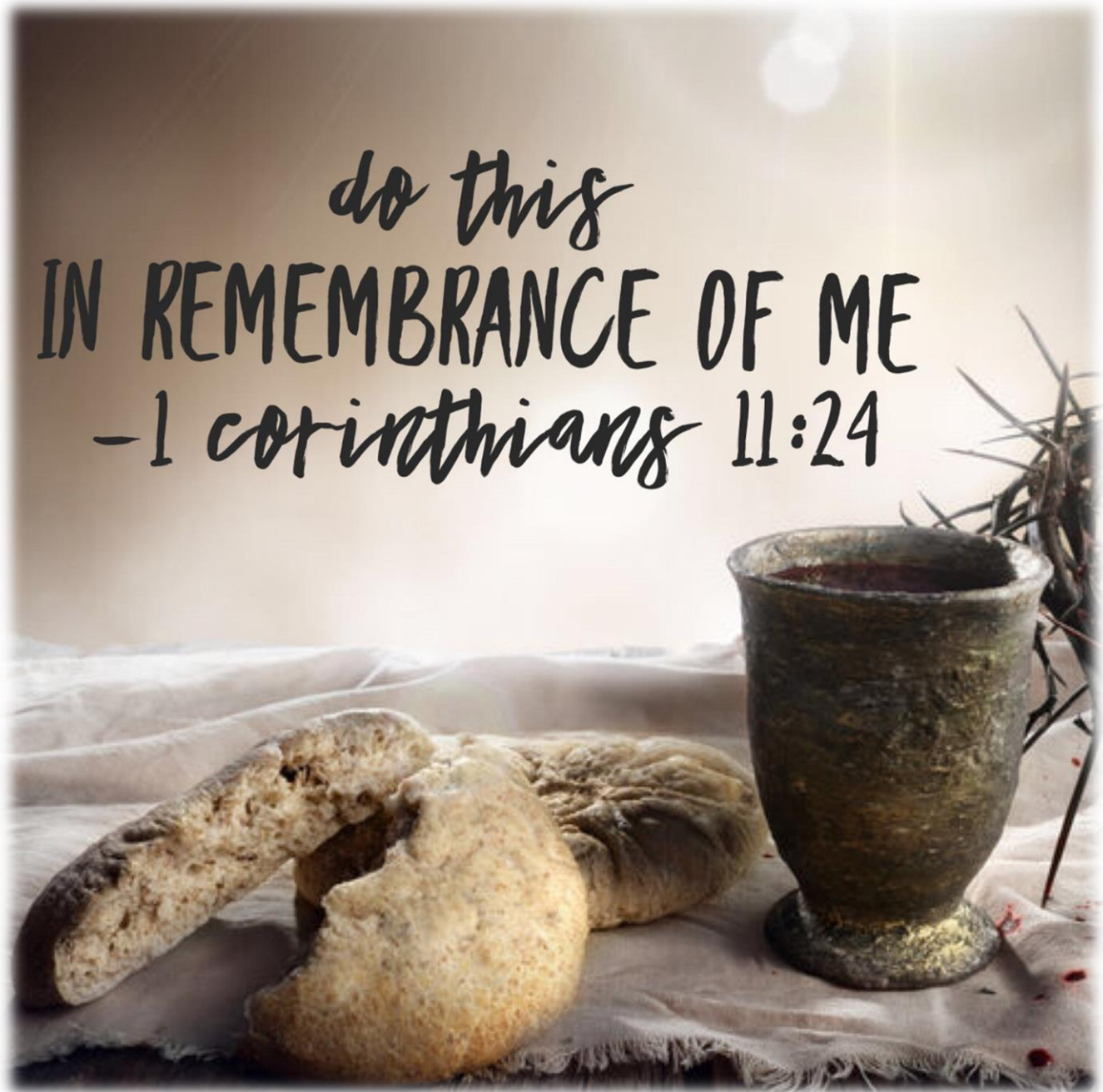


First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville



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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September 12, 2021



Prelude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

It is our practice to quietly meditate through prayer and stillness as the prelude is played.

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-3

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

PEOPLE: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

ALL: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.



Opening Hymn of Worship

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

hymn #161

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

*With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*



Hymn of Worship

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

hymn #694

*The Lord's my Shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.*

*Yea, tho' I walk thro' death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.*



Statement of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 98

Q. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is offering up our desires to God for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and with thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 130:3-4

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.



Musical Meditation

Lovingkindness

Let praises now awake the dawn, we'll greet your mercy with a song;
Your people stand and sing for all Your lovingkindness.
You've carried us in faithfulness, upon the paths of righteousness;
Our gracious King, You've crowned us with Your lovingkindness.

*How great is Your lovingkindness, O God of goodness;
Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain*

*Of grace that saved us, of sweet forgiveness;
Oh how great is Your lovingkindness.*

You lift us with a father's hand, You shelter us with Your commands;
What heart could fully comprehend Your mercies endless.
You lead us through the shadows deep, where doubts trace ev'ry step it seems;
But as the darkness breaks, we'll see the morning promise.

*How great is Your lovingkindness, O God of goodness;
Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain
Of grace that saved us, of sweet forgiveness;
Oh how great is Your lovingkindness.*

A life laid down to rescue us with arms out-stretched upon the cross;
The greatest gift there ever was of lovingkindness.
A life laid down to rescue us with arms out-stretched upon the cross,
The greatest gift there ever was of lovingkindness.
Your lovingkindness.

*How great is Your lovingkindness, O God of goodness;
Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain
Of grace that saved us, of sweet forgiveness;
Oh how great is your love, O God.*

*How great is Your lovingkindness, O God of goodness;
Our joy forever to sing the glad refrain
Of grace that saved us, of sweet forgiveness;
Oh how great is Your lovingkindness.*

Congregational Prayer



Reading of God's Word – Romans 12:1

*Please stand for the reading of God's Word

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Skip Gillikin

“Looking at God's Mercy”



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*“Man of Sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Bearing, shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood-
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished,” was His cry:
Now in heavn’*n* exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*



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 12:1 “Looking at God’s Mercy”

Introduction: “*Is there any reason that a righteous God ought to be loving toward a creature who hates Him and rebels constantly against His divine authority and holiness?*” - R.C. Sproul

Preliminary words: 1) Therefore – Stott: Paul “regularly combines doctrine with duty, belief with behavior.”

2) Brothers –

3) I urge you –

1. No One _____ God’s Mercy

A. What is mercy? Grudem: “God’s goodness toward those in misery and distress.”

B. What do we _____? 1:18f 3:23

5:1 6:23 8:1

Calling, foreknowing, justification, redemption, adoption and forgiveness of sins demonstrate God’s mercy.

2. God Will Have Mercy on Whom He Will Have Mercy Romans 9:15, 18

Paul uses ‘mercy’ 9 times in Romans in 9:15, 15, 16, 18, 23 and 11:30, 31, 31, 32.

A. It is

B. It is a

3. God Is _____ in Showing Mercy 15:9 12:8

A. 2 Cor. 1:3 God Is the _____ of Mercy; 1 Peter 1:3

Tom Ascol: “Of this you can be sure. Your sin will be paid for. Either you will lay claim to the payment that Jesus has made by His death on the cross by trusting Him as Lord, or the day will come when you will enter into an eternity of payment under the righteous wrath of God.”

B. Having Received God Mercy His People Live to His Glory Alone.

Lawson: “It is not enough for God that we are saved – we must be sanctified.”

Questions to Ponder?

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 12, 2021

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Our many thanks to our loving church family for all the love, cards, calls and most especially your prayers shown to us during Sid's illness and death. Love, *Buddy & Joyce Fisher*

The Lord's Supper is this morning. Before Covid, each month we would take a special offering for either the Needy Fund or the Building Fund. This morning we are going to start that back with the Needy Fund offering. Please drop your donation in the Offering Box near the entrance/exit doors. Thank you.

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 40-minute study on *Breaking Free from Fear*.

Circle Peace will meet Monday, September 13 at 6:00 pm outside between the Nursery & Fellowship Hall buildings.

Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

Join us on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room (located in the Church Office Building) for a short bible study on *A Praying Life* and a time of prayer for our church family, friends, country, etc....

The Ladies Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 16 with a 7-week study on *What Love Is - Bible Study Book: The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John* by Kelly Minter. Meeting in the Conference Room on Thursday's at 10:00 am.

Gifts of Grace will meet Thursday, September 23 at 1:00 pm in the Sunday school building (bottom floor).

There will be a Mission Leadership Team meeting on Sunday, September 26 after the morning worship service in the Conference Room. Bring a bagged lunch.

DATE CHANGE - Our monthly Games Night will resume Saturday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for some great food, laughter and lots of fun.

ABCCM North ~ the following items are needed for ABCCM North's food pantry: **beef stew, jelly, canned fruit, canned chicken & soups.** 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: September 12, 2021

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

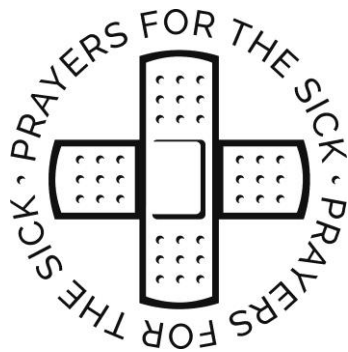
CD's of First Presbyterian's Morning Worship Service are available upon request.

Date of Service: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Church Directory

Skip Gillikin – Pastor (280-7333)
 Sarah Fowler - Director of Music Ministries
 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 2021:
 Class of 2022: Steve Russell and Alan Sonner
 Class of 2023: Richard Smith

Board of Deacons

Class of 2021: Jim Eldridge
 Class of 2022: Kit Conrad
 Class of 2023: Buddy Fisher and Britt Webb

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
 Michael and Amy Parks (MTW) ----- Australia
 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.