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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  
Come join us for a wonderful worship opportunity!

## 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 6:00 PM 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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PASTOR: Rev. Rob McClelland  
ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Charles Reed  
INTERIM WORSHIP DIRECTOR: Tom Drick  
ACCOMPANIST: Marti Dushak  
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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- Stacy McClelland  
DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE BEGINNINGS: Katrina Bowen  
OFFICE MANAGER: Susan Thompson  
BOOKKEEPER: Leslie McCreary  
FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER: Jessica Wallace  
SEXTON: Peter Sul  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. Dwayne Durham

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  
December 17, 2023

PRELUDE *Once in Royal David's City* Traditional  
Tom Dushak - Guitar

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Andrew and Becc Baron

## OPENING 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.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle, the candle of Joy, as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the church together will cry out...

**Come Lord Jesus O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the people, before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations will give you honor: May we experience the Joy of deliverance from sin and sorrow. Come Lord Jesus!**

\*OPENING HYMN #208: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* stanzas 1 - 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist: Rev. Dwayne Durham

**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!**

\*HYMN #213: *What Child is This* stanzas 1-3

## \*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.*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Come Make a Place* Smith & Lindsey/arr. Goss

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **John 1:1-5, 14-18**

MESSAGE: **"Advent Conspiracy – Give More"** Pastor Rob

\*HYMN #216: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* stanzas 1 & 2

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* Spiritual  
arr. Mier

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:**

**“Advent Conspiracy – Give More”**

**Missionary Prayer**

Chris Matthews has sent his Christmastime letter to us. He is thankful for the Scripture Awakening Board meeting which introduced a new version of *The Bible in 90 Days*. Chris is asking for prayer for an anointing of God’s Spirit for those in need this season. He also asks for prayer that the spirit of God will tie all the Liebenzell leaders together across many continents for the new year. Additionally, he asks for prayer for the online Spiritual Disciplines class that spans many countries. Please pray for Chris and Beth as they handle the many pressures of their calling.

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**Blue Grass Bash**

Please join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm for the Bluegrass Bash. This month The King James Boys will be featured. Please invite your family and friends to attend this Free community event with Free Ice Cream, Good Gospel Bluegrass music and Great Christian Fellowship!

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**Combined Service on Christmas Eve**

On Sunday, December 24, HPC will have a combined service in the Sanctuary starting at 10:00 am. Please come join us for this Worship Service.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

A Candlelight Service will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

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**2024 Flower Dedication Calendar**

The 2024 Flower Dedication Calendar has been posted across from the office mailboxes. If you would like to reserve a Sunday for a special flower dedication, please stop by and sign-up, or email the office at [office@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:office@hendersonvillepc.org) or call the office at 692-3211.