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IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
- 1 corinthians 11:24



***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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The First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-4, 6-7

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

PEOPLE: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

LEADER: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: In His hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

ALL: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our god and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.



Opening Hymn of Worship

O Worship the King

hymn #104

*O worship the King; all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might, and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

*All hail to the King! in splendor enthroned;
Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known.
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win.*



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.



Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People

hymn #415

*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.*



Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, like lost sheep we have gone our own way, not loving You as we ought, nor loving our neighbors as ourselves. We have done what we ought no to have done, and we have not done what we ought to have done. We justly deserve Your condemnation. Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us of all that is past, and grant that from this time forward, we may serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for as it is written, "Cursed is everyone who in hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Congregational Prayer {based on Proverbs 3:5-12 and Hebrews 13:20-21}

*Heavenly Father,
As we enter into a new year of uncertainty and unknown futures,
enable me to trust in the You with all my heart,
and not lean on my own understanding.
In all my ways let me acknowledge You,
knowing that only You can make my paths straight.
Let me not be wise in my own eyes;
but fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
In revering you, let me know that whatever this year may bring
You will ultimately bring healing and refreshment through Christ.
As Your servant, let me honor You with my wealth
and with the first-fruits of all my resources;
only then will I know how to be filled with contentment,
and properly celebrate and rejoice in Your good gifts.
In this year, let me not despise Your discipline or be weary of Your reproof,
but remember You correct those whom You love,
as a father the son in whom he delights.
In this new year please continue to equip me with
everything good, that I might do Your will.
Let me never forget that You are the God of peace who brought
again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep.
By the blood of the eternal covenant, work in me that which is pleasing in
His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*



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 3”



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*O sacred Head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!*

*What Thou, my Lord, has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior;
'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor;
Assist me with Thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.*



Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

Romans 12:6-8 “The Gifted Church in Action – Part 3”

Introduction:

1. Why Serve?

A. Mark 10:45 Jesus _____ Served.

B. Mt. 28:18-20 Jesus _____ Serve. He has ALL authority. Ps. 23; John 10

C. Mt. 25:31-33 Jesus _____ Serve. At the _____ Jesus as _____ will (per DeYoung):

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

2. The Partial List of Serving Gifts

A. v7

B. v8

C. v8

D. 1 Cor. 12:28

3. The Purpose of Serving Gifts

A. 1 Peter 4:11

B. Rom 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-26

C. 2 Peter 3:18

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 last Sunday 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

January 9, 2022

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I would like to thank everyone for their many cards, thoughts and especially your prayers during my battle with cancer. It is truly appreciated. *Guy Brigman*

2022 Tithing Envelopes are available in the sanctuary foyer). 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*.

Elaine will be on vacation January 10-14. The office will still be opened everyday except Friday.

Circle Joy will meet Monday, January 10 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Circle Peace will meet Monday, January 10 at 6:00 pm in the Nursery.

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

Circle Goodness will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

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

A new Ladies Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 13 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18 by Jen Wilkin. If you are interested please let Kathy Harrell know.

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

A celebration of life for Roger Gentry will be Saturday, January 15 at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary.

Games Night will be Saturday, January 15 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

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.

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!

Everyone

Today's Date: January 9, 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.