

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 *I Love to Tell the Story* Emma Lou Diemer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of hope, we come into your presence this morning with confidence that You will meet us here.

We believe when there is sadness, you will bring joy;

We believe when there is tiredness, you will bring refreshment;

**We believe when there is despair,
you will bring a renewed sense of hope.**

We have complete trust in your steadfast love,
Great is your faithfulness, Oh Lord

We lift up our voices in thanks and praise to You, Our Lord, our God.

*HYMN 136 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. 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 *Ode to Joy* Ariana Brew, Robin Schultz

*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

Eva Dye

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed
**our eyes may see your kingdom,
our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation.
In Christ, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 116:1-5 p. 491
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *You Say* Joy Lieb & FPC Women's Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 41:10 p. 583
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPEAKERS June Still
Kathy Campbell
Cathy Young

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 442 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

COMMUNION

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet
You have every failure God, you have every victory.**

**You say I am loved, when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong, when I think I am weak
You say I am held, when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh you say I am yours**

**And I believe, oh I believe, What you say of me
I believe.**

*HYMN 59 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

CHORAL BENEDICTION FPC Women's Choir

*POSTLUDE *Finale (from Sonata No. 1)* Florence Price

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 acolyte is Avery 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: Tonya Elkins. Next Week: Mary Anna Womeldorf.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: Kathy Ebbert. Next Week: Jim Perry.
- Statistics for February 23, 2020
 - Attendance – 150

Mission of the Month: Family Resource Center - The Missions Committee is collecting socks and underwear (in the packages) during the month of March for the Family Resource Center. Just a word about the Resource Center. It is located in Gallatin at the Central Office Complex. When a counselor or principal identifies a student in need, they talk with the student's parents to get permission to utilize the Family Resource Center. A wish list is then sent and they gather up the needed items, toiletries, etc. for the student. The items needed at the Center are: socks and underwear (in the packages) - Childrens sizes starting at size 5 up to men's/women's adult sizes (even men's large and extra-large) for high school boys. Please place items in the collection box at the side entryway.

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.

New Addresses

Emily Wilkie
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Bill & Sandy Keene
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140 Thorne Boulevard
Gallatin, TN 37066
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Journeying together to Easter

- Reading scripture together – Bible verses are in the narthex. What a wonderful way to unit our hearts by reading the same verses every day.
- Starting Sunday, March 1, there will be a Prayer Tree in the narthex. Each Sunday you are welcome to write a prayer on a leaf and place it on a tree limb. There will be different topics of prayer each week. This week will be prayers for the world.
- There are times we all need to share our feelings and have some pray with us. Each Sunday during Lent there will be a person in the history room to listen and pray with you.
- When was the last time you were quiet, slowing down your life to listen to God's Spirit? On Saturday, March 21 Michael will lead a mini retreat at our church. We will read scripture, pray together, and have some individual reflection time. The time is 9:00-11:00 in the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 1	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Worship-Communion-Gifts of Women
	11:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	Connection Groups End
Monday, March 2	
	10:00 a.m. Crochet Group
	10:30 a.m. Women's Book Group
	6:00 p.m. Missions Meeting
	7:00 p.m. NA Meeting in MH
Tuesday, March 3	
	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 4	
	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. Worship Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
	7:00 p.m. NA Meeting in MH
Thursday, March 5	
	1:00 p.m. Blood Drive
Friday, March 6	
	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting in MH
Sunday, March 8	
	7:00 a.m. Room in the Inn
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m. Cong. Care Meeting
	Daylight Savings Time Begins

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, Anne Dorland, Evelyn Kemp, and Bobby Garrett.

AND THESE NEW CONCERNS: Don Zimmerman (former member).

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).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Gifts of Women Sunday



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSONVILLE

Sunday, March 1, 2020

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