



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



September 20, 2026

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ." - Benedict of Nursia, 538 AD

Prelude

Concerto in G: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Eric Earle, CRE Intern

*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

Within God's House, the House of Prayer

Wilson, Smith

Call to Worship*

Walker Sanderson

One: Everyone who serves God, come and offer thanks.

Many: Thank you God, for your love to me.

One: Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

Many: Thank you God, for your love in this place.

One: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

Many: Thank you God, for your love to others.

One: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

Many: Thank you God, for your love that we can share.

One: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

Many: Thank you God, for your love endures forever.

Opening Hymn #409*

God is Here!

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Children's Message

Ken Krause

Choral Response

Hope Appears, Calling Age and Youth

Isao Koizumi

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Eric Earle

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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*

Walker Sanderson

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

Exodus 16:2-15

OT p. 62-63; Walker Sanderson

Anthem

Hymn of Unity

O God of all, whose Spirit moves from pole to silent pole,
Whose purpose binds the starry spheres in one stupendous whole,
Whose life, like light was freely poured on all beneath the sun,
To You we lift our hearts and pray that You will make us one.

One in the patient company of those who heed Your will,
And steadfastly pursue the way of Your commandments still;
One in the holy fellowship of those who challenge wrong,
And lift the Spirit's sword to shield the weak against the strong.

One in the truth that makes us free, and faith that makes us brave;
One in the love that suffers long to seek, and serve, and save;
One in the kingdom of Your peace, when earthly kingdoms fall,
When we shall see You face to face and own You God of All.

Prayer of Illumination

Eric Earle

Second Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

NT p. 21-22

Sermon

"The Generosity of Grace"

Eric Earle

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)*

Walker Sanderson

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

Walker Sanderson

Offertory

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lau

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



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!

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Walker Sanderson

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 #744*

Arise, Your Light is Come!

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Benediction*

Eric Earle

Choral Response*

The Path of Life You Show to Me

ST. FLAVIAN

Postlude

Concerto in G: Presto

Johann Sebastian Bach

**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.

Join us for a time of fellowship!

Get to know your neighbors! Following the service, join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Claire Bond, Major Bond, and Grace Hutchinson.

Greeters today - Tripp Bradshaw, Jeanna Gatten, Roger Howard

Ushers today - Kessler Dickerson, Roger Howard, Becky Hughes

Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg | **Livestream Operator** - Lucille Nicholas

Deacon on Call (DOC) for September is Jill Hovis. 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 August 28, 2024: In memory of Peggy Grady by Melinda Dickinson.

The bulletin cover today - *Red Vineyard at Arles (Montmajour)*, Painted by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888, Oil on canvas, © Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow

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Special Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This September and October we invite you to support our special offering collection for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or donate online. To text to give, send your donation amount with the word "PDA" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 PDA)

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 9:15-11:45 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.

Child Registration Forms

If your child is attending for the first time OR moving from Nursery to Sunday School, please fill out the appropriate registration form below. If you have filled out this form in previous years, you do not need to complete it again. However, **if any information has changed,** you can use the Information Update form to give us a new address, alert us to a new allergy, a school transition, or any other information that will help us better serve your family. This will be live throughout the year to send us changes as they arise. **All forms can be found on the Children's Ministry page of our website, or by scanning the QR codes below.**



First Time Sunday School Registration



Information Update form



First Time Nursery Registration

The Wiggle Room

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 of the north side of the narthex.

HMPC Youth

Most Sundays, you'll find some of our youth sitting together in the balcony during worship. Youth and families are always welcome to join!

TODAY, September 20 - 5:00 - 7:00pm - Kick off the year with us! Youth (grades 5-12) and their parents, come to Westminster Hall for a potluck dinner, fun, and a chance to learn about the year ahead.

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

After worship today - Kick-off for Children's Music (11:30), Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults (11:45), Youth Bells (11:45)

October 4 - World Communion Sunday & Rise Against Hunger Workday

October 11 - Blessing of the Animals - 10:30 Worship

October 25 - Pancake Brunch Youth Trip Fundraiser - 11:30-12:30 - Westminster Hall

October 25 - Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

November 1 - All Saints' Sunday & Commitment Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Tend My Sheep This Month - Diaper Train

This month we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty.

Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened). Please bring your donations to church during September and October and place them in the bins by Sanctuary doors.

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

Caroline Smart, Clerk

Marguerite Sirriner, Moderator

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Barry Cobb
Jay Cummins
John James
Elizabeth Peeler

Class of 2029

Sean Cole
Kessler Dickerson (Youth)
Becky Hughes
Ken Krause
John Williams

Deacons

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams, Moderator
Fred Woodward

Class of 2028

Jenn Autry
Nancy Eyre
Joanna Hulsey
Hope Parangi
Iva Stowe

Class of 2029

Debbie Bumgarner
Barbara Coleman
Susan Eichler
Jill Hovis
Elizabeth van Die

HMPC Staff

Marguerite Sirriner.....	Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Laric Copes.....	Sexton
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children & Family Ministries
Eric Earle.....	CRE Intern
Erica Hairston.....	Virtual 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
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator



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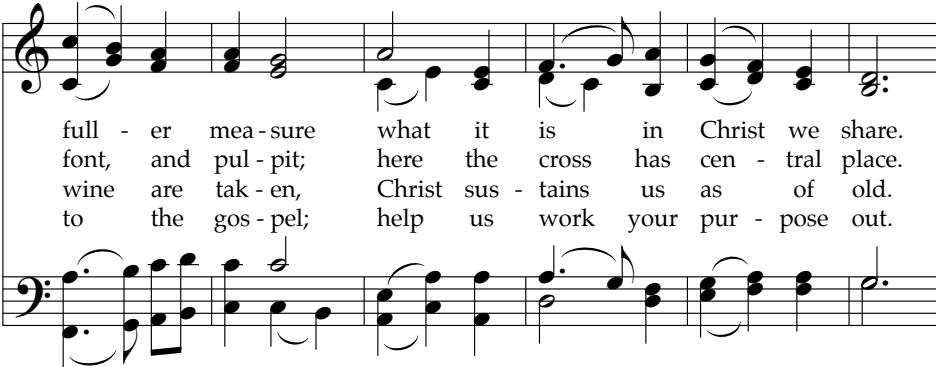




1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.