologies!) Ministry sign-up sheets are in the narthex. We have not had an update in the ministries for a couple of years, so each ministry and those currently serving are listed below for your convenience. Please remember that, although you may be listed as serving in a ministry, you need to sign up for the ministry or ministries in which you wish to serve. Sign-up sheets will be available through January 23.

As we were reminded two Sunday's ago from *Romans 12:4-6* – *Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.*

And your gift is needed!

Connie, Women's Ministry Coordinator

Women's Ministry

(Women in the Church, WIC)

The initials, WIC, suggest the symbol of an old-fashioned kerosene lamp. This symbol emphasizes the importance of spiritual life and growth and encourages obedience to Christ's command to shine as lights in a dark world. It is explained this way:

To provide light, the kerosene lamp must be filled with oil and the wick must rest continually in the oil. The knob on the side of the lamp is to adjust the amount of oil needed to give appropriate light; and the wick must be trimmed regularly for effective and efficient light. The chimney must be kept clean and clear.



Similarly, the believer's life must be filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit. As the wick rests in the oil and is fully saturated with it, so must the WIC rest in Christ and draw life and spiritual strength from His Holy Spirit. Any spiritual light radiating from the Christian is a result of the indwelling presence of Christ. The knob on the side of the lamp represents the Word of God by which the lives of believers must be daily regulated and trimmed in obedience to His revealed will.

Impurities in the wick represent sins of the spirit; i.e., neglect of Bible study, prayer, fellowship with one another, or attitudes that hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. A dirty chimney represents obvious sins in the life that prevent others from seeing the light of Christ.

For Zion's sake I will not rest and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep silent, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. (Isaiah 62:1)

Women's Ministry Opportunities

Circle Ministry

Purpose – To provide opportunities for monthly Bible studies, encouragement, fellowship, and nurturing relationships. Upon joining the church, women are assigned to a circle; however, individuals are encouraged to visit each circle and select the circle in which God-given spiritual gifts can be used to serve Him and each other.

Circle Contacts:

Circle Joy: Joyce Fisher

Circle Goodness: Nancy Morgan

Circle Peace: Carol McAbee

Circle contact responsibility: In the Fall, inform church secretary of Bible study selected by circle teachers/members; study must be approved by the Session.

Circle Ministries:

- Foreign mission support
- Recognition of newborns/baptisms
- Support of students/special/homebound women
- Recognition of graduates
- Sunday Morning Greeting

Benevolence Ministry

Contacts: Sandy Massey and Sandy Sonner

Purpose: Upon receiving communication from the FPC-W church secretary of member's family food wishes/needs, coordinate, set-up, and provide food and cleanup as needed.

Grief Support Ministry

Contact: Carol McAbee

Purpose: Coordinate continuing outreach, support, and encouragement to members who have lost loved ones for as long as such support is needed; i.e., cards, calls, visits, etc.

Hospitality Ministry

Contact: Jennifer Smith

Purpose: Plan, organize, set up, and decorate for women's ministry and/or church events; i.e., Spring tea, combined circle meeting, Christmas banquet (requires caterer and program), Weaverville church women when held at FPC (requires speaker).

Libraries/Archives Ministry

Contact: Nell Jean McDarris

Purpose: Maintain adult and children's libraries, archives, and church history.

Local Missions/Outreach Ministry

Contact: Joyce Fisher

Purpose: Communicate needs of ABCCM, Senior Meal Site, and Room in the Inn (a partnership with the Weaverville United Methodist Church and Homeward Bound).

Gifts of Grace

Purpose: Sew pillows for nursing home and CarePartners Hospice patients, items for baby backpack ministry, etc.

Contact: Grace Ray

Sanctuary Beautification Ministry

Contact: Jennifer Parsell

Purpose: Coordinate volunteers (or their designee) to provide flowers – fresh (no lilies, please), silk or other artificial – for Sunday morning worship (*except* 2nd Sunday each month – Communion).

Serving/Caring Ministry

Contacts: Karen Silver and Dorothy Kernan

Purpose: Coordinate meals/transportation for members as needed.

Visitation Ministry

Contact: Betty Dendy

Purpose: Coordinate ongoing visitation of shut-ins, others homebound due to illness, surgery, child delivery, grieving, etc.

Welcoming Ministry

Contact: Women's Ministry (WIC) Coordinator

Purpose: Develop welcome letter for new women members that includes listing of women's ministry descriptions and opportunities and personally invite participation in women's ministry opportunities.

Women's Ministry Events – Highlands Presbytery

Contact: Connie Buckner

Purpose: Obtain and provide retreat information to church secretary to include in church publications and assist with registration for Highlands Presbytery Women's events.

Women's Ministry Coordinator

Contact: Connie Buckner

Purpose: Work with church leadership, church secretary, and women's ministry contacts to communicate opportunities for participation and encourage each woman member to use her God-given gifts to serve God and the church family.

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The Church Office Manager will send a donation (\$2 per each woman member) to the Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry Fund (formerly "Askings"). This fund is used to help pay for speakers, etc., for the Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry Spring Gathering and Fall Retreat Events. This donation is sent each January to the Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry Team Treasurer (Terrie Welsh, 2015 Old Balsam Road, Waynesville, NC 28786). An additional \$2 donation per each woman member is sent to the denomination Women's Ministry to support regional women's ministry training, programs, etc.: Women's Ministry, Committee on Discipleship Ministries, 1700 North Brown Road, Suite 102, Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8122

Circle Ministry

The purpose of a Circle is to ensure that every woman in the church feels a part of the "Women in the Church" ministry through encouragement, prayer, and compassion. It is our objective that WIC move beyond a functioning "organization" to a strengthening fellowship where Bible Study and fellowship are priorities. Our desire is that women grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus by experiencing His love through the reaching-out and nurture of Circle leaders and members.

Every woman who is a member of the church or who visits regularly is assigned a Circle. She may choose a different Circle if she desires. This is a way to make "inactive" women in the church feel cared for and involved. It also gives the women who are actively involved in other ministries of the church but do not attend monthly Circle meetings a place in a Circle.

The Circles can be as structured as the Circle Chair and group desire. Every Circle Chair is encouraged to prayerfully develop her own "style" in this ministry dependent on the gifts God has given her. One may feel monthly telephone calls are perfect, while another might call quarterly, drop notes of encouragement periodically, or invite all her ladies for a luncheon to meet and share together. Each Circle will be different, depending on the needs and concerns of the women. The Circle Chair must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in this respect.

The role of the Circle Chair is one of building relationships with these women in a way that she can share Christ's ministry of compassion and concern (care) with each and then enable them to reach out to each other when one has a need. Once a Circle Chair is prayerfully chosen to oversee a Circle, she will contact each woman in the Circle explaining the purpose of Circles if necessary, providing a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of the others in the Circle, and inviting her to contact the Chair with any prayer concerns or for other reasons.

Circle members experience many life events. The Circle Chair will discover creative ways that she and others can minister to them. A week of meals, babysitting or Mothers Morning Out, a ride to the doctor or grocery, a book, a telephone call are just a few suggestions.

The ministry of caring will enable us all to grow in our understanding of Jesus' command that we love one another. And as we grow we hope to experience as never before the prayer of Jesus in John 17: "That they might be one as we (Trinity) are one."

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 please contact the church office.

Greeters: Circle Peace

SMALL GROUP ~ 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 for Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting/Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room

Ladies Bible Study ~ Thursday's at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

Would you like to learn how to Biblically and logically defend the cause of life in a culture that is often against the choice of life? To equip us to stand for life. Mountain Area Pregnancy Services will hold a workshop on Saturday morning January 22 at Westwood Baptist Church in West Asheville from 9-12. There is no charge but you must register at <https://mtnpregnancy.com/events/>. Also let Pastor Gillikin or Joyce Roberts know that you have registered and we will leave from the parking lot at 8 AM in the church bus. A light breakfast will be provided at the workshop.

Gifts of Grace will meet Thursday, January 27 at 1:00 pm in the Sunday school bottom floor area.

ABCCM North ~ the following items are needed for ABCCM North's food pantry: **Tuna, Jelly, Juice, Peanut Butter and Beef Stew**. 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: January 16, 2022

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.



Church Directory

- Skip Gillikin - Pastor (280-7333)
- 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.