

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville. The asterisk (*) invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** designates portion that the congregation reads. There is more information under the section “This Morning.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-4

But now thus says the Lord,
**he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:**
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
You are precious in my sight,
You are honored and I love you.

*HYMN 1

God Is Here!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Jesus Love Song (Medley)* arr. by Howard F. Starks

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19: 1-10

p. 854

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. by Sandra Eithun

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3: 13-17

p. 784

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God’s Purpose For You”

Rev. Michael Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 679

Baptized in Water

*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

We will, with God’s help.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

We will, with God’s help.

Will you devote yourself to the church’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

We will, with God’s help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*HYMN 600

In Christ There Is No East or West

*RESPONSE 393

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*POSTLUDE

We are delighted you have joined us to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope you are encouraged in your faith and feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by taking a moment to fill out the Visitors’ portion of the **Attendance Register** in the black folder on the pew. There is an attended nursery for infants and children thru age 2. Restrooms are accessible through the front, right doors and upstairs. If you need directions to the nursery, restrooms, or any other assistance, please ask one of the ushers. If you would like more information on the church, there are brochures in the narthex.

THIS MORNING:

- This week’s liturgist is Pam Davis.
- This week’s acolyte is Carter Wells.
- During our worship service, we “Pass the peace,” continuing a tradition that goes back to the origins of the Christian church. Jesus extended peace as a greeting, and the Apostle Paul begins his letters with a prayer for peace. Each week we intentionally wait until after we have acknowledged the gospel of God’s forgiveness to exchange the peace that should naturally result. As we shake hands with (or hug) one another, one person says, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the other responds, “And also with you.” Extending the peace of Christ to one another symbolizes our unity amidst a world of divisions.
- Another unifying tradition, specific to our church for several years now, is singing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” at the end of each worship service. The old hymn captures the significance of our relationships.
- Audio Sermons are now available on the church website! Visit www.hendersonvillefpc.org. They are located on the front page of the website under Pastor’s Weekly Message.

- This week's nursery volunteer is: Linda Ballenger. Next Week: Karen Baylor.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: J.T. Thompson. Next Week: June Still.
- Statistics for January 12, 2020
 - Attendance – 72

Sunshine Ministry: Another year in the books! As a child I couldn't fathom the year 2000, and here we've made it to 2020! We hope you'll start out the year by joining some of your friends at the Sunshine Ministry gatherings. The third Tuesday in January is the 21st. We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. in Martin Hall. This month we have the honor of having author Jack Benz providing the program. He will speak about his book, From Salem to Nashville-Old Glory. Jack and his wife, Naroma, will join us for lunch at Safari's. *"If you eat cake fast enough, your Fitbit will think you're exercising."*

Opportunities to Serve: Would you like to participate on the liturgy, greeter, or usher team? If so, please call the church office. Pastor Michael will provide liturgy training in the next several weeks.

Annual Congregational Meeting Today: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting today immediately following worship to change the Pastor's call (cost of living raise); approve the Elder Nominating Committee, share the 2020 budget, and conduct business for the corporation. It will be followed by lunch in Martin Hall.

Souper Bowl Luncheon: Our Souper Bowl luncheon is fast approaching on February 2, 2020. We are asking our congregation members to bring a crockpot of their favorite soup to share. This is truly a blessing as it gives us the opportunity to put more money toward our donation. This year, we are letting our youth pick their charity. I'm asking the youth to provide the desserts. You could bake your own, call a baker friend and ask them to make it, order an extra box of girl scout cookies, buy a tray of cookies or a dessert already made. We will need cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, or any sweet treat you can think of! Again, this is to save our money to give more in our donation. Last year, you all raised \$1000 to donate and I am praying the Lord blesses us with that or maybe even more! I know you can do it! Youth please be at the church on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in your favorite team jersey or t-shirt and blue jeans ready to set up, prepare and serve our church a Super Bowl of Soup!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
	Luncheon in Martin Hall
	Session Retreat

Monday, January 20

10:00 a.m.	Crochet Group
1:00 p.m.	Sew Many Blessings
6:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH

Tuesday, January 21

10:30 a.m.	Sunshine Ministry
7:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
1:00 p.m.	Watercolor Class
5:00 p.m.	Sudanese After School Program
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH

Friday, January 24

7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH
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Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Session Members & Ministry Units

Missions – Evelyn Kemp & Eva Dye
 Discipleship & Education – Kathy Ebbert
 Congregational Care – Kelly Horton & Brenda Hubbell
 Worship – Janna Willis & Richard Roche
 Personnel – June Still
 Membership – J.T. Thompson & Jim Perry
 Building/Grounds – Ched Yearout & David Abbott

June Still – Clerk of Session

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*Responding to God's love and grace,
 our vision is to serve Christ through service to others*



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