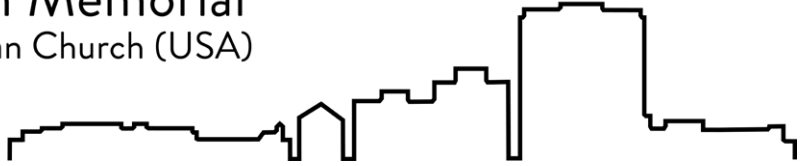




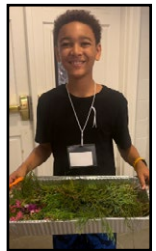
Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ



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August 9, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Emily Dickinson used lots of dashes and hyphens, despite editors of her time wanting her to remove them because they found them unnecessary for the purposes of a poem. But ... these 'unnecessary' elements were her main identity. If that is true, then what may be gratuitous, the 'extra' of our world, may turn out to be the most essential. So Dickinson's dashes speak of reality far beyond our 'use.'" - Fujimora, *Art + Faith: Theology of Making*, p.17

Prelude

Andante in F

E.H. Thorne

Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

*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

Let Us Build a House

M. Haugen

Call to Worship*

Eric Earle

One: Lord, we gather here today in Your presence:

Many: To worship, glorify, and magnify You.

One: Lord, we gather here today in Your name:

Many: To show our love for You.

Opening Hymn #450*

Be Thou My Vision

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Children's Time - Vacation Bible School Presentation

*Come, Come, Everybody Worship
You Shall Go Out with Joy*

N. Sleeth
Rubin, Dauermann

Congregational Response

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,
He loves them as He loves you,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.
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*

Eric Earle

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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

OT p. 34, Eric Earle

Anthem

Train Up A Child

Pepper Choplin

Train up a child in the way that he should go that he will never depart.
Train up a child in the way and she will grow with the word in her heart.
Feed them truth, guide the way, teach them promises God has made,
That they may live in God's love and grace.

Train up a child as you teach him right from wrong, as he follows the word.
Train up a child as you lead her to be strong, be strong in the Lord.
Feed them truth, guide the way, teach them promises God has made,
That they may live in God's love and grace.

Many voices call; many things may draw them far away.
Though their paths may go far away from home,
The word shall remain in their hearts.

Train up a child; your rewards will go beyond the days you live.
Raise them in love; generations will be blest by the love that you give.
Feed them truth, show the way, teach them promises God has made,
That they will carry on to train up a child, and they will live in God's love forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

NT p. 16

Sermon

"The Making of a Story"
(Novel: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*)

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)*

Eric Earle

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

Eric Earle

Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead

Philip Keveren

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

Eric Earle

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 #462*

I Love to Tell the Story

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Benediction*

Marguerite Sirrine

Choral Response*

Go with Us, Lord

Postlude

Postlude in A

Louis Lefebure-Wely

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome to Hudson!

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 Fellowship

Get to know your neighbors! Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Worship Notes

Chancel Flowers today are given by the Chancel Guild to the glory of God and in honor of Cary Dickerson and all of our wonderful VBS volunteers. Many thanks to you all!

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.

Greeters today - Sarah Edge, Katy & Robert Turnbull

Ushers today - JoLee and Tom Carpenito, Tony Bedini

Soundboard Operator - Davis Boone

Livestream Operator - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for August is Fred Woodward. 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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Bulletin Cover - Photos from Vacation Bible School this past week.

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.

Special Offering: Hunger Action Fund

This August we invite you to support our special offering collection for the Hunger Action Fund. As a Hunger Action congregation, it is our primary mission to help provide food and vital resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community and beyond. Join us in being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.



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

Sermon Notes

Upcoming at Hudson

August 12 - Summer Supper - 6:00pm - Westminster Hall



Final supper of the summer! Please RSVP TODAY using the QR code to the left, using the button on the homepage of hmpc.org, or by letting the church office know. Fellowship will be serving "Farm Fresh Fare", including, but not limited to, old fashioned tomato and cucumber sandwiches, BLTs, and tasty accompaniments that will make your mouth water!

August 14-16 - Montreat Women's Connection Conference - Montreat, NC

August 21 - Fellowship Friday: Live Music & Outdoor Fun - HMPC West Lawn



6:00pm until dark in the church's back yard. The Champagne Corollas will be here playing some live classic rock hits! (HMPC member Steve Jesseph is the bassist!) We'll have a hot dog bar with all the fixins, beans, salads, slaw, chips, drinks, and desserts. There will also be popcorn and outdoor games for the whole family to enjoy. Feel free to bring an outdoor chair or blanket. This event is FREE but you are welcome to make a donation. RSVPs appreciated! Use the QR code to the left, use the RSVP button on the homepage of hmpc.org, or let the church office know.

August 23 - Inquirers' Class for those interested in membership - After worship

August 26 - Handbell workshop - 6:00-7:00pm - Contact Barbara Loehr-Fox for details.

September 13 - Back-to-Church Luncheon - After worship

September 20 - Kick-off for all HMPC children and youth programming

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



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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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) $Gm7$ (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry".

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and bass line from the first line. The lyrics are: "to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love." The line ends with a double bar line.