



### **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 have two worship opportunities currently:  
Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

### **CHILDRENS MINISTRY:**

Our Children's Ministry is meeting each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. They meet 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 11AM in the upstairs youth rooms. We also meet at HPC on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30PM 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  
WORSHIP DIRECTOR: Gayle Stepp  
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC LEADER: Vacant  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- Stacy McClelland  
DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE BEGINNINGS: Katrina Bowen  
OFFICE MANAGER: Susan Thompson  
BOOKKEEPER: Leslie McCreary  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. Dwayne Durham

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

# Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Traditional Service 11:00 am  
December 11, 2022

MEDITATION *Stars Were Gleaming* (Infant Holy, Infant Lowly) Traditional Polish Carol  
Gaye Currier - Pianist arr. Jon Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Grant and Susan Sitler

CALL TO WORSHIP *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!* John M. Neale and  
Choir Jeffrey A. Smith

OPENING PRAYER

\* MEDLEY OF CAROLS FOR CONGREGATION: (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist: Sherri Jones  
**Father, as we approach Christmas, you remind us to be content. Keep us from straying to the idol of “more” this season. Forgive us for the times we have turned to things instead of turning to you. You are our salvation and joy. You are our peace. Forgive us for the times we have made an idol out of the blessings you have given us. You are enough for us. Forgive us and renew us this Advent season, we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO *Mary, did you Know* Mark Lowry and Buddy Green  
Sherry Thomas – Soloist arr. Bill Wolaver

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:

**We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment, but that God has nevertheless, loved us despite our brokenness and imparted His grace upon 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**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Luke 2: 1-21**

SERMON:

**The Sound of Christmas:  
O’ Little Town of Bethlehem**

Pastor Charles

\*CAROL #201:

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

*You may place your offering in the plates at the front of the sanctuary or in the box at the back of the sanctuary. You can also send your tithes and offerings to the Church office or give online through the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church webpage.*

BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Mary McDonald  
Gayle Stepp – Worship Director

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

## Sermon Notes

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 In a manger for His bed  
 Mary was that mother mild  
 Jesus Christ her little Child

He came down to earth from heaven  
 Who is God and Lord of all  
 And His shelter was a stable  
 And His cradle was a stall  
 With the poor and mean and lowly  
 Lived on earth our Savior holy

**Lo, how a Rose**#221, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> stanzas

Lo how a rose e'er blooming  
 From tender stem hath sprung  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming  
 As men of old have sung  
 It came a flow'ret bright  
 Amid the cold of winter  
 When half-spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas fore told it  
 The rose I have in mind  
 With Mary we be hold it  
 The Virgin Mother kind  
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 With sweetness fills the air  
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