



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ



October 27, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

The church reformed, always being reformed is foundational to the Reformed Tradition. God is always doing something new, and especially in times of challenge, conflict, and crisis, God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

Welcome

Chimes

Prelude *Praeludium und Fuge in G-Dur* Johann Sebastian Bach

News of the Ministry of the Church

Introit *Let the Whole Creation Cry (Psalm 148)* Hintze/Bach

Call to Worship*

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Many: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Many: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

All: Let us worship the living God!

Opening Hymn #275* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Moment of Friendship

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.

Children's Message Pat Balletta

Choral Response *Every Day We Need Your Nurture* James Wood

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



Sacrament of Baptism

Lauren Janarella

Maverick & Kelly Delgado - Children of Lauren Janarella & Max Delgado

Reception of New Members

Response #306 *

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1)

“Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.”

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession (Unison)

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

A Prayer by Martin Luther

Creator God, you are always reforming and transforming us into the people you want us to be, and yet we resist. It is so easy to cling to old ways and destructive habits. How often we carry the burden of things we don't want to let go of, and have little energy for anything new. In your mercy, melt us and mold us so that we may receive the gifts of new life open to us. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

“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*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Please stand and offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:18,19

OT p. 672

Anthem

Saints Bound for Heaven arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw

“Our bondage it shall end by and by, by and by.
Our bondage it shall end by and by.
From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we’ll return by and by.
Our Deliverer He shall come by and by, by and by.
Our Deliverer He shall come by and by.
And our sorrows have an end, with our three-score years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day by and by.
And when to Jordan’s floods we are come, we are come,
And when to Jordan’s floods we are come,
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters He’ll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come.
Then with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice.
And with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice!
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And through all eternity we’ll rejoice.
Shouting glory to our King...”

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6a

NT p. 259

One: The word of the Lord,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Debbie Kirk

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

arr. Gene Clark

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!”

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.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #687* *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1-4)

Benediction*

Choral Response* *May the God of Hope Go with Us* Argentine Folk Melody

Postlude *Aberystwyth* Joseph Parry

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today.
Join us in Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship after the worship service!

If you are a guest, please stop at one of the entryway tables
for a gift bag and information about the church.

Worship Notes

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Susan and Glenn Grigg.

The Rose is in honor of the birth of Gabriella Genova, child of member Natascha Genova & Thomas Genova.

The Narthex flowers are in loving memory of Olene Franks, given by her family.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Worship Notes

New members joining today are Lauren Janarella & Max Delgado, Sara & Nick Parsatoon.

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.

Ushers today - Rick Melling, Kessler Dickerson, Nancy Eyre, Reed Cummins

Greeters today - Sarah Edge, Kate & Cary Dickerson

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

Deacon on Call (DOC) for October is Gretchen McDuffie. DOC for November is Carolyn Scott. 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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Upcoming at Hudson

Today, Sunday, October 27 - Fall Festival

3:00-5:00pm at St. Mark's UMC - Stop by this fun, family-friendly event!

Next Sunday, November 3 - HMPC Commitment Sunday

****There will only be ONE service on this date - 10:30 in the Sanctuary****

On November 10th, we will have an 8:30am Chapel service, and a 10:30am Sanctuary service. Communion will be served at both services.

Sunday, November 17 - Children's Sabbath

November 26 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

7:00pm - Location TBD

Sunday, December 1 - Blue Christmas: A Service of Shadows

6:00pm in the Chapel

Saturday, December 7 - Family Christmas Celebration

10:00-12:00 at HMPC

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. Members and guests participating in Worship can leave children with confidence, knowing they will be contacted by text message should it become necessary.
- 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.

October Special Offering: Peace & Global Witness - Final Week

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ’s peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



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

October Tend My Sheep Offering

Raleigh Rescue Mission - Final Week to Drop Off Donations

This month we will be collecting **white towels, white twin sheet sets, and standard pillows** for Raleigh Rescue Mission. Raleigh Rescue Mission is dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness in our community through the love of Christ. They offer a wide range of services from meeting basic needs like providing meals, clothing, hygiene and healthcare to providing counseling, parenting classes, transportation, and vocational and career training. **Please note, all donations must be new.** You may put items in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of October.

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

Debbie Kirk, Moderator

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Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

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Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Debbie Kirk	Bridge Interim & Associate Pastor
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Coordinator
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess
Iva Stowe	Interim Organist



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