

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

***HYMN 443** *Trust and Obey*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for our hands that you could use them for your purposes.
**We gave them for a moment and then withdrew,
for the work was hard.**
You asked for our mouths to speak about injustice.
We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.
We closed them for we did not want to know.
You asked for our life that you might work through us.
We gave you a fractional part that we might not get involved.
God, forgive us for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is
convenient to do so, only in places where it is safe to do so.
**Creator God, forgive us, renew us, and send us out as a usable
instrument, that we may take seriously the meaning of Your Cross.**

*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 Is Coming Soon*

*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 Psalm 13 p. 429
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come Unto Me*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-5 p. 792
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Expectations” Rev. Michael Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 408** *I Am Thine, O Lord*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is the creator of the universe
and our Lord and Father.
We believe God is ever-present, all-knowing, and all-powerful.
God is caring and compassionate.

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God incarnate.
We believe Jesus Christ is our loving Savior
who died for our sins, offering us forgiveness.
Jesus Christ calls us to follow him and live by grace.

We believe the Holy Spirit is the breath of God
filling us with Christ’s love.
We believe the Holy Spirit works in our hearts leading, inspiring,
and giving us spiritual gifts.
The Holy Spirit comforts and empowers us for daily living.

We believe the church is God’s family and Christ’s body on earth.
We believe the purpose of the church is to gather to worship,
grow, and be sent into the world.
The church is the witness of God’s love.

We believe serving others is a privilege and calling as disciples.
We believe our service demonstrates God’s love for all people.
In response to God’s love and grace,
we serve Christ through our service to others.

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** *For All You’ve Done* See Insert

***RESPONSE** *Jesus Loves Me*
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

***POSTLUDE** *Jesus Loves Me*

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:

- Every year the session writes a statement of faith to begin each meeting. This morning’s affirmation of faith is written by the session this year.
- This week’s liturgist is Paulette Farnham.
- This week’s acolyte is Luke Batey.

- 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.
- 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: Kathy Campbell. Next Week: Tonya Elkins.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: Evelyn Kemp. Next Week: Kelly Horton.
- Statistics for February 16, 2020
 - Attendance – 100

Town Meeting Today: The Gifts and Giving Committee will have a presentation called *From Money to Ministry*. This Town Meeting will be following worship today 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.

Nursery Worker Needed: After seventeen years of faithful service to this congregation, Amy Bleich is moving back to Michigan to be closer to her family. While we will miss Amy, we are grateful for her years of service to our families, and rejoice with her as she starts a new chapter in her life. We are seeking a replacement for Amy. The position is a paid position for a minimum of three hours on Sundays, plus occasional time for special church events. If you know someone who loves children and would be interested in exploring the position, please speak with Kathy Ebbert or Kelly Horton.

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.

Spirit Night: Our Place Café, located at 247 West Main Street in Hendersonville, will be hosting a Spirit Night on Thursday, February 27th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Ten percent of sales to benefit the Hendersonville Homebound Meals Program. Hope to see you there.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Monday, February 24

10:00 a.m.	Crochet Group
7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
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Wednesday, February 26

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.	Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH

Friday, February 28

7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting in MH
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Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship – Communion
	Gifts of Women Sunday
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Connection Groups End

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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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