



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 21, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"This child, born to occupy center space in our lives, our energy, and our imagination, is the one who will dwell among us, full of grace and truth. We know his name; we receive him as gift; we answer to his call to obedience. This child, in his authority, capacity, and power, is the way of God among us. His governance shall have no end." – Walter Brueggeman, 1933-2025

Prelude

Christmas Prelude
Iva Stowe, Organ; Hunter Cox, Piano

arr. Hunter Cox

Welcome & Announcements

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

Come Near, Oh Love Divine

R.V. Williams

Lighting of the Advent Candle*

Opening Hymn #123*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

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Children's Message

Hope Parangi

Choral Response

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Serrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mystery and might, we confess how amazed we are that you give us life, and life abundant, even when we reject it. We do not open your gifts of loving connection, patience, humility, and grace. We do not welcome Christ because there is no room in our lives for drawing near to you or one another. Forgive us for rejecting you, O God. Help us to reject instead, everything that separates us from you. 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*

Joanna Hulsey

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

Isaiah 7:10-16

Joanna Hulsey

Anthem

People Look East

BESANÇON, arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir & Hudson Handbell Ensemble

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

One: The Word of the Lord,

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

It's Time

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) - Apostles Creed*

Joanna Hulsey

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

Joanna Hulsey

Offertory

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
Philip Hayden, harp

arr. Philip Hayden

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



Congregational Response #145* *What Child is This (vs. 3)*

GREENSLEEVES

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Joanna Hulsey

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 #110*

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

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Benediction*

Marguerite Serrine

Choral Response*

Fill the World with Love Divine

W.H. Monk

Postlude

For Unto Us a Child is Given

arr. Robert Gower

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

Worship Notes

Liturgist today - Deacon Joanna Hulsey

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

Greeters today - Allie Maples, Steve and Libbie Toth

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

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 December is Joanna Hulsey. 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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Special Offering For December: Christmas Joy

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership, but those leaders can need help themselves. This Special Offering, a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, provides for Presbyterian church workers in need and furthers leadership development for communities of color. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the PCUSA Assistance Program and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families, helping hundreds to stay in their homes, assisted living, or long-term care or to otherwise meet financial challenges while Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development and so nurture racial and ethnic heritage, a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to “Joy”), or you can give online by visiting hmpc.org or scanning the QR code to the left.

Poinsettias

Given By:

In Honor Of:

Lou & Major Bond	Charlie, Harry & Christine, Jason, Claire
Lou & Major Bond	John Oldenburg & Grace Hutchinson
Grandmum Nancy Lee (Appleby Brenner)	Brooklyn Lee Malafronte
Grandmum Nancy Lee (Appleby Brenner)	James William Malafronte
Debbie Bumgarner	Barbara Loehr-Fox
Dottie Burch	My children, Graham & Charlotte Burch
Dottie Burch	My nephews, Chris, Alex & Mason Bass
Chancel Choir	Hunter Cox
Chancel Choir	Barbara Loehr-Fox & Winter Fox
Karen & Joseph Cox	The marriage of Kate Gallagher & John-Malcolm Cox
Cummins Family	Rich & Lindsey Richards
Melinda & Morgan Dickinson	Linda Measamer
Eichler Family	HMPC Women's & Men's Chorus & Hudson Handbells
Families of Hudson	Cary Dickerson
Bill & Marsha Flueckinger	Greg, Lauren & Langley Flueckinger
Grace Hutchinson	Judie Greenawalt
The Oldenburgs & The Bonds	Marguerite and Mark Serrine
John Oldenburg & Grace Hutchinson	Lou & Major Bond
John Oldenburg & Grace Hutchinson	Chris Hutchinson
Papa John & Gigi	Ann Oldenburg, Quinten & Andrew
Papa John & Gigi	Harry Bond Family
Rich & Lindsey Richards	HMPC Youth
Glenn & Mary Schindo	Sarah Greutz
Glenn & Mary Schindo	Nancy Schindo
Libbie Toth	Office staff Lesley Ash Jacobsen, Erica Hairston, & Hannah Woodcock

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>
Sandra Acai & Avera Sinnett	Stephanie Acai
Shirley & Richard Blanks	Aubrey Blanks
Nancy Appleby Brenner, Rebecca, Frank, Brooklyn & James Malafronte	James A. Brenner
Brenner Family	Ruth & Robert Brenner
Brenner Family	Susan Brenner Peters
Lou & Major Bond	Major Bond III (Chipper)
Lou & Major Bond	Betty, Wilson, Major Sr. & Dorothy
Lou & Major Bond	Margaret, Harry & Catharine
Debbie Bumgarner	Michael Bumgarner
Dottie Burch	My parents, Bill & Dot Bass
Dottie Burch	My brother, Bret Bass
Bruce & Carol Cox	Robert E. Fleming, Jr
Melinda & Morgan Dickinson	Bob Measamer
Dunlap Family	Joseph Richard Dunlap
Eichler Family	Irma Eichler and Richard Helms, Jr.
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Linda Measamer	Mrs. Vivian Couch & Mr. Cecil Couch
Linda Measamer	Mrs. Eunice Johnson, Mr. Percy R. Measamer
William Houck	Joyce Houck
Craig & Teri Morris	Our son, Tanner Craig Morris
Tim, Elizabeth, Michael & Benjamin Peeler	Don & Ruth Peeler and Frances Shoup
Rich & Lindsey Richards	R.O. Richards III
Rich & Lindsey Richards	Frederick Moore
Mark & Marguerite Sirrine	Bud & Marge Moore
Mark & Marguerite Sirrine	Merv & Millie Sirrine
Steve & Libbie Toth, Chris Newton	Amy Elizabeth Newton
Carolyn Scott & John Whisler	Our Parents
John & Lisa Williams	Elaine Williams & Alan Williams
John & Lisa Williams	Tommy & Stella Jo Staton

Welcome to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church!

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.

What's Happening at Hudson



Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Marguerite Sirrine will be preaching

"Happy Birthday, Jesus" service project in Children's Sunday School



Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00pm and 7:00pm

*Candlelight "Lessons & Carols" services. Only the 5:00pm service will have
nursery available. Only the 5:00pm service will be live-streamed.*



Sunday, December 28 - First Sunday of Christmas

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will be preaching



Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany Sunday

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary



Sunday, January 25th - Inquirers' Class - Following worship

For those interested in learning more about membership at Hudson.



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