

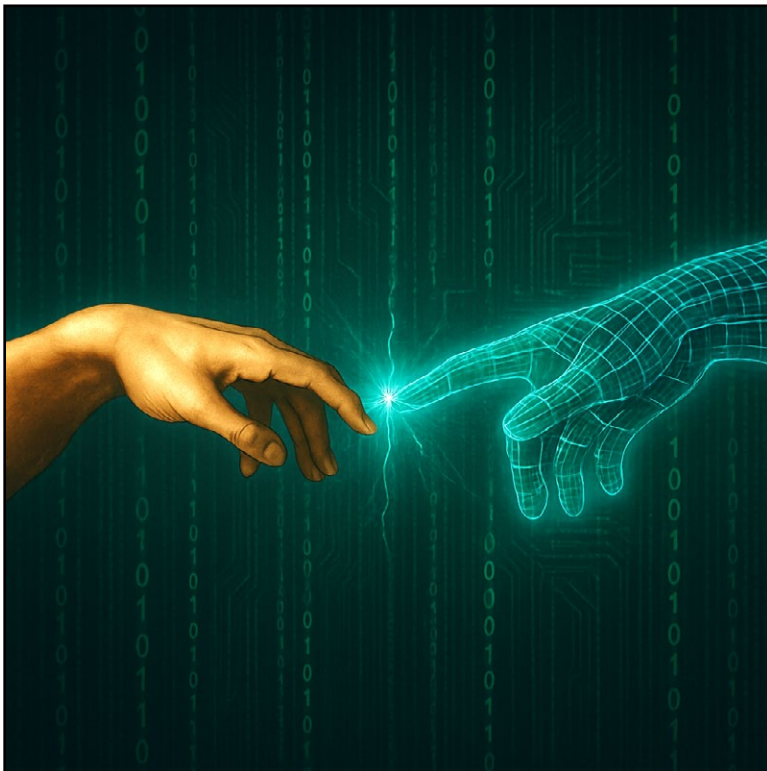


Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



September 7, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

September 7, 2025

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"At first you go into yourself and there is nothing. Then you go a little deeper, and there is something." - Rami Kalfon

Prelude

Priere

Theodore Dubois

Welcome

Marguerite Serrine

Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.

Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.

Introit

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Daw, White

Call to Worship*

Wilson Cheeley

One: How good it is to be together in the Lord's house.

Many: Some of us are a little shy and some of us are out of practice.

One: How good it is that all are welcome in the Lord's house: the shy, the unchurched, the unsure, the faithful and the unfaithful.

Many: Could it be that we, even we, are welcome?

One: Indeed, it may be that the good news is this: all are welcome here in God's house and at God's table. Let us worship our welcoming God.

Opening Hymn #463*

How Firm A Foundation

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Reception of New Members

Congregational Response #306 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds (v. 1)*

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Children's Message

Ken Krause

Choral Response

Children are a Great Reward

Lewis, Hooker

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. Amen.
(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

GLORIA PATRI

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.

Passing of the Peace*

Wilson Cheeley

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

OT p. 577; Wilson Cheeley

Anthem

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

One: The Word of the Lord,
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Spiritual Intelligence

Marguerite Serrine

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Wilson Cheeley

Offertory

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

arr. Mark Hayes

To make an online offering to HMPC, we invite you to use this QR code:



Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!”

Sealing of the Word: The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer & 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

There are 4 stations in the Sanctuary - Ushers will invite you to move toward a station where you take bread, dip the bread into the cup, and partake of the elements as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain in your seat, signal to an usher and servers can come to you. For those with allergies, please pick up a gluten-free baggie at any entrance. We serve non-alcoholic grape juice.

Closing Prayer

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #826*

Lift High the Cross

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Benediction*

Marguerite Sirrine

Choral Response*

Guide All We Say and Do

Harkness, de Giardini

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor

Bach

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today! Following the service, we invite you to our Back-to-Church Potluck Luncheon in Westminster Hall. All are welcome!

If you are a guest, we invite you to stop at one of the entryway tables for a gift bag and information about the church.

Worship Notes

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Allie Sirrine to Andrew Zack, by the Sirrines.

Deacons & Elders serving Communion by Intinction today - Pat Balletta, Dottie Burch, Barry Cobb, Emily Cobb, Karen Gaither, Steve Guy, Joanna Hulsey

Ushers today - Harry Bond, Sarah Edge, Allie Maples, Dan Vig

Greeters today - Rick & Karen Melling, Joanna Hulsey

Livestream Operator - Trevor Boone | **Soundboard** - Gil Graybill

Blue prayer cards are available in the pew racks. If you are in need of prayer, you may fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

Deacon on Call (DOC) for September is Fred Woodward. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

The Memory Book today is open to Children's Bible donations July 2023: Given by Dave & Caroline Smart, in honor of Ben & Wilson Brouwer, Charlie & Nora Kelley, and Campbell Smart; Given by Dan Vig, in honor of Zachary & Ellie Vig.

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Psalm 139: Words: Psalm 139:1-8; 23-24, paraphrase Allen Pote, Music: Allen Pote, © 1992 Choristers Guild. *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* - Carl Daw/David Ashley White, *Glory to God* #191. *Guide All We Say and Do* - Georgia Harkness, Felice de Giardini, *Glory to God* #714. *Children are a Great Reward*: Freeman Lewis, John Hooker, *Glory to God* #46. *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*: arr. Mark Hayes, ©2013 Lorenz Publishing Co.

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Children & Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC! The comfort and security of children are our highest priority.

- **Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 10:15–11:45. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals, and our nursery wing has its own security system.
- We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. **Please sign in children** at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children’s Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children’s Message, all children age 3 years through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children’s Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- **Our Children’s Worship area** is open to children 1st grade and under. Children 2nd grade and older are asked to sit with their parents until the Children’s Message. While your child is in the Children’s Worship Area, parents should sit in nearby pews to supervise their children.

It’s time for 2025-2026 Sunday School registration! Please complete one form for each child in your family. This form must be filled out at the beginning of each school year.

Infants, Toddlers & Twos



Sunday School-Age Children



September Special Offering: Presbyterian Campus Ministries

Our special offering this month is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh. HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim and reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area. Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care by providing a safe and accepting environment for all students. In addition to Wednesday night meetings at West Raleigh Presbyterian, the Campus Minister and students organize various gatherings and outings throughout the year and attend retreats, spring break service trips, and the annual College Conference at Montreat.



You can place your donation in the offering plate, give online by scanning the QR code, or by visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters “PCM” to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

Upcoming at Hudson



TODAY, September 7 - Back-to-Church Potluck Luncheon

Following worship - Westminster Hall - Join us!



TODAY, September 7 - HMPC Recital - 3:00pm in Westminster Hall

Nancy Appleby Brenner, mezzo-soprano, & Tetyana Ryabchikova, piano.
More details in the Weekly Window!



Be sure to fill out your CAT survey by September 14!



Sunday, September 14 - Fall programming begins!

This includes Children's Music, Youth Music, Youth Group, Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults, and The Gathering Adult Sunday School.



September 21 - Church-wide Zoom Meeting with the MST - 5:00pm

The Mission Study Team will share the results of our demographic, finance, and community studies and take your questions.

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 28 - Offering of Letters - After Worship

Sunday, October 5 - Rise Against Hunger Event - 4:00-6:00pm

Sunday, October 26 - Fall Festival at HMPC - 3:00-5:00pm

Sunday, November 9 - 9:30am - Brunch Church - Westminster Hall

Congregation will develop HMPC Vision Statement

Sunday, November 23 - 9:30am - Brunch Church - Westminster Hall

Congregation will develop HMPC Goals & Objectives

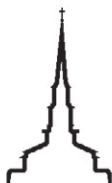
Sunday, November 30 - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 6 - Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, December 7 - Christmas Pageant - 10:30am

Sunday, December 7 - Blue Christmas Service - 4:00pm

Sunday, December 14 - Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am



Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Marguerite Serrine, Moderator

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Barry Cobb
Jay Cummins
John James
Elizabeth Peeler

Deacons

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks, Moderator
Mary Schindo

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

Class of 2028

Jenn Autry
Nancy Eyre
Joanna Hulsey
Hope Parangi
Iva Stowe

HMPC Staff

Marguerite Serrine.....Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Aleta Ash Minister of Visitation
Hunter Cox.....Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children’s Ministries
Erica Hairston.....Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Specialist
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
Rich Richards..... Director of Youth Ministries & Children’s Music
Dorothy Roche Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....Administrative Coordinator



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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain**Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.