

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Traditional Service at 8:30 AM and 10:55 AM
King Street Worship at 10:30 AM

December 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE: *Joseph's Lullaby* Brown Bannister and Bart Millard, arr. Victor Labenske
Pianist: Brenda Holmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Joy
8:30 am Service – Billy, Christina, Billy III and Christopher Ward
10:55 am Service – Cathey and Chip Gilbert

*HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful* No. 208

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord our God, we cannot be truly fulfilled in life until we live fully in your joy. Forgive us for seeking contentment in things that don't last. Help us in this season of Advent to set our hope on you, on loving others, on the Gospel of salvation, and on things eternal. Teach us to keep a loose grasp on things of the world and to embrace your joy, now and forever, AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Hush, My Babe, Lie Still in Slumber* with *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*
arr. Benjamin Harlan

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brenda Bradshaw

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 1 Peter 1

We bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Stanza 3, Hymn 207

*Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and call you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

OFFERTORY: *And the Stars Sang* Joseph M. Martin
Soloist: Rená Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-11

SERMON: "Great Joy" Pastor Bill
"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
Luke 2:10

*HYMN: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* No. 203

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BLESSING**

†*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE:

Stanza 4, Hymn 200

*For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes 'round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

POSTLUDE: *Noel, Noel, Tidings Now We Bring

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

† 10:55 AM service only

**Those who are able may stand.*

The 10:55 am service is being broadcast on WHKP 1450 AM & 107.7 FM and now
livestreamed on our Facebook page and Website.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Brenda Bradshaw, Janet Briner, Carol Broyles, Reva Dixon, Len Dykstra, Ruth Dykstra,
Kathy Gagnon, Cathey Gilbert, Karen Grady, Martha Guice, Roy Hathaway, Sally Hicks,
Bob Hollis, Brenda Holmer, Don Holmer, Bill Jones, Sherri Jones, Rená Johnson, Everett
Lamb, John Maier, Marguerite Martin, Caryl Mobley, Larry Mobley, Barbara Norris, Nancy
Payne, Diane Pearce, Grant Sitler, Susan Sitler, Barbara Smith, Bette-Lee Taylor,
Mary Beth Walls

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Week of December 16 through December 22, 2018

THE SESSION

Class of 2018
Kathy Gagnon
Robert Price
Rick Spindler
Dale Stephens

Class of 2019
Brenda Bradshaw
Laura Morris
Bruce Rau

Class of 2020
Louis Haynes
Ralph Mitchell
Charles Young

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2018
Rosalind Bauer
Sally Hicks
Anne Ridings

Class of 2019
Tommy Brendel
Cindy Leonard
Judy Todd
Ragena White

Class of 2020
Clay Haskins
Sherri Jones
Fran Ohlsen
Lynette Stark

CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell – 693-9617

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BLUE RIDGE RINGERS: The Blue Ridge Ringers will hold their annual benefit Christmas concert in our Sanctuary this afternoon at 4:00 PM. Donations will be accepted.

SUNDAY

8:30 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
10:55 am

Early Worship in Chapel
Sunday School
King Street Praise and Worship in Chapel
Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

MONDAY

9:30 am
10:00 am

Women in Ministry Circles
Beyond Words Radio on WHKP 1450 AM/
107.7 FM “*Technological Christmas?*”
with Craig M. Gay
Women in Ministry Christmas Program & Luncheon

11:00 am

TUESDAY

9:30 am
5:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study in Room 208
Community Chess Club

WEDNESDAY

5:25 pm
6:25 pm

Wednesday Evening Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Table Talk: “*Stories and Carols*”

THURSDAY

9:00 am
12:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:30 pm

Women’s Community Bible Study
Community Prayer Gather in Chapel
Cub Scout Pack 628 Meeting
Boy Scout Troop 628 Meeting

FRIDAY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:55am service on Dec 23rd for the purpose of electing new officers.

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT: As of Nov 30, 2018 , year-to-date contributions equal \$616,257 with year to date expenses at \$663,016 for a net of \$-46,759.
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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: Tom and Sally Books, Bruce and Marlene Rau; 10:55 AM: Marvin and Gayle Thomason, Eva House, Chuck Emel and Bob Walrath. The special music at the 8:30 AM service features Gayle Stepp playing *Silent Night* and *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, arranged by Phillip Keveren.

CARE AND CONCERN

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUEST: Chris and Beth Matthews are well-known to us. In their latest Update they shared their concern for the Bible students in Cuba and for the San Isidoro del Campo Monastery. The Monastery Project's Phase One has been completed and paid for. Phase Two's tasks are completed and \$6,685 remains to be raised to pay the architects. In this Update he asks for prayers to bring in the funds to pay the architects and for a good outcome for the local elections. He asks for prayer for the 300 Cuban Bible students, and for funds to purchase needed books.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite you to participate in one of our 9:30 AM classes. The Special Topics class meets in Room 206 and is studying *"Eternity is Now in Session"* by John Ortberg and Gary Moon. The Trinity Class meets in Room 210 and is studying *Minor Prophets, Habakkuk*, on Dec 23rd. The Conversation class meets in Room 208 and is studying the Book of Acts.

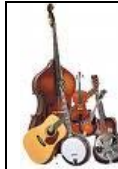
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite the children and youth to participate in one of the following classes. The Elementary School class is studying, *Prepare Him Room, an Advent Study* and the Middle and High School class are using The Bible Project to study Advent. Classes meet in Rooms 215 and 219.

RADIO PROGRAM: Tune in Monday morning, December 17th, 2018, from 10:00 – 11:00 am on WHKP 1450 AM/107.7 FM for *Beyond Words Radio*. Topic: *"Technological Christmas?"* with Craig M. Gay. In this Christmas season, we celebrate the greatest gift ever, the birth of our Savior. As a result, the spirit of giving abounds. We are in a technologically driven age, and among other things, we are likely to give and receive wonderful conveniences and innovative devices. Our inventions often drive us into the fast lane. Do our electronic gadgets enhance or control our lives? Will they highlight or hide the reason for the season? Craig Gay, professor at Regent College, explains why we must examine our use of technology against sound logic and biblical values to focus on things most important. You may listen through the internet by connecting to the link found on www.whkp.com. Archived podcasts are available at www.beyondwordradio.com.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING: Join us for a weekly prayer gathering, each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Come expecting God to meet us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY TABLE TALK: For our Table Talk this week, join us for *"Stories and Carols."* 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 \$5.00 per person Variety Pizza Night, Antipasta Salad, Christmas Cookies and Cheer! 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.



BLUEGRASS BASH! Join us for an evening of fun, old-time gospel music with Brew Davis Band. Free ice cream, and a short gospel message, this evening, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends for this community- focused event.

BIBLE IN 90 DAYS, a life-transforming read through God's Word from beginning to end, is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursdays, beginning January 17, from 2 to 3:15 PM, led by Pastor Bill and other facilitators. If you are interested in reading the Bible from cover to cover in just three months with the support of a group experience and excellent leadership videos, please see the flyer in the narthex and fellowship hall for more details.

THE WOMEN IN MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 17th starting at 9:30am. The program, Celebrating Christmas will begin at 11am. Christmas music will be led by Gayle Stepp with Candace Norton, flautist. There will be a group carol singing. Lunch will be at 11:30am. Please sign up on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service will be in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Pastor Bill will deliver the homily and the youth will do the scripture readings. Musicians include: The Adult and Children's choirs, Gabe Morris, Luke Morris, and Brenda Holmer, pianists; Rachel and Sarah Macdonald, violinists; Grant Sitler, trombonist; Cathey Gilbert, soloist; and Jackie Siverly will accompany Gayle Stepp on the hymns. Refreshments will be served at 5:15 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. Thank you for saving the church the cost of postage.

NURSERY HELP: All of us have a great opportunity to serve the Lord by working at least once a quarter in our Sunday morning nursery. Please consider this worthwhile ministry as we begin to schedule for the first quarter of 2019. If you are willing to work, please contact Tommy Brendel at tommybrendel59@gmail.com or call 828 551 5940, as soon as possible. We really need help. Thank you.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The Christian Education Committee is announcing a new Sunday School class called *"Digging Deeper, Hearing His Voice"* that will begin on Jan 13, 2019. The class is a study of the life of David and will be taught by Bill Jones in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider attending if you are not currently in a Sunday School class.