

First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



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 – Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

PEOPLE: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you.

LEADER: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

PEOPLE: The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

ALL: Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.



Opening Hymn of Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Invocation

Statement of Faith – Isaiah 9:2; Luke 1:76-79

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... You will go one before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercies of our God, by which the Rising Sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.



Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*



Confession of Sin

O Holy God, we have sinned against You. We know that You have commanded us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Your Word tells us to not have any other gods before You. Yet, we have not loved You as we ought. We have loved and served created things rather than You the Creator of all things. Forgive us, O God, for our rebellion. Cleanse us afresh that we may walk in Your perfect love. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live to Your glory alone. Through Jesus we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.



Congregational Prayer

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 – Luke 2:15-20

Please stand for the reading of God's Word

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

"A Christmas Invitation"



Hymn of Response

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him- born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!



Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Postlude

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Luke 2:15-20 "A Christmas Invitation"

Introduction:

1. Luke 2:25-32 A _____ for a _____

A. v25 Simeon was waiting for the _____ of Israel.

B. Is. 40:1-5 God Promised true _____

John 14:1

What does double mean?

1) God's _____

2) God's _____

2. A Plea for _____

A. Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:23 Emmanuel =

B. Luke 1:76-79 Dayspring =

Mal. 4:2 promised

C. 1 Cor. 1:30 Wisdom =

D. Eph. 2:14 Desire of Nations =

Luke 2:14 the angels sing of

3. Will You _____ the Invitation?

A. Luke 2:15-20

B. Mt. 11:28-30

C. Mt. 22:1-14

D. Bonus: We does it mean to be _____ and _____?

Questions to Ponder???

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Al Harrell's Small Group meet Sunday's at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend. **Will not meet again until Dec. 18.**

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.

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

There will be a Mission Ministry Leadership Team meeting on Sunday, December 4 after the morning worship service in the Conference Room.

The Handle's *Messiah* will be performed on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm at the Baptist Church. All are invited to attend.

Circle Joy will meet Monday, December 5 at 1:00 pm in the Conf. Room.

Circle Peace will meet Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm in the Conf. Room.

Circle Goodness will meet Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

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*

The Community Candlelight Walk will be Sunday, December 11 beginning at 6:00 pm. The route is: meet here first at 6:00 then follow the luminaries to Weaverville United Methodist then end at First Baptist with light refreshments after the program.

We need at least 5 volunteers to help light and set out/pick up the luminaries for the Candlelight Walk on Sunday, December 11. All you have to do is turn on the lights, put them in the already sanded bags and then set the luminaries on the sidewalk in front of the church, office building and along the side streets about half way to Main Street (Church Street & Georgia Avenue). Should take about 30 minutes. If you can help please sign-up on the tear-off sheet. Questions, contact the church office.

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: November 27, 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.

**Luminary Volunteers
Sunday, December 11**

Name _____

**Christmas Poinsettias
\$4.00 each**

Deadline is TODAY

Name _____

How many poinsettias _____

Honor of _____

Memory of _____

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

Name _____

How many attending _____

Green Beans _____

Mashed Potatoes _____

Rolls _____

Dessert _____

Table Host _____

Gifts of Grace will meet Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 pm in the Sunday school bottom floor area.

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.

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 TODAY.**



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 that you bring.



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 8 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.

