



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



First Sunday of Advent | December 1, 2024 | 10:30am

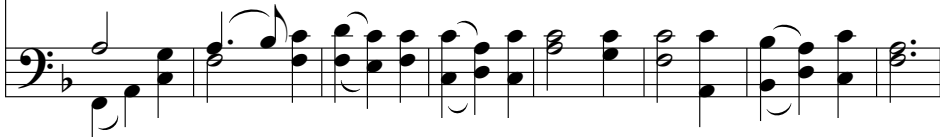
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, your son was born into a world of violence, destruction, and dehumanizing ways. We, too, live in such a world. Yet, you remain faithful, steadfast in your love for us in spite of our failures. Holy God, turn us back to you. Grant us the conviction and courage to follow Christ and his path of peace, no matter the cost. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

“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*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Please stand and offer a sign of Christ’s peace to those around you.

We Hear God’s Word

Anthem

We’ll Welcome Him
Jennifer Autry, cello

Ruth Elaine Schram

“In the silence and the darkness we have wandered,
Wandered, waiting for our Savior’s birth;
And our minds and hearts are longing
For the Savior, Savior, waiting, waiting.
When our Lord descends to earth, we’ll welcome Him.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand.
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

We’ll welcome Him.”

Prayer of Illumination

The Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT p. 738

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

Sermon

Debbie Kirk

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39, *Book of Common Worship*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme

J. S. Bach

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



Doxology #609*

“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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastoral 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

The tradition at Hudson is to hold the bread until all have been served, and then eat together when instructed by the pastor, to symbolize our unity as the body of Christ when we join at the table. You may drink the juice when you receive it, which symbolizes your personal relationship with Christ. Gluten-free wafers are available at the doors. We serve non-alcoholic grape juice.

Closing Prayer

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #92*

While We Are Waiting, Come

Benediction*

Choral Response*

Christ, Eternal Sun of Justice

Johnson, Bringle

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Genevan Psalter

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today.
Join us in Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship after the worship service!

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

Worship Notes

This week's Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Advent.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Elaine Thomas by her family.

Deacons and Elders serving Communion today are Tony Bedini, Jeffrey Coonse, Karen Gaither, Mary Greenoe, Joanna Hulsey, Joan Lester, Linda Meeks, Glenn Schindo, and Caroline Smart.

Ushers today - Harry Bowles, Hudson Carlisle, Dave Smart, Todd Wadford

Greeters today - Joanna Hulsey, Rick & Karen Melling

Soundboard Operator - Trevor Boone | **Livestream Operator** - Steve Jesseph

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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92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

Christmas Joy Special Offering

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership, but those leaders can need help themselves. This Special Offering provides for Presbyterian church workers in need and furthers leadership development for communities of color. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. 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 scanning the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word “Joy” to 888-906-0744. (*Example text: 25 Joy*) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

Children and Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints

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

- **Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15–11:45. 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. Members and guests participating in Worship can leave children with confidence, knowing they will be contacted by text message should it become necessary.
- 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.





Advent at Hudson



First Sunday of Advent - Today

Following Worship - Hanging of the Greens

Come to Westminster Hall for instructions and help us decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas season! All are welcome.

This evening at 6:00 in the Chapel: “Blue Christmas: A Service of Shadows”

An intimate service hosted by the Deacons.

Second Sunday of Advent - December 8

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary - Children’s Christmas Pageant

Preaching: Rev. Jimmy Hulsey

Poinsettia orders begin! Order slips will be available in the Sanctuary & online.

5:30pm Youth Pageant - The Christmas Story REMIX

(A different kind of pageant)

Youth Drama Troupe | Sanctuary | Reception to follow

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15

10:30am in the Sanctuary - “Christmas Joy” Music Worship

Preaching: Rev. Debbie Kirk

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

Preaching: Rev. Ashley Anne-Masters

(Campus Minister at NC State)

Christmas Eve - December 24

3:00pm - Communion Service

5:00pm- Candlelight & Family Service

8:00pm - Candlelight & Communion Service

Preaching: Rev. Debbie Kirk

Nursery available at the 3:00 and 5:00 services

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

Debbie Kirk, Moderator

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Deacons

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie
Carolyn Scott, Moderator

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Debbie Kirk	Bridge Interim & Associate Pastor
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Coordinator
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess
Iva Stowe	Interim Organist



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