

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

Elder Steve Blevins

Call to Worship – 1 Chronicles 16:8-12

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced.



Opening Hymn of Worship

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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*Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away.
Give His angels charge at last In the first the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come To thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified, In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come; Raise the glorious harvest home.*

Invocation



Statement of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism Question 76

Q47. What is repentance unto life?

A. The Repentance unto life is a saving grace, done in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sin, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.

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.



Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*



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.

Hymn

The Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 2:10

Please stand for the reading of God's Word

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Al Harrell

“Partnering with God in His Plan”



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response

Now Thank We All Our God

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*Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*



Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.

Postlude

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Partnering with God in His Plan - Ephesians 2:10

Introduction:

I. The Creation of the Church-Ephesians 2:1-9

A. Material: from children of wrath v 1-3 _____, _____ and _____

B. Means: By Grace v 4-7 _____, _____ and _____

C. Method: By Grace through faith v 8,9 _____, _____ and _____

2. The Commission of the Church-Ephesians 2:10 God's work in us, for us, and through us

“ God saves us from ourselves and from being stuck in a self focused life which leads to feelings of entitlement and invites us to partner with Him in loving people by being the hands and feet and mouth of Jesus” Exodus 3:8,10,12 John 20:21

A. The _____ for good works - **we are His workmanship**

1) Workmanship-Poiema-to do, make-poem, a work of art, masterpiece-God has His hand on us for something special!
Phil 2:13, Phil 1:6

2) Created in Christ Jesus-Ktizo-an act of God in the spiritual creation-SHAPE-spiritual gifts, heart inclination, abilities, personality, experience-all given, grown and guided by Christ

B. The _____ for good works-which **God prepared beforehand**-the fruit and not the root of salvation. A man is not justified by works but a justified man works!

1) By Grace it was Christ _____ us - Romans 5:8, Romans 8:32

2) Through faith it was Christ _____ us - Ephesians 2:22, Ephesians 3:17

3) Unto good works it is Christ _____ us-Gal 2:20, Phil1:21

Matthew 9:37,39

Luke 10:2

John 4:35

C. The _____ for good works-**that we should walk in them**

1) Peripateo-the whole round of activities of the individual life, make one's way, make progress

2) Aorist tense-indicates an anticipated fact, to effectively or successfully bring about John 4:35-38

a. be ready – II Timothy 2:21

b. be diligent - Titus 3:8

c. be confident – I Corinthians 15:58

d. be a finisher – II Timothy 4:8

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thank you all so much for the cards, calls, food and especially your prayers before and after my surgery. Love my church family. *Sandy Sonner*

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Shoeboxes are due **TODAY**. Any questions please see Kit or Sandie Conrad.

Greeters: Circle Goodness
Elder ~ Shawn Cole Deacon ~ Steve Morris

The Lord's Supper will be observed today. There will also be a Building Fund offering taken up during the last hymn.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the First Baptist Church at 5:00 pm today. Please bring canned foods for ABCCM collection. There will also be an offering taken up and split between ABCCM and Senior Meals. We hope everyone will come and join in the fellowship and worship.

Al Harrell's Small Group meet Sunday's at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend. **Not meeting today.**

Pastor Skip will be out of the office until November 22.

Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 10:30 am in the Conference Room – Join us as Bryan Tom teaches the *Parables of Jesus*.

Gifts of Grace will meet Tuesday, November 22 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.

The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25.

Games Night will be Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Session calls for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022 following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers to serve the church. The Session has approved Richard Smith as a nominee to serve as a Ruling Elder. No other are permitted. *Your Session*

ABCCM North ~ the following items are needed for ABCCM North's food pantry: **Beef Stew, Chef Boyardee Pastas, Canned Fruit, Cold Cereal and Canned Chicken.** Drop your bags off at the church office or in the church sanctuary foyer.

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: November 20, 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.



**Christmas Poinsettias
\$4.00 each**

Deadline is November 27

Name _____

How many poinsettias _____

Honor of _____

Memory of _____

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**Christmas Dinner
December 10 – 5:00 pm**

Name _____

How many guest _____

Green Beans _____

Mashed Potatoes _____

Sweet Potato Casserole _____

Rolls _____

Dessert _____

Table Host _____



Christmas Silk Poinsettias

~ *in Honor or in Memory of someone* ~ \$4.00 each (money will go to ABCCM North) In December silk poinsettias are placed in the church for decoration in honor/memory of someone. Fill out the tear-off sheet in your bulletin and place in the offering plate (check...write to FPC and put poinsettias in the memo – cash...write you name on an envelope). If you have any questions please contact the church office. Deadline to purchase is Sunday, November 27.



Everyone is invited to join us for an *Old Fashion Sing Along* Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 10 beginning at 5:00 pm. This event is free to our church family and \$7 per guest.

Menu: Spiral Ham, Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Congealed Salad, Sweet Potato Casserole, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks

We ask that you bring green beans, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, rolls and dessert. Everything else is provided. The deadline to sign-up and to pay for any guest will be Monday, December 5. Please sign-up as this helps to know how much meat to prepare for. We also need 10 table host with a 7 piece place setting (you can also pair up with someone). If interested please sign-up and/or contact Jennifer Smith (778-6623).

For questions about this wonderful event please call Elaine in the church office (645-7344). Also if you don't like driving at night and need a ride please let Elaine know.

