



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Confirmation Sunday



May 3, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"The fewer mistakes you make twice, the easier life is." - Martina Navratilova

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Donald Lee Moore

Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

Introit

We Are Bread for the World

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship*

Banks Hepp & Ellie Gatten; From Psalm 31

One: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge.

Many: Do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress.

Many: For your name's sake lead me and guide me.

One: Into your hand I commit my spirit.

Many: You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

One: Let your face shine upon your servant.

All: Save me in your steadfast love. We worship you, O God!

Opening Hymn #726*

Will You Come and Follow Me

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Children's Message

Darcy Autry & Kate Dickerson

Choral Response

Both Young and Old, Come Join the Song

Lubis, Batak Melody

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus 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.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

NT p. 126

Walt Hinson & Whitney Miller

Anthem

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. David Kidwell

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere. I'm gonna live!

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Serrine

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

NT p. 233

Sermon

"Faith Leaping"

Marguerite Serrine

Sacrament of Baptism

August James Tweedie

Child of James Tweedie and Marie Wallden

Opening and Questions

Marguerite Serrine

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)* *Contemporary Version for Youth Baptism*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism and Pastoral Prayer

Confirmation

Confirmation Profession of Faith

Merritt Liebman & Confirmation Leadership Team

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

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| DARCY RYAN AUTRY | ELLIE JOY GATTEN | APRIL LUCILLE MORRIS |
| TREVOR ALLEN BOONE | BANKS DONNA HEPP | HENRY NYE NEIGHBORS |
| ELENA MAE DALZELL | WALTER McRAE HINSON | RONALD DRAKE SHARPE |
| KATHERINE ELIZABETH DICKERSON | WHITNEY ADDISON MILLER | AUGUST JAMES TWEEDIE |

Welcome the Newly Baptized and Confirmed

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

April Morris

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

arr. Martha Mier

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



Doxology #609*

LAAST 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!

Blessing of Letters

One: Merciful God, this morning we offer these letters, written to Congress, and ask your blessing upon them. We pray for people who experience persistent hunger.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for God's love to guide our steps as we work to end hunger.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the Church to advance the Gospel by working for justice and an end to hunger.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the leaders of our country, that they will make ending hunger and poverty a priority.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: And all God's children will say . . .

All: Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Banks Hepp and April Morris

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.

Sealing of the Word: The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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.

Closing Prayer

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #69*

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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Benediction*

Marguerite Serrine

Choral Response*

We of This Generation

Welsh melody, Fetter

Postlude

Bourrée from Water Music

Handel

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Kelley by her family.

Today's Introit, *We Are Bread for the World*, honors the letters we blessed today. These letters, written to our local elected officials, advocate for those facing hunger in our community. Bread for the World is our main partner agency for the Offering of Letters event.

Deacons and Elders serving Communion by Intinction today are Tony Bedini, Harry Bond, Karen Gaither, Mary Greenoe, Rebecca Keen, Joan Lester, and Elizabeth Rankin.

Ushers today - Ron Ash, Tony Bedini, JoLee Carpenito, Tom Carpenito

Greeters today - Harry Bond, Linda Meeks, Barton Meeks

Soundboard Operator - Gil Graybill | **Livestream Operator** - Lucille Nicholas

Deacon on Call (DOC) for May is Jeffrey Coonse. 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 March 17, 2024: In memory of Georgia Towns by Emily Bigger, Kathy & Thomas Daly, June & Danny Moncrief, Bob & Heather Monroe, and Kathy White.

Bulletin cover - Photos from the Confirmation Retreat last month.

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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me: Words & Music: African-American Spiritual, arranged by David Kidwell; © 2018 Timespan Music, The Sacred Music Press | *We of This Generation*: Welsh melody, Fetter, *Glory to God # 51* | *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator* - Lubis/Batak melody GTG | *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* arr. Donald Lee Moore Lorenz Corporation © 1993 | *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, arr. Martha Mier, ©2010 Alfred Publishing Co. | *Bourree from Water Music*, Handel

Upcoming at Hudson

TODAY, May 3 - Inquirers' Class - After worship - For those interested in membership at HMPC - Karl Hudson Room - Join us!

Sunday, May 17 - Spring Music Worship Sunday - 10:30am - Sanctuary

June 10, July 8, and August 12 - Summer Suppers - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall

June 17 - 19th - Arts Camp for Children - 5:30-7:30pm - HMPC Campus
Registration now open! Sign up by going to hmpc.org/signup

July 31 - Fellowship Friday: BINGO - 6:30pm in Westminster Hall

May & June Special Offering - Shelter Ministries

For May and June, our Special Offering will support the Shelter Ministries fund. This fund covers our contribution to the annual Habitat Build, the Avery County Adult Mission Trip, and maintains reserves to send aid when disaster strikes, as we saw most recently with Hurricane Helene in Western NC. You can give by placing your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Shelter Ministries"), or giving online (go to hmpc.org or scan the QR code).



Tend My Sheep Offering - Rescue Mission Mission

In May and June, we are collecting men's boxer brief underwear in all sizes, men's sizes M-XL white t-shirts, toothpaste, and wide-tooth and fine-tooth combs for Raleigh Rescue Mission. For nearly 60 years, the Raleigh Rescue Mission has served those experiencing homelessness in our community - offering shelter, hope, and the love of Christ to more than 750,000 men, women, and children. Through comprehensive life programming and a steadfast commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty, Raleigh Rescue Mission walks alongside individuals and families toward lasting transformation.

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.
- **Our Children's music program "Joyful Noise"** will be held today at 11:30-12:15 in Geneva Hall, immediately following Sunday School.

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 & Family Ministries
Erica Hairston..... Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen..... Communications Manager
Merritt Liebman..... Director of Youth Ministry
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
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Hannah Woodcock..... Administrative Coordinator



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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.