



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



October 18, 2026

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing." - Simone de Beauvoir

Prelude

Préambule

Louis Vierne

Welcome

Jimmy Hulsey

Minute for Mission

Gretchen McDuffie

Call to Worship*

Gretchen McDuffie

One: God has brought us safely through many doubts and fears.

Many: We long to see God's face.

One: God calls us to not only trust in the grace of Christ, but to believe the good news.

Many: We long to see God's face.

One: We come to worship, to know what to give to God and what to give to others in our lives.

Many: In God we trust. Praise God!

Opening Hymn #838*

Standing on the Promises

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Bell Anthem

Bell Peal
Youth Handbells

Catherine McMichael

Children's Time

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Joyful Noise; Nicole Flowers, director

arr. Colvin/Marshall

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Choral Response

O for a World

Winter, Glaser, Mason

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Jimmy Hulsey

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord our God, You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we humbly pray. Amen. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Many: With open hands and hearts, we receive this word.

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*

Gretchen McDuffie

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

Psalms 145

OT p. 581; Gretchen McDuffie

Anthem

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. David Lantz

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior; O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *(Refrain)*

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination

Jimmy Hulsey

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Gretchen McDuffie; From *The Confession of 1967*

One: Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to be pursued with courage.

Many: Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to be pursued with courage.

Invitation to the Offering

Gretchen McDuffie

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

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



Doxology #609*

LAASST UNS ERFRUEN

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!

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Gretchen McDuffie

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.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #694*

Great God of Every Blessing

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Benediction*

Jimmy Hulsey

One: Let us continue to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, to the glory of God.

Many: This is God's world. Let us go play our parts by the strength of God's welcoming grace.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Choral Response*

Sing to God, All Round the Earth

Leach, Calvisius

Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Domenico Zippoli

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today! 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.

Join us for a time of fellowship!

Get to know your neighbors! Following the service, join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Come check out the **"Under the Hood" presentation** by HMPC's Finance and Foundation teams during Fellowship time. They will give you an idea of the monetary ins and outs of HMPC ministry and allow you to ask questions.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by Mary Greenoe to the glory of God and in memory of Wade Monroe, grandson of Bob and Heather Monroe.

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.

Greeters today - Jennifer Guy, Emily & Barry Cobb

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

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Lucille Nicholas

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

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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 9:15-12:15 today. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals.
- **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.
- **The Wiggle Room** is an inclusive worship space where people of all ages can step out when they need a little extra room, privacy, quiet, or flexibility—while still remaining connected to the worship service and our church community. It is located off the north side of the narthex.

Tend My Sheep This Month - Diaper Train

This month we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty.

Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups and wipes but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened). Please bring your donations to church during September and October and place them in the bins by Sanctuary doors.

Special Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This October we invite you to support our special offering collection for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or [donate online](#). To text to give, send your donation amount with the word "PDA" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 PDA)

Next Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday - 10:30 Bagpipes & Worship - Sanctuary

Pancake Brunch Youth Trip Fundraiser - 11:30-12:30 - Westminster Hall North
RSVP using QR code on the bulletin insert, or find the link on the homepage of hmpc.org.



Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

Sign up to volunteer or host a trunk using QR code to the left, or find the link on the homepage of hmpc.org. This event will be held at St. Mark's but Hudson is a co-host - Please consider volunteering!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Sunday & Commitment Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 15 - Children's Sabbath & Bible Presentation - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 29 - Advent begins - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5 - Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Sunday, December 6 - Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13 - Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm

HMPC Youth

Most Sundays, you'll find some of our youth sitting together in the balcony during worship. Youth and families are always welcome to join! Have questions about Youth Ministry (grades 5–12)? Reach out to Merritt at youth@hmpc.org, and follow along on Instagram at [@hmpecym](https://www.instagram.com/hmpecym)!

TODAY (10/18) after worship, middle schoolers join us for Donuts and Highs and Lows in the BALCONY after worship until 11:45.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT! meet at HMPC from 5:00 - 7:00 for youth group - games, dinner, and devotion! We will see you then, 5th - 12th graders!

Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

*We seek to welcome with the love of Christ, trust in the grace of Christ,
and grow with the help of Christ.*

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Caroline Smart, Clerk

Marguerite Sirriner, Moderator

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Barry Cobb
Jay Cummins
John James
Elizabeth Peeler

Class of 2029

Sean Cole
Kessler Dickerson (Youth)
Becky Hughes
Ken Krause
John Williams

Deacons

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams, Moderator
Fred Woodward

Class of 2028

Jenn Autry
Nancy Eyre
Joanna Hulsey
Hope Parangi
Iva Stowe

Class of 2029

Debbie Bumgarner
Barbara Coleman
Susan Eichler
Jill Hovis
Elizabeth van Die

HMPC Staff

Marguerite Sirriner.....Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Laric Copes.....Sexton
Hunter Cox.....Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children & Family Ministries
Erica Hairston.....Virtual Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Manager
Becca Kuiken Parish Associate
Merritt Liebman..... Director of Youth Ministry
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
Dorothy Roche Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....Administrative Coordinator



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838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.