



### **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 is on a break for the remainder of 2022. We do have events scheduled for the New Year already. If you would like information, please 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Traditional Service 11:00 am

December 18, 2022

MEDITATION *O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Luke Morris - Pianist arr. M. Sherrill Kelsey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Dale, Linda, Caleb and Cole Stephens

CALL TO WORSHIP *Light an Advent Candle* Becki Slagle  
Choir

OPENING PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist: Bill Jones  
**Almighty God, as we come before you this morning, we come with contrite hearts, admitting our shortcomings, sin, and transgressions. We have put our hope in the things of this world, and not in Your Word. We have sought our identity in things and people, rather than finding that in Christ. We have been hurt by people and situations in this world, and in response to the hurt we have experienced, we have hurt others. Forgive us, Oh Lord! Help us to find our hope in Christ, not the worldly things. We need you! Only You can quiet the storms with a word. Only You can conquer the grave and death itself. Only You can heal wounds and broken relationships. Only You can push back the darkness with Your light. In a world which seems hopeless, may we see and experience the hope of Christ this season again!**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DUET *Still a Bach Christmas*  
Cathey Gilbert and Sandie Salvaggio-Walker  
(Still, Still, Still and Air from Orchestral Suite in D by J. S. Bach) arr. Jay Althouse

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: adapted from Rev. Stephen Fearing  
**We believe that God came to us; We believe that Mary gave birth to the Savior, and Joseph clapped his hands in joy! We believe that Jesus Christ assured our salvation. We believe that God will have the final word and that Word will be good. We believe that God gave us the Holy Spirit to continue the work he has to accomplish. And we believe that one day, we will gather at the Table to sing an endless "Alleluia!"**

\*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: 1-8**

SERMON: **The Sound of Christmas: O Holy Night** Pastor Rob

\*CAROL: (see insert) *O Holy Night*

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 Trumpet Tune on *Wachet Auf* Martha Sobaje  
Gayle Stepp – Worship Director

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

**Sermon Notes**

**The Sound of Christmas: O Holy Night**

**Christmas Eve Worship:**

This year, Christmas Eve falls on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December. We will gather Saturday night for worship at 4:30 pm for a combined Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary. Join us for candle lighting and caroling on Christmas Eve!

**Christmas Day Worship:**

This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday. We will gather for one combined service of worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am.

**New Year's Day Worship:**

This year, New Year's Day falls on a Sunday. We will gather for one combined service of worship in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am.

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**Pray for our Missionaries!**

As she was winding up her European trip, Mindy went to Poland and connected with friends. A mother and daughter had to evacuate and got to Poland where they stayed and ministered daily to refugees with food and patient listening. Another stop was with the Zubenkos who now have a ministry near Poznan. Mindy's sad news is that she has lost her home in Kyiv. Her landlady gave her apartment to new renters. Her possessions were stored in a back room, and she is quite relieved to report that a special picture David painted was found. Please pray for Mindy.

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