

## **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!**

## **Hendersonville Presbyterian Church!**

Where we Follow Jesus together:  
at home, in community, and in the world!

# **You Are Welcome Here!**



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

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# Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

11:00 am Worship  
December 21, 2025

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

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

## Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Grant Sitler - Trombone

Sean O'Loughlin

## Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming of light of **Love** in Christ. Advent refers to His coming—past and future. As we look forward to the days surrounded by the love of God throughout eternity, we must always remember that even now we already live in the days after Christ's coming when:

(Read together)

**Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 8:39

### \*Hymn #218

Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
stanzas 1,2, 4 & 5

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Glory, we thank you for your advent. You laid aside the mantle of majesty, and took on human flesh. You could have displayed your awesome power, but you arrived in weakness. Rather than force obedience with your authority, you chose to humble yourself, demonstrating your compassion and love. Teach us to live with the same self-sacrificing love that burns in your heart. Forgive us for the pride that makes us want power, and for the selfishness that keeps us from service. Hear now our silent confessions and fill us with the knowledge of your forgiving grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.**

## 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.**

## Special Music

Not That Far from Bethlehem  
Jill Kutsch – Soloist

Gayla Borders, Jeff Borders,  
Lowell Alexander

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

**During this fourth week, we prepare our hearts to receive that love more fully, remembering that Christmas is ultimately a celebration of God's immense love for each of us.**

### \*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

Carol of the Bells  
A Merry Carol of the Bells

M. Leontovich, arr. Peter J. Wilhousky  
Vader Rouse, arr. Camp Kirkland

## Passing the Peace (greet those worshiping with you)

## Scripture

**Matthew 2:1-12**

## Message

**The Gifts of Christmas**

Rev. Lee Hsia

### \*Hymn #204

Away in the Manger

### 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.*

## Benediction

## Postlude

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

## 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.

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### **Global Intercessory Prayer**

Global Intercessory Prayer is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### **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, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at the beginning of the stated session meeting, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Please let the office know by noon on the 19<sup>th</sup> if you plan to come.

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### **Financials**

	<b><u>November</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>
Contributions	\$ 49,714	\$ 633,584
Expenses	<u>\$ 41,555</u>	<u>\$ 653,478</u>
Net	\$ 8,159	\$ (19,894)

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### **2026 Giving Envelopes**

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

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### **2026 Flower Dedication Calendar**

The 2026 Flower Dedication Calendar has been posted in the office hallway. If you would like to provide flowers for a service in the Sanctuary (in honor or memory of a loved one, etc.), please sign the calendar, or send an email to [office@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:office@hendersonvillepc.org) or call the church office at 828/692-3211 Ext 2 to reserve a dedication date.

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### **Bluegrass Bash**

The Bluegrass Bash will be held tonight at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month Right Side 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!