



Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Baptism of the Lord



January 11, 2026

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## We Gather to Worship

### People's Preparation

Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. In his own baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinners—yet God claimed him as a beloved Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to anoint him for service. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. Through the baptism of his suffering and death, Jesus set us free from the power of sin forever.

- *Directory of Worship W-3.0402, PCUSA Book of Order*

### Prelude

*Opening Voluntary*

Alec Rowley

### Welcome

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

*In Worship My Being Sings to You*

Murray, Fedak

### Call to Worship\*

Gil Graybill

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**Many: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**Many: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet.

**Many: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**Many: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!**

### Opening Hymn #157\*

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

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### Children's Message

Pat Balletta

### Choral Response

*Child of God, Your Loving Parent*

Turner, Copes

## We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

### Call to Confession

Marguerite Serrine

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. 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\***

Gil Graybill

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 42:1-9

Gil Graybill, OT p. 670

**Anthem**

*A Baptism Carol*

J. F. Knox, M. Wilson

*Chorus:* "This My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.  
This My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased."

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,  
God's love surrounded those who gathered there.  
The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove,  
and a voice came from heaven saying: *(Chorus)*

As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized,  
His love is there to guide them on their way.  
Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy  
On each lamb of Your own calling.

"This My beloved child, who is precious in My sight.  
This My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased."

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Marguerite Sirrine

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 3:13-17

NT p. 3

**Sermon**

*The Messes*

Marguerite Sirrine

# We Respond in Faith

## Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Unison)\*

Gil Graybill

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

Gil Graybill

## Offertory

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Martha Mier

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

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## Doxology #609\*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“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

Gil Graybill

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 #482\*

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

**HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

## Benediction\*

Marguerite Sirrine

## Choral Response\*

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

Buchanan

## Postlude

*Toccata in C major*

Johann Pachelbel

*\*Rise, in body or spirit*

# Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

## Worship Notes

**Ushers today** - Ron Ash, Tony Bedini, Harry Bowles, Marsha Flueckinger

**Greeters today** - Emily & Barry Cobb, Jennifer Guy

**Preparing for Worship** - The prelude begins at 10:30am. We ask people to begin to quiet their minds, hearts, and bodies, to prepare for worship.

**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.

**For those sitting in the chairs at the front of the Sanctuary** - Hymnals and Bibles are located under your seat.

**Soundboard Operator** - Davis Boone | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

**The Memory Book today** is open to Memorials given February 20, 2024: In memory of Nancy Sinicki by Grace Hutchinson & John Oldenburg; Paul & June Sinicki; Thomas & Deborah Yucha.

**Deacon on Call (DOC) for January** is Nancy Eyre. 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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*In Worship My Being Sings to You* - Murray/Fedak, *Glory to God* hymnal #650 | *Child of God, Your Loving Parent* - Turner, Copes, *Glory to God* hymnal #486 | *Opening Voluntary* by Alec Rowley, ©1953 Edwin Ashdown Ltd | *A Baptism Carol*: Words: Jane Foster Knox, Music: Mark Wilson, © 2006, Harold Flammer Music | *Amazing Grace*: arr. Martha Mier, ©2010 Alfred Publishing

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**Thanks to the Worship Committee** for hosting fellowship time today!

## January Special Offerings

This month's Special Offering and Tend My Sheep Physical Collection will both support the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. One of the largest anti-hunger organizations in the United States, the Food Bank works daily to provide food to those in need while also pursuing long-term solutions to end hunger in our communities.



You may give a monetary donation by placing it in the offering plate (designated "Food"), or by giving online at [hmpe.org](http://hmpe.org) or scanning the QR code to the left.

For a physical donation, you are invited to bring **oatmeal and cereal** and place it in the bins located by the Sanctuary doors during the month of January & February.

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's  
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. ‡

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
live in you if you'll live in me, ?

Beth	-	le	-	hem	I		had	my	birth.
came		with		me	and	the	dance	went	on.
left		me		there	on	a	cross	to	die.
I		am	the	dance	and	I	still	go	on.
I		am	the	Lord	of	the	Dance,	said	he.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

*Refrain*

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)  
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

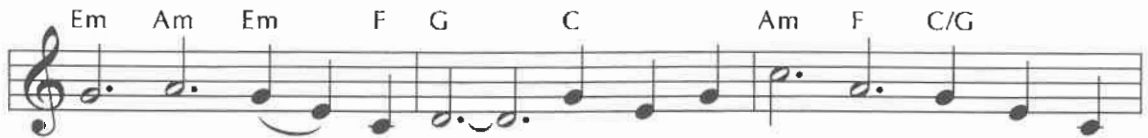
(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

## Upcoming at Hudson

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

For those interested in learning more about membership at Hudson.

RSVP by contacting Cary Dickerson at [cdickerson@hmpc.org](mailto:cdickerson@hmpc.org)  
 or online by going to [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org) > Visit > Interested in Membership?

### February 17th - Fat Tuesday Celebration

6:00pm in Westminster Hall

### February 18th - Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be available throughout the day - Times/locations to be announced.



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## 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*

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## Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Marguerite Sirrine, 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 Sirrine.....	Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Aleta Ash .....	Minister of Visitation
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministry & Staff Liaison to Youth Ministry
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins .....	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Manager
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi .....	Church Hostess
Dorothy Roche .....	Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator



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