



Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News February 2, 2025

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds, and all are welcome here. You'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God. If you are new to Herndon UMC, please introduce yourself to those around you or a staff member or email welcome@herndonumc.org.

DISCOVER HERNDON. If you are new or newly returning and would like to learn more about how to get connected or what membership might look like, every 2nd Sunday monthly we go to lunch after worship. Next Sunday, a few staff will be at Izzi's at 11:30am. If you are new and it is your first time, lunch is on us! All are welcome! RSVP welcome@herndonumc.org.

KIDS (age 3- grade 6) -- As this is the first Sunday of the month, 10 am worship will be all together, and the kids will stay in worship with their families. KIDS CLUB will resume next Sunday. To learn more about opportunities for children at Herndon UMC, email jomo@herndonumc.org.

The Temporary Overnight Shelter today is being provided by the United Methodist Men. Look for more info to come for the dinner on 2/16.

UPWARD BASKETBALL is in full swing. Help on Saturdays 9am-3:30pm. Sign up to help with scoreboards, refereeing, or with the concessions stand. Sign up in the app, at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds, or on the clipboards.

SHOULD THERE BE MORE SNOW, please let trustees@herndonumc.org know if we can contact you if help is needed clearing the sidewalks.

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HERNDON UMC'S NEXT SERVICE DATE AT THE CLOSET IS 2/15. Help The Closet serve our community. Sign up in the app, on the clipboard, or at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds. Join the group to see all the upcoming needs. Contact Bill or Betty Arey at thecloset@herndonumc.org for information.

LEAN ON ME support group will meet to offer a safe space for compassionate conversation and mutual support. Come as you are—no pressure, no judgment. This group meets on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30am. This week, contact the office, office@herndonumc.org, if you would like to participate.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB meets the first Wednesday monthly to discuss a book from the United Women in Faith reading list. Join them at 7pm on 2/5 in person or over Zoom and discuss "How Beautiful We Were." Contact Jennifer Thompson, womensbookclub@herndonumc.org, for information.

TOP OF THE HILL ON THURSDAY (2/6). Herndon's retirees meet for lunch. Bring your own lunch, laughter and dessert are provided. RSVP to Mary Burger, topofthehill@herndonumc.org, to ensure there is enough dessert.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HERNDON UMC, please contact a pastor or the church office at office@herndonumc.org.

MEN'S RETREAT (3/7-8) at the Claggett Center. This year's retreat will be led by Rev. Larry Buxton exploring his book "30 Days with King David: on Leadership." The cost is \$120. Reserve a spot by email to Jim Henderson at mensevents@herndonumc.org by 2/24. All men are welcome!

Look for the latest edition of the Herndon UMC newsletter in the app, at herndonumc.org/newsletters, or on the Connection Corners. Get the latest news in the Herndon UMC app or from herndonumc.org, under News select Weekly eNews. Sign up to get them by email at bit.ly/HerndonEmails.

Worship—10 AM

Gathering Music | *For the Beauty of the Earth* | arr. Martha Sobaje | Played by Christopher Simon

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Pam Bentley

Call to Worship | Adapted by Melissa Chavez From Kate Bowler's Blessing for Community | Rev. Pam Bentley

[One] God, we are surrounded by community. Today on Children's Sunday, we are reminded that you are a God of all generations. You have placed us into the family of God, and we ask your blessing upon us.

[All] Bless the kids and grandkids, for we are all family. Bless the people who quicken our hearts, now and years past. Bless the parents and grandparents, strengthen our roots and our branches. Bless the friends and chosen families, all the bonds that hold us.

[One] God, you were there to hear our bawling cry, you were there at our baptism calling us into your diverse and multicultural family, you have given us the last name "Christian", you have called us to walk together.

[All] Bless us as we practice interdependence, needing and being needed. Helping and being helped. As unnatural as it might feel.

[One] God, thank you for these reminders that we are not meant to do life alone.

[All] We are the community of God, gathered together to be together. Praise to God who walks with with us everywhere we go.

Opening Song | *We Are Called* | FWS 2172 | led by Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V. 1] Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

**[Refrain] We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**[V. 2] Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (Refrain)**

**[V. 3] Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! (Refrain)**

Opening Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

**We have been called by You to walk together in love and to share
Your light with the world. Help us to act with fairness and kindness
and to serve one another with open hearts. Today, on Children's
Sabbath, remind us that we are all your children.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace | Rev. Pam Bentley

Invitation to Giving | Jomo Johnson

Offertory | *The Bible Tells Me So* | arr. Lloyd Larson | Wesley Choir, Melissa Chavez, director, Christopher Simon, piano, Bob Wilson, bass

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Doxology | *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* | UMH 95 | led by
Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Offertory Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

Traveling Music | *The B-I-B-L-E* | Kevin Barnett | led by Melissa Chavez

**[V.1] The B-I-B-L-E that's the book for me
I'm standin' on the word of God
the B-I-B-L-E**

Children's Message | Jomo Johnson

Presentation of Bibles | Jomo Johnson, Rev. Pam Bentley, and Levenia
Kibler

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

And now let us respond

We receive these Bibles with our hands,
our hearts, and our minds.
Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.
The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.**

Message | Rev. Pam Bentley

Communion | Rev. Pam Bentley

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to your church,
Delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
And make with us a new covenant
By water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Music during communion | *For Everyone Born* | Carl P. Daw Jr. | led by
Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V.1] For everyone born a place at the table
For everyone born clean water and bread
A shelter a space a safe place for growing
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**[Chorus] And God will delight when we are creators
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Post Communion Prayer | Rev. Pam Bentley

Invitation to Kids Collection |

Closing Song | *This Little Light of Mine* | Harry Dixon Loes | led by Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V.1] This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**[V.2] Every where I go, I'm going to let it shine,
Every where I go, I'm going to let it shine,
Every where I go, I'm going to let it shine,**

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**[V.3] All through the night, I'm going to let it shine,
All through the night, I'm going to let it shine,
All through the night, I'm going to let it shine,
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Benediction | Rev. Pam Bentley

Leaving Music | *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* | arr. Christopher Simon | Played by Christopher Simon

Worship—4 PM

Passing the Peace |

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The Apostles' Creed | UMH 881

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture | Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

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