

Our God Be Praised!

Did you enjoy the celebration as we dedicated our “new” Sanctuary to God? If you weren’t able to be here that afternoon, have you spoken to people who were? Did they tell you about full pews, and returning friends? Did they mention names of important people who were present that day? Do you understand that we were all here, as members, former members, friends, and family to recognize and honor The Most Important One of All?

This is a truly wonderful church, with a truly lovely congregation. And you were wonderful long before I arrived among you. There are many congregations, some Presbyterian, some not, who think that they are warm and inviting, but if you arrive as a stranger, you may find that’s not the case. Not so, here at FPC Henderson.

So, when I tell you I’m grateful for the renovations that have been completed – not just in the Sanctuary, but also in four restrooms, a new library, an updated classroom, a remodeled pastor’s office, and some very long hallways, I need you to understand that I recognize that those places were previously built, previously designed, and previously gifted by a *great cloud of witnesses*, who are still appreciated today. I also recognize that after all of us are gone, there will be new ideas and new arrangements for new building changes that will fit in a new world. And those people will appreciate you and your gifts.

Please thank a Building Commissioner. Please offer a substantial financial pledge for renovation of yet another space, and please thank the One who deserves all thanks and praise. It is the Almighty who deserves our attention and our praise. It is the Triune God who has decided that this Presbyterian Church will continue to minister inside and outside its beautiful walls. It is Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church whose name will go on because we continue to care for a sacred space known at the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson.

I am honored to serve among you.

Candice

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

– *Psalm 122: 1*