



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



April 26, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"So church is, essentially, a gathering of kingdom citizens, called out - from their individuality, from their sins, from the world's way of doing things - into participation in this new kingdom and community with one another...I can't be a Christian on my own. Like it or not, following Jesus is a group activity, something we are supposed to do together."

- Rachel Held Evans in *Searching for Sunday*

Prelude

Andante con moto

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Winter Fox

*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

O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High
Youth Bells

arr. M. Joy

Call to Worship*

Winter Fox

Leader: The beginning of wisdom is to give honor to God. When we worship, we live in reverence to our God.

All: We come to worship God, hoping to plant seeds of righteousness.

Leader: The wise delight in meditating on God.

**All: We come to meditate on God's will and way that our lives might be more faithful.
May we be like a tree, planted by streams of water, ready to yield fruit in its season.
May we worship together in truth and in love.**

Opening Hymn #321*

The Church's One Foundation

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Children's Message

Jeffrey Coonse

Choral Response

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Rev. Betty Berghaus

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, our God, we celebrate the new life which you have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. Gracious God, we are so grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world's values have grabbed us more than yours. Forgive us those times, we pray. Help us to let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. 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*

Winter Fox

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 1

OT p. 489; Winter Fox

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pierpoint, Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light: *(refrain)*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: *(refrain)*

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *(refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Rev. Betty Berghaus

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sermon

"Becoming an Easter Church, All Year Long" Rev. Betty Berghaus

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

From *A Declaration of Faith*; Winter Fox

The church has its ongoing story with God. The church's story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the centuries, the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history. It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame. We confess that we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere.

Invitation to the Offering

Winter Fox

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

arr. Martha Mier

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



Doxology #609*

LAAST 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!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Winter Fox

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 #231*

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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Benediction*

Rev. Betty Berghaus

Choral Response*

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Kyamanywa, Olson

Postlude

Fantasia in F

Handel

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today! Following the worship service, join us for a time of fellowship in Westminster Hall!

The Mission team will be hosting the **Offering of Letters** in Westminster Hall, and all are welcome to participate.

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

Chancel flowers today are given by the Eichler family, to the glory of God and in honor of Todd and Susan's 29th wedding anniversary, and with gratitude for Hallie and Will.

Thanks to our guest preacher today, Rev. Betty Berghaus!

Liturgist today - Deacon Winter Fox

Ushers today - Ron Ash, Tony Bedini, Kelly Boone

Greeters today - Jeffrey Coonse, Hope Parangi, Harry Bowles

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.

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler

Livestream Operator - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for April is Gil Graybill. 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 Memorials given March 17, 2024 - In memory of Dot Medlin by Emily Bigger.

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Construction Update: Temporary Access Changes Continue

Construction has begun on Hudson's new wheelchair-accessible family restroom! However, construction can be unpredictable and our construction zone has slightly expanded. Because of this, **the 1st floor men's restroom and elevator will be inaccessible this week.**

Getting Around: If you need to travel through the 1st floor, please plan to use the **indoor ramp and Welcome Lounge** to bypass the construction area.

Restroom Options: The 1st floor women's restroom will remain open as normal. For men, please use the upstairs restrooms, the restroom in the narthex, or the restroom in the infant classroom on the preschool hallway. The restrooms in the infant classroom and narthex are also stair-free alternatives to the women's restroom for those coming from the Sanctuary.

Watch for signage and don't hesitate to ask a volunteer for directions.

4/26 UPDATE: We expect elevator access will be restored by May 8th; however, if further delays are encountered, floor work may extend through the week of May 11th. We appreciate your continued patience through this process.

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, 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.
- **Our Children's music program "Joyful Noise"** will be held today at 11:30-12:15 in Geneva Hall, immediately following Sunday School.

April Special Offerings - PCM - FINAL WEEK

For April, our Special Offering and Tend My Sheep collection will support Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM). HMPC is a partner congregation of PCM, and we are proud to help sustain their vital outreach to students at NC State.



PCM provides a welcoming community where students gather for weekly meals, fellowship, and meaningful connection - offering both spiritual support and a safe place to belong. You can make a monetary donation by putting it in the offering plate, by scanning the QR code, or going to hmpc.org.

For **Tend My Sheep**, we will be collecting gas cards and snacks for the PCM student lounge. Their most requested items include peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, Gatorade, fruit snacks, pretzels, Capri Sun pouches, and individual iced coffees. You can place items in bins at Sanctuary entrances through the end of April.

Upcoming at Hudson

TODAY, April 26 - Offering of Letters - Following Worship - Westminster Hall

TODAY, April 26 - HMPC Spring Recital - 3:00pm - Westminster Hall - Come enjoy HMPC musicians in an intimate setting outside of worship. Reception to follow. **Musicians include Jenn Autry, Sarah Bedini, Nancy Brenner, Hunter Cox, Lindsey Richards, Rich Richards, Tetyana Ryabchikova, Johannes van Die, and Dan Vig.**

Sunday, May 3 - Confirmation Sunday - 10:30am - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 3 - Inquirers' Class - After worship - For those interested in membership at HMPC - Karl Hudson Room

Sunday, May 17 - Spring Music Worship Sunday - 10:30am - Sanctuary

June 10, July 8, and August 12 - Summer Suppers - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall

June 17 - 19th - Arts Camp for Children - 5:30-7:30pm - HMPC Campus
Registration now open! Sign up by going to hmpc.org/signup

July 31 - Fellowship Friday: BINGO - 6:30pm in Westminster Hall

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

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 & Family Ministries
Erica Hairston..... Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen..... Communications Manager
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

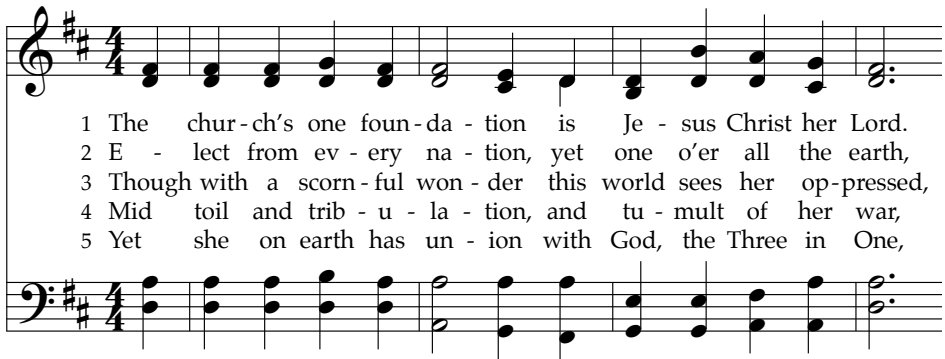


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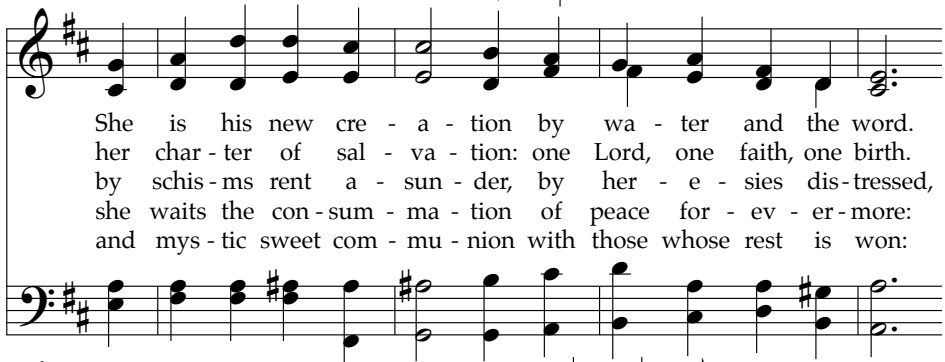
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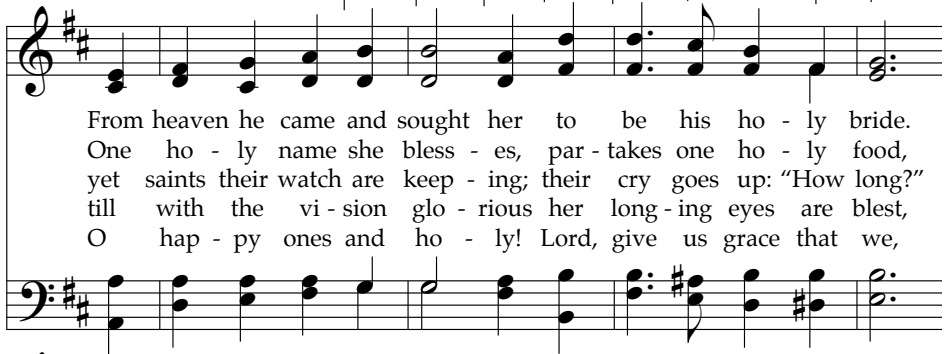
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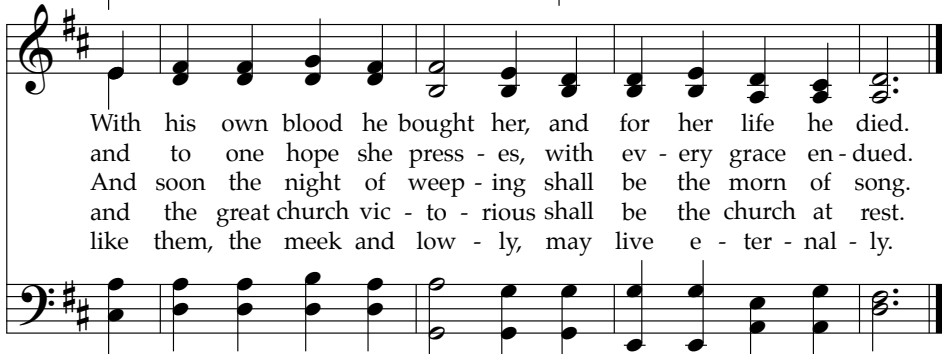
1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,



She is his new creation by water and the word.
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."