



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



September 27, 2026

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank

Prelude

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome

Marguerite Serrine

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

Introit

Within God's House, the House of Prayer

Wilson, Smith

Call to Worship*

Justin Dunn

One: Praise the Lord, who is our provider.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God's acts.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Opening Hymn #366*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Children's Message

Hope Parangi

Choral Response

Hope Appears, Calling Age and Youth

Isao Koizumi

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Serrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit in our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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*

Justin Dunn

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

Exodus 17:1-7

OT p. 64; Justin Dunn

Anthem

Beside a Stream of Living Water

Kraft, arr. Keesecker

Beside a stream of living water
Stands a tree of God's blest people,
Its roots run deep, from those before us.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

So many rings, a living history
Some are thin from years of struggle,
Some circle wide from times of plenty.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

The branches soar beyond the steeple,
Leaves as varied as its people;
So many gifts and yet one body.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

O tree of life, O tree of glory,
May our witness tell God's story
For all who follow in the future.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

NT p. 23

Sermon

"Welcoming the Challenge"

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)*

Justin Dunn

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Justin Dunn

Offertory

Flute Piece

Mozart

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!

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Justin Dunn

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.

Moment of Recognition

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #694*

Great God of Every Blessing

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Benediction*

Marguerite Serrine

Choral Response*

The Path of Life You Show to Me

ST. FLAVIAN

Postlude

Toccata

Pachelbel

**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. **During fellowship time, we will celebrate Rev. Aleta Ash and her years of ministry at Hudson Memorial.**

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by the Bonds for a second week in celebration of Claire, Grace, and Major, whose birthday celebrations continue.

The Rose today is in celebration of Catherine Francis Glenn, born September 19th to Rachel and William Glenn.

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 - Allie Maples, Libbie Toth, Steve Toth

Ushers today - Tricia Brouwer, Wilson Cheeley, Jill Hovis

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for September is Jill Hovis. 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 September 1, 2024: In memory of Peggy Grady by Richard & Shirley Blanks, Edith Horne, Kurt & Cindy Trumbower, John & Lisa Williams, David Young, and Mary Young.

The bulletin cover today - *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Generosity* - Pledge campaign artwork by Lesley Ash Jacobsen.

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Beside a Stream of Living Water: Words: Nancy Kraft, Music: SHENANDOAH, American Folk Song; arr. Thomas Keesecker, © 2017 Choristers Guild

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 of the north side of the narthex.

Special Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This September and 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)

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.

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, September 27, right after worship, middle schoolers (grades 5-8) join us upstairs in the room across the hall from the youth game room for donuts and "highs and lows" until 11:45.

TONIGHT, youth grades 5-12 join us for youth group from 5:00-7:00!

Sunday, October 4 - Dinner out for all youth after the Rise Against Hunger workday.

Sunday, October 11 - Youth group from 5:00-7:00 (grades 5-12)

Upcoming at Hudson

After worship today - Fellowship (11:30); Children's Music (11:30), Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults (11:45), Youth Bells (11:45)

Sunday, October 4 - World Communion Sunday & Rise Against Hunger Workday

Sunday, October 11 - Blessing of the Animals - 10:30 Worship - Outdoors - No livestream

Sunday, October 25 - Pancake Brunch Youth Trip Fundraiser - 11:30-12:30 - WH North

Sunday, October 25 - Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

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

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

Sunday, November 29 - 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

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
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Laric Copes.....	Sexton
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children & Family Ministries
Eric Earle.....	CRE Intern
Erica Hairston.....	Virtual Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Manager
Merritt Liebman.....	Director of Youth Ministry
Barbara Locher-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator



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366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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.