

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2019

11:00 am

Selected Advent and Christmas Anthems

8:30 am

Lessons in Carols

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

(Please sign and pass the friendship register in the pew next to the center aisle.)

WELCOME

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

The Candle of Hope

8:30 am Service – Richard and Rená Johnson

11:00 am Service – Bill and Sherri Jones

INTROIT: *A Song of Christmas*

J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin

8:30 am Service- *Go Tell It on The Mountain*

Phillip Keveren

GABRIEL'S PROCLAMATION TO MARY: Luke 1: 26-33

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The angel went to her and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you will give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

GOD'S PROMISE: *O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Bob Burroughs

8:30 am Congregational Song, # 194

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH AND SHEPHERDS' VISIT: Luke 2: 8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find the baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

AROUND THE MANGER: *Silent Night*

arr. John Carter

8:30 am Service- Congregational Song # 210

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

SONG OF CELEBRATION: *Christmas Samba*

Craig Curry

8:30 am Service- Congregational Song, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, # 214

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 3:15

SERMON:

"Anticipating Jesus"

Pastor Tom Pitman

ANTHEM: *When the Angels' Song is Silent*

Mary Kay Beall

8:30 Service: Congregational Song, *What Child Is This*, #213

WISE MEN FROM THE EAST: Matthew 2: 1-2; 10-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Like the wise men), let us now present our gifts of tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY: *Still, Still, Still*

arr. Norman Luboff

8:30 Service: *We Three Kings*

Phillip Keveren

COMMUNION:

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL OF RESPONSE: *Songs of Joy*

arr. Van Denman Thompson

8:30 am Congregational Song, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, # 203

Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinner reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today; Love was born at Christmas time; The manger holds a Child divine; Christ is born today, Christ is born today.

Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice: Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened the heav'nly door, And man is blest forevermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Based on familiar carols: CCLI # 305041.

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE: *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

arr. Mary McDonald

Director of Music/Organist: Gayle Stepp

Narrator: Pastor Tom Pitman

Liturgical Dancers: Tarleton Brooks, Joy Mast, Ana Morris

Bronlynn Spindler, Katrina Thissen, Judy Van Wagoner

8:30 am Service Participants

Deanna Crawford, Rená Johnson, Yorke Pharr, Greg Plapp, Linda Stephens

CHANCEL CHOIR

Brenda Bradshaw, Janet Briner, Carol Broyles, Jan Demirgian, Jack Dublynn,

Len Dykstra, Ruth Dykstra, Kathy Gagnon, Cathey Gilbert, Karen Grady,

Roy Hathaway, Brenda Holmer, Don Holmer, Bill Jones, Sherri Jones,

Rená Johnson, Caryl Mobley, Larry Mobley, Barbara Norris, Tom Sheppard,

Grant Sitler, Susan Sitler, Barbara Smith, Bette-Lee Taylor

*Those who are able may stand.

Class of 2019
Brenda Bradshaw
Laura Morris
Bruce Rau

THE SESSION

Class of 2020
Louis Haynes
Ralph Mitchell
Charles Young

Class of 2021
Carol Broyles
Robert Burns
Marge Hever

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CHURCH STAFF

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR: Rev. Tom Pitman
ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Tom Sheppard
ASSOCIATE LAY PASTOR: Rev. Dwayne Durham
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Week of December 1 through December 7, 2019

SUNDAY

8:30 am
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
12:15 pm

Early Worship in Chapel
Youth and Adult Sunday School
Adult Sunday School
Traditional Worship in Sanctuary (Combined)
OCC Ministry Meeting

MONDAY

10:00 am

Beyond Words Radio on WHKP 1450 AM/
107.7 FM "*Marriage: The Second Half*"

6:00 pm

Girl Scouts

TUESDAY

9:30 am
5:30 pm
5:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study
Community Chess Club
King St. Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

4:00 pm
5:30 pm
6:10 pm
6:15 pm
6:30 pm

Handchime Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Evening Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Congregational Meeting
Table Talk: – *The Glory of God Alone*
Pastor Tom Pitman

THURSDAY

12:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:30 pm

Community Prayer Gather in Chapel
Cub Scout Pack 628 Meeting
Boy Scout Troop 628 Meeting

FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The Christmas Eve Family Candlelight and Communion service will be at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Soloists will include Gabe Morris, Luke Morris, and Walter Bashore, Pianists; Cathey Gilbert, Vocal Soloist, and The Macdonald sisters playing selections on their violins accompanied by Gayle Stepp on the Piano. The Adult Choir will sing an anthem. Refreshments will be served before the service at 3:00pm.

PLEASE JOIN US as the Operation Christmas Child Committee will be providing refreshments immediately following the 11:00 am service today.

WE WELCOME YOU THIS MORNING!

A warm Hendersonville Presbyterian Church welcome to those visitors who are worshiping with us today! We are glad you are here. If you would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, please make a note on the friendship pad, or speak with one of the pastors at the door. Visitor name tags are available in the elevator lobby. Be sure to visit one of the welcome centers for a special gift. Ushers this morning are – 8:30 AM: Bruce and Marlene Rau; 11:00 AM: Larry Blair, Ben Johnson, Gil Broyles, Eva House, Nancy Lindsay, Linda Hollis, Joyce Schoch and Darlene Davey.

CARE AND CONCERN

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUEST: Across the Carolinas the InterVarsity (IV) staff has created Launch for the first of each school year. This program trains the staff and student leaders how to connect with new students, how to invite them into their activities and how to faithfully follow up with them as the year gets going. The Launch staff prepare with a conference and then with times of prayer and planning. John Hanna considered this year's Launch efforts to be successful. He is pleased that across the area 14 students became followers of Christ at the first meeting and asks for prayer for them.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite you to participate in one of our 9:00 am or 9:30 am classes.
9:00 am- The Conversation class meets in Room 208 and is studying the Book of Acts. Digging Deeper, Hearing His Voice class is studying the life of David, taught by Bill Jones and meets in room 221.
9:30 am- The Special Topics class meets in Room 206 and will be studying *The Story of Heaven DVD by Max Lucado*. The Trinity Class meets in Room 210 and on Dec 8th the study topic will be, *Crucified, Dead and Buried* taught by John Van Wagoner.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite children and youth to participate in either the Elementary School Class in Room 112 or the Middle and High School Class in Room 216 from **9:00am-10:00am**.

RADIO PROGRAM: Tune in Monday morning, December 2nd, 2019, from 10:00 – 11:00 am on WHKP 1450 AM/107.7 FM for *Beyond Words Radio*. Topic: *“Marriage: The Second Half”* with Gary Chapman. People often think that marriage is at its best in the first few years. However, when we follow God's principles for marriage, it can become like aged wine: better with each passing year. If the first half was good, the second half can be great! Author of the bestselling *5 Love Languages* series, Gary brings insights from his years of counseling, researching, writing and speaking to bring hope and insights for a better marriage. Archived podcasts are available at www.beyondwordradio.com.

2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are now available to be picked up and are displayed in alphabetical order by members last name on a table in the Fellowship Hall next to the Library door. If you have any questions about your envelopes, please contact Rick Stewart. We would like to offer a very warm thank you to Anne Carlin for her help in organizing and displaying the envelopes.

UPCOMING EVENTS... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WEDNESDAY TABLE TALK: For our Table Talk this week, join us as Pastor Tom discusses, *The Glory of God Alone*. Reservations for the 5:25 PM catered dinner are required and may be made at worship on Sunday or by calling the church office at 692-3211 by Tuesday noon. Also, if the need arises to cancel a reservation, please call the church office as soon as possible. The menu for this Wednesday is Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Vegetable, Greek, Mixed Greens and Chef Choice Salad and Dessert. Fresh fruit is also available for diabetic restricted diets. You may attend the catered dinner at 5:25 PM or simply arrive at 6:25 PM when the service begins.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of presenting the 2020 Church budget and to elect the members for the Pastor Search Committee. The meeting will be held on December 4th at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will occur immediately following the dinner at Table Talk, before the evening's program begins.

THE WOMEN IN MINISTRY will hold its Christmas program and luncheon on Monday December 9th in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Circle meeting will begin at 10:00am. The program, “Christmas in Verse” will start at 11:00am and will feature Ann Wirtz reading her poetry and Gayle Stepp leading us in carols. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am. All women of the church are welcome!! Please sign up on the WIM bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND POTLUCK for families, children and youth will be hosted by Andy and Laura Morris Dec 8th from 5:00–8:00 PM. Please join us for worship, joyful fellowship, and a white elephant gift exchange for adults. There will be activities for the youth and children. Please RSVP to Laura at (828) 808-6953.

ONE STARRY NIGHT is for everyone (not just families). Catch a glimpse of Bethlehem and experience what life was like when Jesus was born, December 14, 2-4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: The Blue Ridge Ringers will hold their annual benefit Christmas concert in our Sanctuary on December 8th at 7:00 PM. Donations will be accepted.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Total shoeboxes collected for the church was 1560 and fundraisers during the year provided enough to pay all our shipping, \$11,304! Distribution Trip to Charlotte on 12/12/19 is available for 6 more interested individuals. We are signed up to work from 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM. We plan on leaving the church around 7:30 AM and should be back by 7:00 PM as we will stop and have dinner on the way back. If anyone is interested, please contact Dale Stephens by phone (828 891-7155) or email (stephedi51@gmail.com).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Sunday, Nov 24th, 2019 – 222
8:30 AM: 35; KSW: 45 and 10:55 AM: 142