



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.



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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Traditional Service 11:00 am

December 4, 2022

MEDITATION

Patapan
Candice Norton - Flutist

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Maureen and Doug DiRienzo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
Choir

Joseph M. Martin

OPENING PRAYER

MEDLEY OF CAROLS FOR CONGREGATION: (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: Larry Mobley

Father, You are the Creator of relationships and you created a way for us to be in relationship with you, and relationship with others. And yet our sinfulness broke our relationships. You created us to be in healthy, loving, vibrant, trusting relationship with you and others. During this Advent Season, grow us and help us to focus on giving more of ourselves to those we love, rather than just mindlessly buying gifts at the store or online. Help us to carve out time each day for prayer so we might then discern how to invest creatively in the relationships you have blessed us with. Help us to give more of our time, more of our heart, more of our presence into the relationships which you have created for us. Remind us this Advent season that no present can replace the gift of our presence invested in others.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

*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.

*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: 8-20

SERMON:

The Sound of Christmas: Silent Night

Pastor Rob

COMMUNION

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Lani Smith

*CAROL #210:

Silent 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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Gayle Stepp – Worship Director

arr. Lani Smith

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Sermon Notes

The Sound of Christmas: Silent Night

Pray for our Missionaries!

In his latest update John Hanna was glad to announce that InterVarsity (IV) activities were resuming as they were before Covid. As he does on occasion, he shared a story about the way God works. Sarah joined a Greek sorority during a faith crisis. She came from a faith-based home but struggled with performance and image anxiety. It led to an eating disorder and mental health struggles. She met an IV staffer, Dusty, who mentored her, bringing her to a renewed relationship with Christ and healing. After leading Bible studies, she evolved into ministering to Greek students. Let's thank God!

Trip to Charlotte OCC Processing Center

Operational Christmas Child Trip. We are taking a group to the OCC Processing Center in Charlotte, NC on December 8th to help process the shoeboxes that were collected this year. We will leave the church at 6:45 AM and should be back by 4:00 PM. Our work shift is from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM. We will be taking the church bus.

We currently have 7 spots available. If you are interested in going, please contact Dale Stephens (828) 699-2070 or stephedi51@gmail.com.

Blue Ridge Bell Ringers Concert

The Blue Ridge Bell Ringers will be in concert in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 17, 2022. at 4:00 pm. Please make plans to attend.

Bluegrass Bash

HPC will be hosting a Skyward Blue on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free Admission, Free Ice Cream, and great bluegrass gospel music! This is a community event, so invite your friends and come join us!

Christmas Eve Worship:

This year, Christmas Eve falls on the 24th of December. We will gather that 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.

The Storehouse Blessing in Boxes Program

All the children have been adopted! Please deliver The Storehouse children's gifts to Living Waters Baptist Church at 1284 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, NC on December 5, 6 & 7. If you have any questions please contact Tanya Jones at (828) 606-8605.

Away in a Manger

#204, 1st stanza

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

#203, 1st & 3rd stanzas

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

(Refrain)

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

(Refrain)

Angels We Have Heard on High

#214, 1st & 3rd stanzas

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

(Refrain)

Gloria
In excelsis Deo
Gloria
In excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

(Refrain)