



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Youth Arts Worship Sunday



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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

“Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!”

From *Above the Moon Earth Rises* by Thomas Troeger
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing.
Some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for everyone.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!
—and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

Welcome

Jay Cummins

Prelude

Original Improvisation in D Major
Johannes van Die, piano

News of the Ministry of the Church

Processional Hymn*

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN
Glory to God #399

“God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.”

Call to Worship*

From *Liturgies from Below*, Claudio Carvalhaes

One: God, you are our refuge.

All: You are the shore in sight, you are the hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest.

One: God, you are our strength.

All: You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us.

One: God, you are our help in time of trouble and we call on you from the ruins and the rubble.

All: We call on you from the wildness and the deep. We call on you to meet us in this place!

One: Let us worship our almighty God!

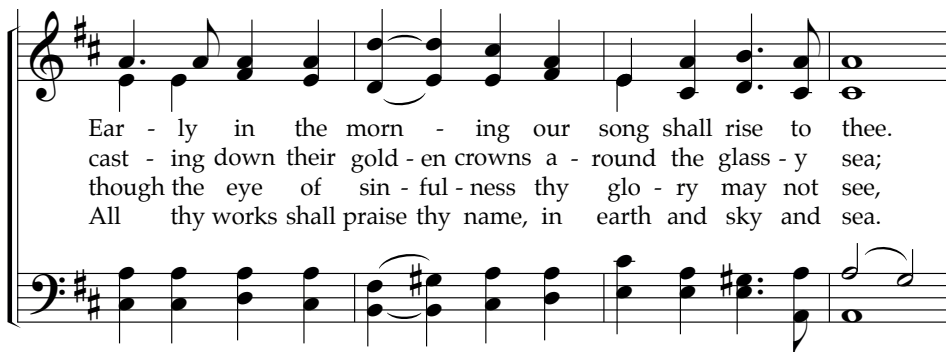
Hymn #1*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
HMPC Youth Band

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



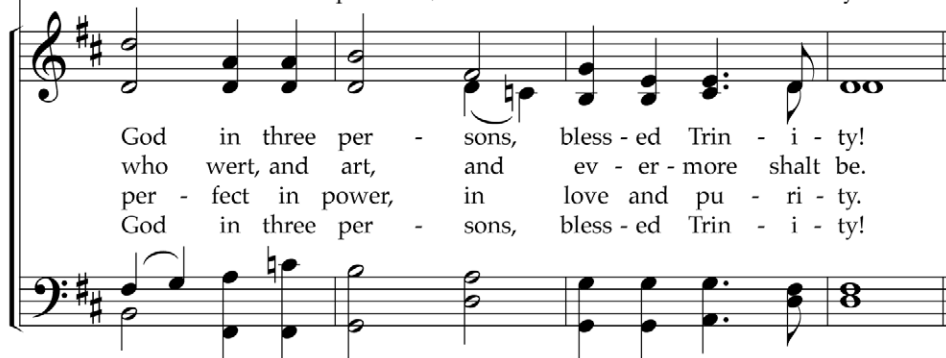
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - ight - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - ight - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Moment of Friendship

*Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it down the pew, and then back to the center aisle.
Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.*

Children's Time

“Jesus Said, ‘I Am the Way’”
Youth Band & Drama Troupe

From *Present On Earth*
John Bell & Graham Maule

Sung Response:

“Jesus said, I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life.”

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From The Iona Abby Worship Book

One: Holy God, Maker of all,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness; to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love; Amen. (Silence)

One: As Columba laid down his books and the security of the monastery,

All: So we lay down what is past and look to the future.

One: As Brigid, with a cross of rushes, comforted a stranger,

All: So we take into daily life signs of hope and healing.

One: As Patrick traveled ever on, as Margaret built community,

All: So we reach beyond ourselves, to share the lives of others and touch a wider world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Glory to God #582* *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”

Passing of the Peace*

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 62:1-5

OT p. 692
Hollie Cole & Hayes Atkinson

Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:1-4

NT p. 189

One: The Word of the Lord,

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“When the Time is Right”

Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Celebration in E_b
Youth Handbells

Michael R. Keller

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

There are four stations--two in the front of the Sanctuary, one in the back, and one in the balcony. 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*

Shout to the North
HMPC Youth Band

Glory to God #319

All are invited to sing!

Verse 1:

Rise up faithful friends and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak;
In your brokenness, complete.

Chorus:

*Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Verse 2:

Rise up people of the truth.
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome God of Love. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3:

Rise up church, with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high;
By God's grace again we'll fly. **(Chorus)**

Benediction*

Congregational Response*

Amen Siakudumisa

Trad. South African
Glory to God #598

First sung in Zulu (twice through), then followed by numerous times in English

Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God!

Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God!

Amen Bawo, Amen Bawo,

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,

Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God!

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today. If you are a guest, please stop at one of the entryway tables for a gift bag and information about the church. We hope you will join us after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall!

Worship Notes

Welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod! Dr. McLeod retired in May, 2023, having served as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh since 2004. He and his wife, Jenny, have two adult children and 5 grandchildren.

Cover Image - "Study of Lilies" Albrecht Dürer, 1526.

Both Albrecht Dürer and Georgia O'Keeffe shared a love of flowers, particularly those for which we would consider "common" or "ordinary". Although they lived 400+ years apart, they created extraordinary pieces of art out of these "ordinary" everyday flowers through placing the viewer sometimes nose-to-nose with flowers as if to say, "Look, look more deeply...look at the beauty in the ordinary."

Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of HMPC Youth, Rich Richards, our Youth Advisors, and volunteer leaders.

Elder assisting with worship today - Jay Cummins

Deacons and Elders serving Communion by Intinction today are Pat Balletta, Tony Bedini, Jeffrey Coonse, Morgan Dickinson, Joan Lester, Allie Maples, and Andrea Mouw.

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Celebration in Eb - Michael R. Keller (c)1993 Agape; *Amen Siakudmisa (Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God)*; Trad. South African Tune: AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

Ushers today - Ruth Herpich, Reed Cummins, Kelly Boone, Nancy Eyre

Greeters today - Mary & Glenn Schindo

Soundboard Operator - Davis Boone | **Livestream Operator** - Trevor Boone

Deacon on Call (DOC) for February is Lisa Williams. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

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.
- 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.

Join Us Next Saturday!

Saturday, February 8th: Winter Warm-up to Wellness
Hosted by the Deacons

Join us for a refreshing morning of wellness and connection at our Winter Warm Up to Wellness event! On Saturday, February 8, from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Westminster Hall, we invite you to come together for a time of inspiration, relaxation, and support. Our special guest, Liza Coonse, LCSW, will be the featured speaker, offering valuable insights on mental wellness. If you are interested, find more details in the Weekly Window.

February Special Offering

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Western North Carolina

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA is sending grants to the Western North Carolina Presbytery to provide resources to meet the long-term needs for recovery from Hurricane Helene.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to “Presbyterian Disaster Assistance”), or you can give online by going to hmpc.org or scanning the QR code to the left.

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

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

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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

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Erica Hairston.....Business Manager
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