

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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I was patient while I waited for the Lord.

He turned to me and heard my cry for help.

I was sliding down into the pit of death, and he pulled me out.

He brought me up out of the mud and dirt.

He set my feet on a rock.

He gave me a firm place to stand on.

He gave me a new song to sing.

It is a hymn of praise to our God.

Many people will see and have respect for the Lord.

They will put their trust in him.

You have done many wonderful things, O Lord.

I have spoken about how faithful you were when you saved me.

I have not hidden your love and your faithfulness

I will tell the story of God in my life.

*HYMN 426 *Blessed Assurance*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. In His name we pray. 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 *I Love To Tell the Story*

*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 Hebrews 13:15-16 p. 979

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 40:1-10 p. 446

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Story of God in Your Life” Rev. Michael Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 595 *They’ll Know We Are Christians*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, your light reveals the needs of our world

and your salvation offers hope to the lost.

Therefore we pray for our world and our community.

For your holy church, that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another, and our pastors and teachers may be wise and gracious ministers of the gospel;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and for all who suffer the rod of oppression:
break the yoke of violence, and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may be just and faithful in their duty
and serve the good of all creation;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer disease of body and mind,
that they may know the power of your healing grace;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are facing death,
That they may find comfort and peace in your grace.
and for those who care for the dying
that they may find strength and courage.
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For other concerns we offer in silence . . .
[*Silence is kept to allow additional intercessions.*]
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O Lord, the cries of your people.
Be gracious to us and answer us,
for you are our salvation;
through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 *Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended to the dead; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 525 *When We All Get to Heaven*

*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 *When We All Get to Heaven*

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 Tonya Elkins.
- This week's acolyte is Ariana Brew.
- 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: Karen Baylor. Next Week: Brenda Heinrich.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: June Still. Next Week: Ched Yearout.
- Statistics for January 19, 2020
 - Attendance – 88

Invitation to Join the Choir! In case you haven't noticed, the choir has been a little smaller in numbers in recent months. Several of our members have been missing due to health and other challenges. We need people now, more than ever. Please consider joining the choir through Easter. If you like it, you are more than welcomed to stay. If you find it's not for you, you will be missed but your contributions will be greatly appreciated. The people in the choir are great people to work with and they have fun together. So please consider joining them, even for a short term. Rehearsals are each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

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 Souper Bowl 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 26	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Monday, January 27		
	10:00 a.m.	Crochet Group
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH
Tuesday, January 28		
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 29		
	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 31		
	7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH
Saturday, February 1		
		Presbytery Meeting – FPC, Tullahoma
Sunday, February 2		
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring - MH

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



Sunday, January 26, 2020

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