

## 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 *Air* Gerre Hancock

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.**

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

\*HYMN 87 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. In Christ 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 *Melody* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

### \*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

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures  
and by the power of your Spirit,  
**may we hear for ourselves the good news,  
and believe, because of your Word,  
that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 p. 852

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Rock of Ages* Dudley Buck

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95 p. 479

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SERMON “Prayer as Praise” Rev. Michael Davis

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 440 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*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.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN 501 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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

\*POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Paul Manz

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 acolytes are Avery and Luke Batey.
- Prayer Tree topic for this week – Friends. If you would like to offer prayers for friends, 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 Steve Martin 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 and Kelly Horton. Next Week: Casey Thompson and Diann Hall.
- Church Lock-up Schedule – This Week: Eva Dye. Next Week: Brenda Hubbell.
- Statistics for March 8, 2020
  - Attendance – 86

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