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## WELCOME GUESTS!

We would like to welcome all our guests who are joining us for worship today, both in-person and online! We are so glad you are here. If you have any questions about the HPC Family, please make a note in the friendship pad, online on the comment bar, message us through Facebook, or email the office. Thank you for joining us today! We hope you will have an encounter with the Living God and join us again in worship.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We are One Church with two distinct styles of worship:  
Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

## CHILDRENS MINISTRY:

Our Children's Ministry meets each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. in the Rec Room in the Children's Ministry wing of the Church. This is a fun-filled time of singing, study, and fun application at an age-appropriate level. If you would like to receive more information, please contact the Church Office – 828-692-3211

## YOUTH MINISTRY:

6th-12th grade youth meet each Sunday at 6:30PM in the upstairs youth rooms for food, fun, and fellowship. If you have questions or would like to know more about the youth group, text, or call Pastor Charles at 540-679-0588, or email him at [ckreed@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:ckreed@hendersonvillepc.org).

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Office Hours:  
Monday – Wednesday 9 am – 4 pm  
Thursday 9 am – Noon  
Friday - Closed

## Welcome to Hendersonville Presbyterian Church!

Where we Follow Jesus as we  
Reach, Teach, Pray, and Love!



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# Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Traditional Service 11:00 am

September 24, 2023

PRELUDE *Prelude #1* J. S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
MINUTE FOR MISSION Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool

\*OPENING HYMNS: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hymn #119  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymn #100

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist: Gayle Emery  
**Gracious and Loving God, you continually move toward us as your children, even as we seek to walk away. Neither our rejection nor our running seems to deter you. Your love is patient and persistent. We confess our distrust of your promises and our misunderstanding of your character. Restore unto us faith, so we might recognize your unfailing love and thus live and love as you have taught us.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (greet those worshipping with you)

\*CHOIR ANTHEM: *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom  
arr. Buryl Red

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, THANKSGIVING, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Acts 1: 9-14**

SERMON: **Together!** Pastor Rob

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS  
(See Insert for Questions)

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:  
*You may place your offering on the plates at the front of the sanctuary or in the box at the back of the sanctuary. You can also send God's tithes and your offerings to the Church office or give online through the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church webpage.*

\*HYMN #308: *Jesus Paid It All* stanzas 1 & 4

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE **Psalm XV111** Marcello

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Linda Ander in loving memory of James R. Ander, son David Ander, and grandson Nicholas Connelly; having lived lives to the Glory of God

Do you have a heavy heart today? Are you carrying a burden? A Stephen Minister is available today after the 11:00 service in the Parlor (behind the Sanctuary) for a confidential visit and prayer with you.

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**Sermon Notes:**

**Together!**

I. Review

God does his best work with groups of Christians with incredible \_\_\_\_\_.

God is more interested in our \_\_\_\_\_ than our ability.

Behind the Scenes:

Don't "Go Witnessing." Just be an authentic witness.

Six styles of witnessing:

- Direct style – Acts 2
- Intellectual style – Acts 17
- Storytelling style – John 9
- Party style – Luke 5
- Service style – Acts 9
- Invitational style – John 4

What is your style?

Our image of \_\_\_\_\_ directly impacts our spiritual life.

II. Together:

The disciples were gathered in the room \_\_\_\_\_, without Jesus and waiting on the \_\_\_\_\_. They took everything they had in them, and they began to \_\_\_\_\_!

**Challenge for Prayer Commitment:**

[ ] I will commit to pray for this one person: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I will commit to pray for this one Missionary: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I will commit to pray for our church, our city, our state, and our country.

**Gayle Stepp's Retirement Celebration**

A celebration of retirement for Gayle Stepp will take place following the 11:00 service. We would like to invite each of you to bring a card and gift, if you so desire, and place them in a basket in the Fellowship Hall to say thank you to Gayle for 42 wonderful years of ministry.

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**OCC "Buy a Box" Ending October 8, 2023**

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is the last day to submit a request for the "Buy a Box" for Operation Christmas Child. However, we will continue to collect money for the "Send a Box" until November 12, 2023. If you wish to contribute to either of these, you may pickup a donation form outside the office window and return them with your gift to the office by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good  
Lord how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care  
And everywhere that man can be, You, God art present there

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sea  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

### **Commissioning of Stephen Ministers:**

#### **Presentation**

#### **Requests**

#### **Vows:**

Are you prepared to meet those requests that are asked of you?

Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in their needs?

Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at Hendersonville Presbyterian Church?

#### **To the Members and Friends of HPC:**

Will you open your hearts to the ministry of this team and pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ?

Will you accept their ministry when you need help and allow them to work with you as you face struggles in your life that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters?

**Blessing** – Any and all Stephen Ministers within the congregation are invited to come forward and lay hands on this new team of Stephen Ministers as we pray.

#### **Commendation**

#### **Welcome to Stephen Ministry**

The congregation is invited to greet the new Stephen Ministers during the reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship!