

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 *Pastorale* Raymond Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

This is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

if we love one another, God lives in us.

***HYMN 56** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. In Christ’s Name. 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 *Prayer* arr. Jeanne C. Warzyn

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:28-30 p. 792
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 p. 163
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Tourist or Pilgrim” Rev. Michael Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 589** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

***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.

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 453** *Christ Be My Leader*

***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** *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton

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 morning we are celebrating the sacrament of baptism of Palmer Peyton Watson, daughter of Drew & Jennifer Watson. A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. This means the water symbolizes the forgiveness God offers us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The amount of water doesn’t matter because we are acknowledging the depth of Jesus Christ’s love for all of us. This sacrament reminds us of the covenant God made with his people in the Old Testament. God’s covenant of love was for adults, children and infants. The infants of believers are welcomed to all the blessings that God promised to his people in the Bible. The parents reaffirm their faith in Christ and promise to raise their child in a Christian home. The hope and prayer of the church is that this child grow up understanding God loves him or her and then respond to his love. The sacrament of Baptism reminds all believers of their constant need of God’s grace and love no matter what our age.

- This week’s liturgist is Janna Willis.
- This week’s acolyte is Morgan Thompson.
- 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: Brenda Hubbell. Next Week: Kathy Campbell.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: David Abbott. Next Week: Evelyn Kemp.
- Statistics for February 9, 2020
 - Attendance – 98

Mission of the Month: During the month of February, we will be collecting gently used or new towels for Shower the People. (See the Window for more details.) The teens will tie-dye them and they will then be donated to Shower the People for use in their mobile showering unit. Drop off box located in the side narthex.

Shower the People: Our youth are gathering on February 26th at 5:00 p.m. to tie-dye towels for Shower the People. We would love to have some adults join us as well! We will tie-dye from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., have a light dinner, and be done in time to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Eva Dye at evadye@yahoo.com or 615-559-3860 if you are planning to attend.

Monday Morning Book Club: There are currently open seats in the Monday Morning Book Club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. and it lasts til around noon. We often go out to lunch to further our conversations and fellowship, but that's not required. If you would be interested, we are reading a new book of essays: *BEST OF AMERICAN SHORT STORIES 2016* which can be ordered directly from Amazon. Our next meeting will be March 2nd at 10:30 a.m. where we will be talking about the 4th & 5th Short Story. If you need assistance in obtaining the paperback book or have other questions, call Kay Keck at 615-264-0838. It's a fun and energizing group, you'll enjoy it.

Liturgist Training Today: There is a short training session for all liturgists today immediately following worship in the session room. We will discuss some new parts of liturgy that will be added to the service starting during Lent.

Town Meeting: The Gifts and Giving Committee will have a presentation called *From Money to Ministry*. This Town Meeting will be after worship on February 23rd in the sanctuary. It will be 30-45 minutes depending on the questions. We would like to share with you how your money enables and empowers the church to do ministry and mission. Included in the discussion will be the nuts and bolts of our finances.

Trinity Hope: Trinity Hope is planning a mission trip to Haiti from May 23-30, 2020. Trinity Hope provides meals to students in Haiti, and we have supported them for many years. The cost of the trip is \$1,500 - \$1,800 but the Missions Committee will provide money to partially fund the trip. If you are interested in participating, please contact Michael or Linda for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

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, February 18

10:30 a.m. Sunshine Ministry
 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 5
 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 19

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
 Window Deadline

Friday, February 21

7:30 p.m. NA Meeting in MH
 Handbell Festival – Hermitage

Saturday, February 22

Handbell Festival – Hermitage

Sunday, February 23

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

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Bob Andrews, Meara Edrington, Erika & Ray Hauer, Janet Edrington, Karen Scott, Bloma Hale, Mary Lou Settle, Bill Keene, Nancy Hunt, Bertie Williams, Erin Flannery, Roberta Mansfield Workman, and Anne Dorland.

AND THESE NEW CONCERNS: Evelyn Kemp.

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Kevin Stepp, Duane Farnham, Jr. (Paulette's son), Joseph Elkins (Tonya Elkins brother), A.J. Morris (Brenda DePriest's grandson), James Hawthorne (son of Blake Hawthorne), Sole Aléxovich (Brooks Family), Joseph Elkins, Daniel Grindstaff (Carol Thompson's grandson), and Garrett Mason (great nephew of Bob & Jane Marshall).

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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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