

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.

The Trinity Class meets in Room 210 and is currently studying 2 Corinthians.

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

The Local Church Compassion Ministry Class meets in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the Rose

Book of Discipleship.

Come join a class!

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church!

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At home, in community, and in the world!

You Are Welcome Here!



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Thursday 9 am – Noon
Friday - Closed

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Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

Combined Service 11:00 am
December 22, 2024

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Music

The Giving
Kassie Everson - Pianist

Michael W. Smith

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 7:14

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 Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God with us).

*Song

O Holy Night
(See insert)

Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau,
and John S. Dwight

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Pat Johnson

Lord Jesus, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love, but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us for our failure to respond as we should. Come to us, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

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.

*Carol #213

What Child is This?

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:

Isaiah 45:8, Isaiah 2:4

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

*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

Christmas Samba

Craig Curry

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.

*Song #211

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

stanzas 1, 3-5

*Benediction



Announcements

HCP General Operations

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
November Contributions	\$ 39,260.40	\$ 51,225.57
Year to Date	\$ 644,811.56	\$ 687,587.68

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, January 20th, at the beginning of the stated session meeting, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Please let the office know by noon on the 20th if you plan to come.

Congregational and Corporation Meeting:

Today, December 22, 2024, there will be a Congregational and Corporation Meeting following the 11:00 am worship service.

The purpose for this meeting is multifold –
To hear the report from the Nominating Committee about the new class of officers,
To hear from the Session the Budget for 2025,
To approve the Terms of Call for your Pastors,
And to elect the new officers of the Corporation.

We will also hear from the Session the conclusion of their season of discernment concerning our worship schedule in 2025.

All members are requested to come and share their vote.
Friends of the church are invited to be here to experience our polity.

This meeting has been duly called.

2025 Flower Dedication Calendar

The 2025 Flower Dedication Calendar has been posted in the office hallway. Please stop by and reserve your flower dedication date or call the office to inquire about available dates.

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

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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 reimaged 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!

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
O Holy Night