



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

First Sunday of Advent



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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"This first Sunday of Advent is less about countdowns and candles and more about clarity: Where is God in your field of vision? What distractions have dulled your sight? This season is a sacred invitation to reawaken our attention and open our hearts to the presence of the One who never stopped noticing us." - Teri McDowell Ott, *Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*

Prelude

Improvisation on the tune VENI EMMANUEL

Processional

Prepare the Way of the Lord
HMPC Youth

Welcome & Announcements

*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.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dunn Family

Opening Hymn #88*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Verses 1-4 - HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT

Children's Message

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

HMPC Youth

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 2:1-5

Youth Drama Troupe

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

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One: The Word of the Lord,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Threat & Promise

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) - Apostles Creed*

HMPC Youth

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

HMPC Youth

Offertory

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



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

HMPC Youth

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 #384*

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

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Benediction*

Marguerite Sirrine

Response & Recessional* *Reprise of Soon and Very Soon (Verse 1)*

HMPC Youth

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

Worship Notes

*Thanks to the youth for sharing their gifts
and helping with worship leadership this morning!*

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Advent.

Order a poinsettia using the paper slips by the Sanctuary doors or by visiting the "Advent at Hudson" link on homepage of hmpc.org.

Ushers today - Tricia Brouwer, Wilson Cheeley, Jill Hovis, Rick Melling

Greeters today - Ron Ash, Kessler & Kate Dickerson

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler

Livestream Operator - Trevor Boone

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.

Deacon on Call (DOC) for November is Jill Hovis. 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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2025 Advent Devotional

Draw Near: Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy & Love

Each day of Advent, this devotional offers a gentle invitation to draw near — to Scripture, to stillness, and to the heart of God. Following the traditional Advent themes, you'll light the way week by week with hope, peace, joy and love, preparing not just for Christmas, but for Christ's presence among us. Alongside daily reflections, this journey is enriched by artwork from children — tender, honest interpretations of sacred texts that remind us what it means to receive the kingdom like a child. Their drawings offer not just illustration, but illumination—echoing the wonder and welcome of the season.

The devotional is available for download [HERE](#), or on the homepage of hmpc.org under the "Advent at Hudson" link, or you can find a printed copy at the Sanctuary doors.

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. 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 gather today from 11:30-12:15** in Geneva Hall.
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November Special Offering: Good Samaritan Fund - FINAL WEEK

Our monthly special offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and our neighbors who are experiencing financial challenges. These needs are higher than ever due to the recent elimination of various assistance programs, and we appreciate any amount you give so assistance funds are available as needed.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Samaritan"), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word "Samaritan" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Samaritan) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

Upcoming at Hudson



Sunday, November 30 - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship



Saturday, December 6 - Family Christmas Celebration -10:00-12:00

Crafts, treats, and games for children and their families in Westminster Hall.



Sunday, December 7 - Intergenerational Christmas Pageant - 10:30am

A "Paper Bag Pageant" - All are welcome to participate. Read all about it in the Weekly Window.



Sunday, December 7 - Blue Christmas Service - 4:00pm - Sanctuary

A service of healing and hope.



Sunday, December 14 - Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Following the service, PW will host a reception in Westminster Hall—a time for warm fellowship and a farewell celebration in honor of Rich Richards.



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, January 25th - Inquirers' Class - Following worship

For those interested in learning more about membership at Hudson.

Sermon Notes

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's Ministries
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Specialist
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator



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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

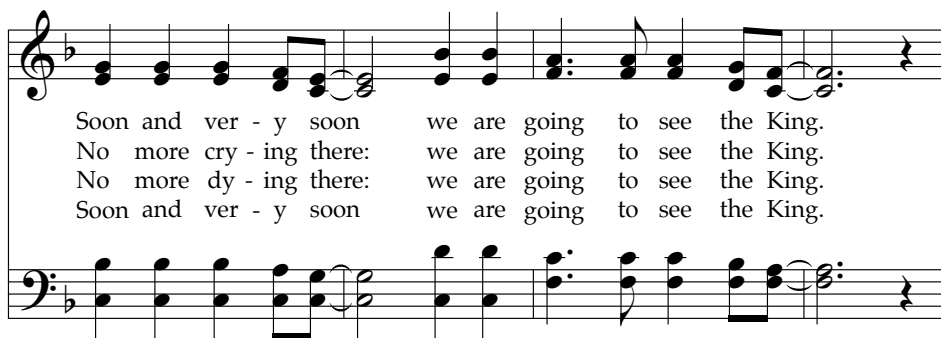
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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!