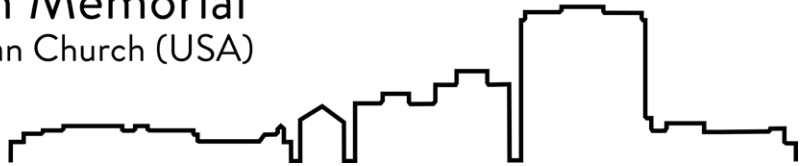




Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY & COMMITMENT SUNDAY



November 1, 2026

Welcome to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever." - Margaret Cho

Prelude

Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te

Leon Boellmann

Welcome

Marguerite Serrine

Minute for Mission

JoLee Carpenito

A Reading from John Donne: Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, Meditation XVII

Words on back cover; Roger Howard, John Williams

Necrology & Tolling of the Bell

TOM BRADSHAW
EMILY BROWN
PATRICIA HEDRICK
EDITH HORNE
NANCY KEEVER
ANNE KELLEY
ROLF KOLCONAY

CHERYL MCDUGAL
WALTER PALMER
MITCHELL PURYEAR
MARGARET SHARPE
JIMMIE SPELL
DEBORAH WALKER

Opening Hymn #326*

For All the Saints

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Children's Message

Monica Maxwell

Choral Response

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Milton, Antes, Wilkes

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Serrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. 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*

JoLee Carpenito

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

Revelation 7:9-17

NT p. 249; JoLee Carpenito

Anthem

God of the Ages

Pepper Choplin

Refrain:

*God of the ages, who never changes, who was and is to come,
Before the beginning, ever-living, the eternal one.*

*God of the ages, who is gracious, slow to anger and full of grace,
And all who ask Him will find compassion, the Lord will come and heal their souls.*

For as the heaven is high above the earth, great is God's mercy to all who fear Him.
And as far as the east is from the west, so has He taken our sins, all our sins away.

Refrain

But the grace of the Lord, the love of the Lord is everlasting to everlasting.
And He will show His great love and righteousness to all our children's children,
Every generation.

God of the ages, who is gracious, slow to anger and full of grace,
and all who ask Him will find compassion, the Lord will come and heal their souls.

God of the ages, who is gracious, Lord, come and heal our souls.

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Serrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

NT p. 4

Sermon

"Growing in Generosity"

Marguerite Serrine

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

JoLee Carpenito

Offertory

Meditation on "Beach Spring"

Hal Hopson

Pledges and offerings will be taken to the two pairs of ushers this morning. You will be invited to go forward by ushers who will dismiss your row. Place pledges in the basket and morning offerings in the offering plate, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you have already submitted your pledge form, please use a blank form from the pew in front of you.

Doxology #609*

LAASST 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!

Sealing of the Word: The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayers of the People & 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

There are 4 stations in the Sanctuary - Ushers will invite you to move toward a station where you take bread, dip the bread into the cup, and partake of the elements as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain in your seat, signal to an usher and servers can come to you. For those with allergies, please pick up a gluten-free baggie at any entrance. We serve non-alcoholic grape juice.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #331*

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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Benediction*

Marguerite Sirrine

Choral Response*

Thank You, O Father

Tetyana Ryabchikova

Postlude

Nachspiel

Bruckner

*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.

Following the service, all are welcome for a time of refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by Marguerite & Mark Sirrine to the glory of God and in memory of all the saints whose past generous love still inspires and blesses us.

The cover is in memory of many of the saints of Hudson, and includes: Karl G. Hudson, Sr. for his generous contributions to HMPC and many other Presbyterian churches throughout North Carolina; Signers of the 1957 Hudson Memorial Charter; HMPC's First Congregation, which includes many who have entered God's everlasting kingdom; Rev. Frank Lemmon, first installed pastor at Hudson, active 1957-1971; Rev. Bob Fields, second installed pastor of Hudson, active 1972-1998; Images from the HMPC Memorial Garden columbarium and memorial plaque.

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available. You can find them by Sanctuary doors or ask an usher.

Deacons and Elders serving Communion by Intinction today are Pat Balletta, Dottie Burch, Jeffrey Coonse, Joanna Hulsey, Teri Morris, John Williams, and Lisa Williams

Soundboard Operator - Gil Graybill | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for November is Caroline Rohs. 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 November 19, 2024: In memory of Elaine Thomas by Polly Bryant.

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Let Us with a Gladsome Mind: Milton, Antes, Wilkes, *Glory to God* #31 | *My Life Shall Sing Your Praise:* Anderson, ELLACOMBE, *Glory to God* #805 | *Meditation on "Beach Spring":* Hal Hopson, © Hope Publishing 2006 | *God of the Ages:* Words and Music: Pepper Choplin, © 2008 Lorenz Publishing

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 the north side of the narthex.

Calling All Ushers! (New and Current Ushers)

When: Sunday, November 8 - For 45 minutes, following Worship service

Where: Front of Sanctuary

Who Should Attend: New Ushers, Substitute-list Ushers, and Current Ushers

Mark your calendars for an **Usher Training Session on Sunday, November 8, 2026.**

This 45-minute training will walk through usher duties before, during, and after Worship, including current HMPC Emergency Procedures.

We'll cover welcoming worshippers, attendance procedures, offering collection, Communion Sundays, and Sanctuary opening and closing procedures. Whether you are a seasoned usher or serving for the first time, this session will help ensure we provide a warm and organized worship experience for all.

HMPC Youth

After worship TODAY, middle schoolers are welcome to join us in the balcony for donuts and highs and lows until 11:45!

TONIGHT! Meet at HMPC from 5:00-7:00 for youth group - games, dinner, and devotion! We will see you then, 5th-12th graders!

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 [@hmpcym](https://www.instagram.com/hmpcym)

Upcoming at Hudson



Sunday, November 8 - Rev. Betty Berghaus will be preaching



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



Sunday, November 15 - Inquirers' Class for those interested in membership



Following worship in the Karl Hudson Room.



Sunday, November 22 - Youth Friendsgiving Supper - 5:00pm - Westminster Hall



Sunday, November 29 - Advent begins - 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

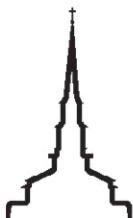
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm

November Special Offering: Good Samaritan Fund

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.



A Reading from John Donne's *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, 1624*

Meditation XVII

The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all.

When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member.

And when [the church] buries a person, that action concerns me. All [of humanity] is of one author, and is one volume; when one [person] dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language;

and every chapter must be so translated.

God employs several translators;

some pieces are translated by age,

some by sickness,

some by war,

some by justice;

but [the Lord's] hand is in every translation,

and [God's] hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another.

As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all. . . .

No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were.

Any[one's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.



For All the Saints



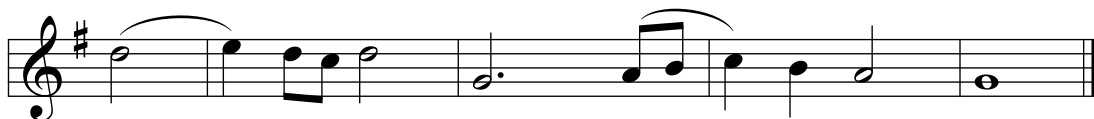
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the earth the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! to stanza 4

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.