

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 styles of worship:

Modern Worship Service at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Come join us for a wonderful worship opportunity!

CHILDRENS MINISTRY:

Our Children's Ministry meets each Sunday morning at 11:00 am in Room 112, Rec Room. This is a fun-filled time of singing, study, and fun application at an appropriate age level.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

6th-12th grade youth meet each Sunday at 11:00 am in the upstairs youth rooms for food, fun, and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Adult Sunday school meets at 9:30 am.

The Digging Deeper Adult Class meets in Room 206 and is currently studying Isaiah: An Old Testament Introduction to the New Testament.

Through Christmas, the Trinity Bible Study Class (Adult Bible School) is studying an Advent series, based on the book, "Simply Jesus", led by the book's author, our own Dr. Steve Spangler. Please join us in Room 210 at 9:30.

The Shorter Catechism Class meets in Room 208 and is currently studying Shorter Catechism.

Come join one of our classes!

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Thursday 9 am – Noon
Friday - Closed

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Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

11:00 am Worship
December 7, 2025

Please silence phones and quiet your hearts and minds as the prelude music begins.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude Mary, Did You Know? Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene
arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle Clay and Becky Haskins
We light this candle as a sign of the coming of the light of **Peace** in Christ.
We celebrate Jesus’ Advent—His coming—both past and future.

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together and a little child shall lead them.
But even now, as we live in the in-between times, we enjoy **Isaiah 11:16**

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7**

***Hymn #203** Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, during Advent, we confess we are often distracted by the busyness of this season, by the stress of preparation, and by making our own traditions the priority. We confess we often prefer being sentimental to being sacrificial. Forgive us for not prioritizing You this season.

Forgive us for missing opportunities to bless others this Christmas, who might be struggling, hurting, lonely, or grieving. Please pour Your peace into our lives and let us be bearers of Your peace to others.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon
...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Intercession 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.

*Affirmation of Faith

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the "advent," of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah. During Advent, we light a candle representing our reflection on hope, peace, love, and joy. On the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. **Isaiah 9:6-7**

We read Isaiah as we light the Peace Candle, we focus on the fact that Jesus is the Prince of Peace who offers a peace that surpasses all understanding and remains with us regardless of life’s challenges. This second week of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts, just as Bethlehem was prepared for Jesus, making room for God’s peace in our lives and in our relationships.

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Choir Anthem I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Jean Baptiste Calkin,
(Peace on Earth) Bernie Herms, Mark Hall & Dale Oliver
arr. Dave Williamson

Passing the Peace (greet those worshiping with you)

Scripture **Ephesians 2:11-18**

Message **Jesus is our Prince of Peace** John Hanna

Communion Music Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel
Laura Morris – Violin & Linda Boyle-Smith - Keyboard arr. Michael W. Smith
Selected Hymns

***Hymn #200** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Offertory Prayer

Benediction

Postlude The First Noel Traditional English Carol
arr. Dan Coates



Announcements

Westminster Catechism Class

Pastor Juan Unda and Elder Robert Wallace are teaching Westminster Shorter Catechism classes each Wednesday from 6 pm – 7:30 pm in the Chapel.
Please come and invite your friends to be part of this opportunity.

Global Intercessory Prayer

Global Intercessory Prayer is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the library from 10:30 am to 11 am. Please come join us in prayer for our global mission partners.

Healing Prayer and Intercession

Elders and Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer at the end of each worship service. Anyone in the congregation may also come for healing prayer or intercessory prayer on Monday night, December 15th, at the beginning of the stated session meeting, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Please let the office know by noon on the 15th if you plan to come.

Financials

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$ 50,109	\$ 583,869
Expenses	\$ 45,812	\$ 608,880
Net	\$ 4,297	\$ (25,011)

2026 Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelope Booklets are available in the Narthex and the Elevator Lobby.
Please plan to pick them up before year-end.

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center

We are planning on going to the Charlotte Processing Center on December 15th and we still have 4 spots available if you are interested. We will be working the 10 AM – 2 PM shift. So we will be leaving the church around 7:30 AM and getting back around 4:30 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of how Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are processed prior to them being shipped to another country for a child to receive the contents of the shoebox but more importantly hear the Good News of Jesus. If you are interested or have questions contact Dale Stephens at 828-699-2070 or stephedi51@gmail.com.

Combined Service & Christmas Musical – December 14, 2025



Bluegrass Bash

The Bluegrass Bash will be held on Sunday, December 21st at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month The King James Boys will be featured. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends to this free event. Free ice cream, Good Gospel Bluegrass Music and Great Christian Fellowship!