

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Traditional Service at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
King Street Worship at 10:00 AM

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Rev. Tom Sheppard

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

The Candle of Love

8:30 am Service – Bruce and Marlene Rau  
11:00 am Service – Chuck and Priscilla Rouse

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *Away in a Manger*

No. 205

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of Advent, thank you for loving us perfectly. Forgive us for loving you partially. Our lack of love for you is demonstrated daily when we fail to show your love to others. Bring afresh to our hearts the message of Christmas, the realization that your love is ours, and it is offered to the world. This we pray in the name of the baby born to us. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Silent Night*

arr. John Carter

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

1 Timothy 3

Great is the mystery of Christ's coming:  
He appeared in the flesh,  
as a baby in a manger,  
was vindicated by the Spirit,  
was seen by angels,  
was preached among the nations,  
was believed in the world,  
was taken up in glory.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Stanza 1, Hymn 211

CCLI Song # 39441

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.*

OFFERTORY: *Breath of Heaven*

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Soloist: Rená Johnson

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 7:13-14

SERMON:

"A Sign from God"

Pastor Tom Pitman

*"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.."*

- Isaiah 7:14

\*HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 201

**\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*BLESSING**

**†\*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE:**

Stanza 4, Hymn 196

CCLI Song # 31999

*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.*

**\*POSTLUDE: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

arr. Mary McDonald

† 11:00AM service only

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

The 11:00 am service is being livestreamed on our Facebook page and Website.

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**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Brenda Bradshaw, Janet Briner, Carol Broyles, Len Dykstra, Ruth Dykstra,  
Kathy Gagnon, Cathey Gilbert, Karen Grady, Roy Hathaway, Brenda Holmer,  
Don Holmer, Bill Jones, Sherri Jones, Caryl Mobley, Larry Mobley, Barbara Norris,  
Nancy Payne, Grant Sitler, Susan Sitler, Bette-Lee Taylor, Ginny Woodham,  
John Woodham



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Week of December 22 through December 28, 2019

### THE SESSION

*Class of 2019*  
Brenda Bradshaw  
Laura Morris  
Bruce Rau

*Class of 2020*  
Louis Haynes  
Ralph Mitchell  
Charles Young

*Class of 2021*  
Carol Broyles  
Robert Burns  
Marge Hever

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

*Class of 2019*  
Tommy Brendel  
Cindy Leonard  
Judy Todd  
Ragena White

*Class of 2020*  
Clay Haskins  
Sherri Jones  
Fran Ohlsen  
Lynette Stark

*Class of 2021*  
Harold Gilbert  
Roy Hathaway  
Priscilla Haynes  
Judy Van Wagoner

#### SUNDAY

8:30 am  
9:00am  
9:30 am  
10:00 am  
11:00 am

Early Worship in Chapel  
Sunday School for all ages  
Adult Sunday School  
King Street Praise and Worship in Fellowship Hall  
Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

#### MONDAY

10:00 am

*Beyond Words Radio* on WHKP 1450 AM/  
107.7 FM "Celebrate Christmas"

#### TUESDAY

3:00 pm  
4:00 pm

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON

Refreshments  
FAMILY CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION  
SERVICE

#### WEDNESDAY

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

No Wednesday Night Dinner or Programs



#### THURSDAY

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### FRIDAY

#### CHURCH STAFF

**TRANSITIONAL PASTOR:** Rev. Tom Pitman  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR:** Rev. Tom Sheppard  
**ASSOCIATE LAY PASTOR:** Rev. Dwayne Durham  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Gayle Stepp  
**DIRECTOR OF NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP:** John Lampley  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** Rená Johnson  
**BOOKKEEPER:** Rick Stewart  
**DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE BEGINNINGS:** Michele Zaragoza  
**DIRECTOR OF CHILDRENS MINISTRIES:** Lorna Bashore  
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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: Bruce and Marlene Rau; Tommy Brendel. 11:00 AM: Joyce Schoch, Ed Foster, Gil Broyles, Tanya Jones, Tim Amnott, Meredith Hickson, Linda Hollis and Betty Muller. The special music at the 8:30 AM service features Ross Sortore singing *Psalm 67*.

## CARE AND CONCERN

**MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUEST:** Our Missionaries work under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions to give a gift far beyond any other possible gift. To become one with Christ means blessings, protection, the growth of a special relationship, and a joyous life for eternity. To make this decision to follow him is life-changing and has touched people all over the world. We are thankful for our missionaries who give a gift that we cannot, yet the prayers that we offer for them link them to God and God to us. We can join in singing Joy to the World with true enthusiasm and thanksgiving.

## 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 End of Me DVD Series*. The Trinity Class meets in Room 210 but will not meet on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 23rd, 2019, from 10:00 – 11:00 am on WHKP 1450 AM/107.7 FM for *Beyond Words Radio*. Topic: *Celebrate Christmas* with Ace Collins. Christmas is often considered to be a pagan holiday with Christian wrappings. When we unwrap the traditions and carols of Christmas, however, we find deep meaning for our lives that we can treasure and share with loved ones in this season of celebration. Prolific author Ace Collins has researched and written in depth about these topics and his insights can bring the light of Christmas into your home and heart. Archived podcasts are available online at [www.scriptureawakening.com](http://www.scriptureawakening.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

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** There will be no Wednesday night dinner or programs on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Dinner and programming will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**BUY A BOX PARTICIPANTS UPDATE:** The boxes packed thru the Buy-A-Box opportunity went to Peru and Columbia. Children in those countries will now be Blessed with gifts and the opportunity to learn about Jesus thanks to you. We appreciate your faithful participation.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** The Christmas Eve Family Candlelight and Communion service will be at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as the youth and adults present piano, violin and vocal solos. The Adult Choir will sing an anthem. Refreshments will be served before the service at 3:00pm.

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The graphic design on the advent stand was created by Brenda Bradshaw. The Advent seal is in the form of a wreath, a stylized circle, symbol of eternity. The words Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy name the advent candles. Above each of these words sits a flame, representing the Holy Spirit. The wreath itself is formed with laurel leaves, a symbol of victory; and the central Christ candle is represented by the Greek letters chi and rho, an ancient symbol for Christ.

**MAST FAMILY:** If you would like to help the Mast family, there are a couple of ways to do so. Please go to either link to see ways to help. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/xjsskk-amy-mast-memorial-fund>, <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/HNEF236>. Thank you.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Sunday, Dec 15th, 2019 – 251**

8:30 AM: 23; KSW: 73; 11:00 AM: 155