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.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY:

Our Children's Ministry meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Chapel. This is a fun-filled time of singing, study, and fun application at an age-appropriate level.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

6th-12th grade youth meet each Sunday at 9:30 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 Philippians: Joy in Christ's Sufficiency. You can find a list of classes in the elevator lobby. Come join a class!

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You Are Welcome Here!



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Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

Combined Service 11:00 am December 8, 2024

*Those who are able, please stand.

Gathering Music

Gesu Bambino

"Who's On First" Flute Ensemble

Pietro Yon

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Children's Song Sabes que'es la Navidad

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. 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.

Come Lord Jesus. We pray for your peace this season, a peace that passes understanding. May we bless you with our anticipation of the coming Christ!

*Hymn #194

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Stanzas 1, 3, & 4

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we do not and have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Passing the Peace

Take a moment and greet one another with the peace of Christ.

* Song Let All Mortal Flesh / How Great is Our God (See Insert)

Fernando Ortega/ Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Prayers of the People and 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:

Romans 13:11 and Jeremiah 33:14a, 15

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is near.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness.

*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 Panis Angelicus/Lo How a Rose arr. Patrick Libergen

Scripture Matthew 1:1-17

Message Who's Coming to Christmas? Pastor Rob

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 #203 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction

Postlude Riu Riu Chiu arr. David Solomons

"Who's On First" Flute Ensemble



Announcements

HCP General Operations

October Contributions: \$62,417 Expenses: \$55,903

Year to date Income: \$598,873 Expenses: \$636,361

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 Monday night, December 16, at the beginning of the stated session meeting, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Please let the office know by noon on the 16th if you plan to come.

Nursery Workers Needed!

HPC needs volunteers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Nursery volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and pass a background check. Nursery volunteers will be scheduled on alternating Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Beth Baker, Director of Children's Ministry at dcm@hendersonvillepc.org
Thank you!

Bluegrass Bash

The Bluegrass Bash will be held on Sunday, December 15 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 and Great Christian Fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center

We are planning on going to the Charlotte Processing Center on December 18th and we still have 5 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.

Change is Coming to HPC!

For the first time ever in our 173-year history, HPC will begin a new year as a Mission Hub for the community. In our partnership with Reach Global, we already have mission teams booked through next November. With that partnership, you will start to notice some positive changes around the campus in 2025. Early in 2025, the Elevator lobby will be reimagined to create a warm and welcoming space for members and guests alike!

Over the next few months, you will hear more about upcoming changes.

Stay tuned for more information about our "New Year – New Look" opportunities!

2025 Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelope Booklets will be available in the Narthex and the Elevator Lobby beginning Sunday, December 15, 2024. Please plan to pick them up before year-end.

Sermon Notes

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high And order all things far and nigh To us the path of knowledge show And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind In one the hearts of all mankind Bid now our sad divisions cease And be Thyself our King of Peace

Let All Mortal Flesh/How Great is Our God

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand. Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth. Our full homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood. Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

How great is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

At His feet the six-winged seraph.
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia Lord Most High!

How great is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, How great is our God.

How great is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.