

## 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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* J.S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to hear the Word.

**Come to do the Word.**

Come to experience Comfort

**Come to experience Challenge.**

Come to find Cost.

**Come to find Joy.**

Come to find Humanity.

**Come to find Community.**

Come to find Church.

**Come to find God.**

**\*HYMN 71** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who comes to us in love, we come now in confession and repentance. You call us to love and serve others, but we cling to self-interest and small-mindedness. We pursue our own way and seek to prosper ourselves. Despite your generosity and comfort, we are too full of complaints toward you and those around us. Despite your compassion and love for us and all people, we are too full of judgment and fear. Though we come seeking your forgiveness for all the ways we sin, we hoard the forgiveness that others would ask of us. Forgive us, welcome us, and reconcile us to you and one another, 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** *Berceuse* Louis Vierne

### \*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 our helper,

show us your ways and teach us your paths.

**By your Holy Spirit,**

**open our minds that we may be led in your truth and taught your will.**

**Then may we praise you by listening to your Word and by obeying it.**

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 25:1-9 p. 62

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Dale Wood

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 12:6-21 p. 922

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Help Wanted” Steve Martin

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 345** *Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM – QUESTION 28

### How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

- A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Almighty God, you have have promised to hear when pray in the name of your Son.

O God invigorate the church for its mission

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of peace and justice,

**that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that it has.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

**that we may act with courage and integrity.**

Give us grace to all his lives are link to ours

**Maybe serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.**

God of hope comfort and restore all who suffer in body mind or spirit

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Lord you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may minister in your name with your love in our hearts your truth in our minds your strength in our wills.**

Eternal God you create us by your power and redeem us by your love.

**Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our lord who taught us to pray:**

**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.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

**\*HYMN 466** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Lord, Make Me More Holy* Roland Carter

**\*POSTLUDE** *Allegro Maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

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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:**

- Today, we welcome Steve Martin to the pulpit.
- This week's liturgist is Richard Roche.
- This week's acolyte is Carter Wells.
- Prayer Tree topic for this week – Country. If you would like to offer prayers for our country, there are leaves in a basket in the narthex for you to write your prayers on and hang on a tree limb.
- If you would like the opportunity to talk and have prayer after worship, there will be a person in the history room. Today Betty Ingram will be available.
- 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](http://www.hendersonvillefpc.org). They are located on the front page of the website under Pastor's Weekly Message.
- This week's nursery volunteer is: Mary Anna Womeldorf. Next Week: Rosie Lewis.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: Jim Perry. Next Week: Eva Dye.
- Statistics for March 1, 2020
  - Attendance – 113

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**Mini Retreat:** There is a mini retreat planned for Saturday, March 21 here at the church. If you are interested, please meet in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. The retreat begins at 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will read scripture and pray together and have some individual reflection time. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

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, Bobby Garrett and Don Zimmerman.

AND THESE NEW CONCERNS: Family of Connie Krieger (dayschool family), Ellen Lajoie and her husband (dayschool teacher), and Kim Schuch (dayschool teacher).

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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our vision is to serve Christ through service to others*



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