



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



October 25, 2026

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

“Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone.” - Protestant Reformation

Prelude

Highland Cathedral
Debbi Ferm, bagpipes

Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.

Minute for Mission

Fred Woodward

Call to Worship*

Fred Woodward

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Many: In you, we come home -- to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

One: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

Many: In you, we are home -- we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you and worship you.

Opening Hymn #275*

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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Children's Message

Hope Parangi

Choral Response

O for a World

Winter, Glaser, Mason

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. 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*

Fred Woodward

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

OT p. 191; Fred Woodward

Anthem

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley, Lau

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.

My glorious Master and my King, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

The name of Jesus calms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
It is music to the sinner's ears, it brings life and health and peace.
God breaks the power of cancelled sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the foulest clean, the blood availed for me.

God speaks, and in listening, new life the dead receive.
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble, poor believe.
Look now to God, you people, seek Christ, O fallen race!
Look and be saved through faith, be justified by grace.

All glory now and praise and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

NT p. 25

Sermon

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Fred Woodward; From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Invitation to the Offering

Fred Woodward

Offertory

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Sigfrid Katy-Elert

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

Fred Woodward

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 #353*

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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Benediction*

Marguerite Sirmine

Choral Response*

Sing to God, All Round the Earth

Leach, Calvisius

Postlude

Amazing Grace

Debbi Ferm, bagpipes

*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 the Youth Trip Pancake Brunch Fundraiser!

Come support our youth! Following the service, join us for pancakes and fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by Glenn & Susan Grigg to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura Grigg Powell.

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.

Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg

Livestream Operator - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for October is Debbie Bumgarner. 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 September 11, 2024: In memory of Peggy Grady by Bob & Heather Monroe, and Frances Massey.

Bulletin Cover - Ferdinand Pauwels - *Luther Hammers His 95 Theses To The Door*

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Special Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - FINAL WEEK

This 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 9:15-12:15 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.
- **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 the north side of the narthex.

Calling All Ushers! (New and Current Ushers)

Date: Sunday, November 8

Duration: 45 minutes, following Worship service

Where: Front of Sanctuary

Who Should Attend: New Ushers, Substitute-list Ushers, and Current Ushers

Mark your calendars for an **Usher Training Session on Sunday, November 8, 2026.**

This 45-minute training will walk through usher duties before, during, and after Worship, including current HMPC Emergency Procedures.

We'll cover welcoming worshippers, attendance procedures, offering collection, Communion Sundays, and Sanctuary opening and closing procedures. Whether you are a seasoned usher or serving for the first time, this session will help ensure we provide a warm and organized worship experience for all.

What's Happening Today

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

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

Come to St. Mark's for a family-friendly afternoon of games, crafts, snacks, and Trunk-or-Treat. Costumes are welcome!

Looking Ahead

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

Sunday, November 15 - Children's Sabbath & Bible Presentation - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 29 - Advent begins - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5 - Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Sunday, December 6 - Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13 - Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm

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! Have questions about Youth Ministry (grades 5–12)? Reach out to Merritt at youth@hmpe.org, and follow along on Instagram at [@hmpecym](https://www.instagram.com/hmpecym)

YOUTH GROUP TODAY: Instead of youth group tonight, we will be at the Fall Festival at St. Marks from 3:00-5:00! The youth are decorating and hanging out by the church vans. Families and friends are welcome! Arrive at 2:30 and look for the church vans if you want to help decorate.

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
Laric Copes.....	Sexton
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children & Family Ministries
Nicole Flowers.....	Children's Music Director
Erica Hairston.....	Virtual Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Manager
Becca Kuiken	Parish Associate
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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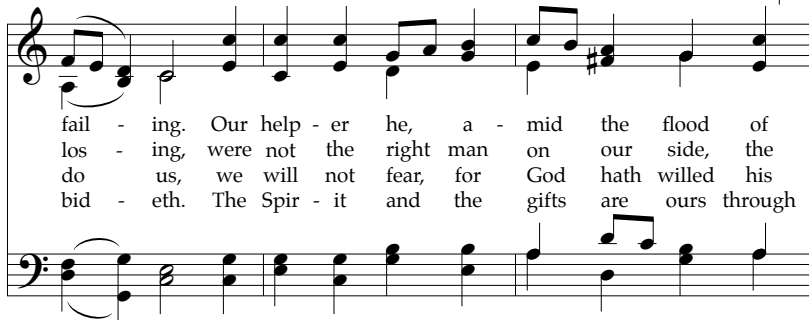
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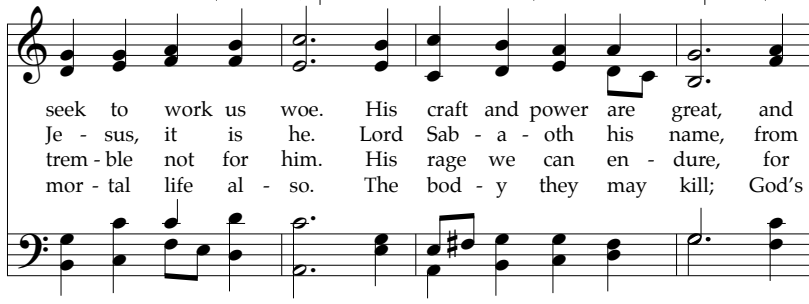
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



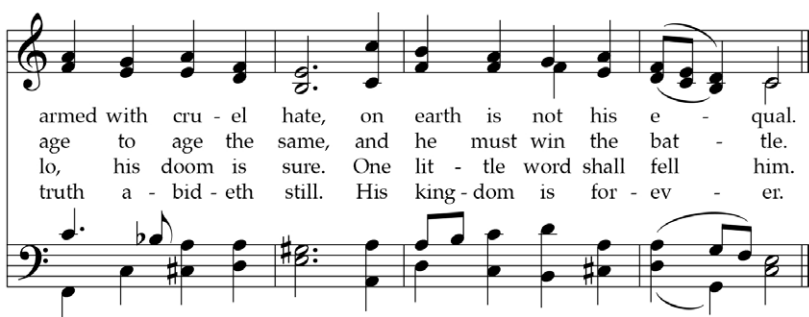
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



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

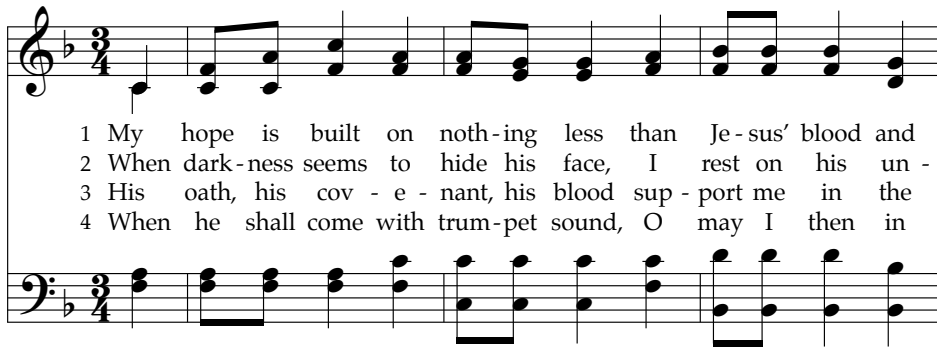


seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

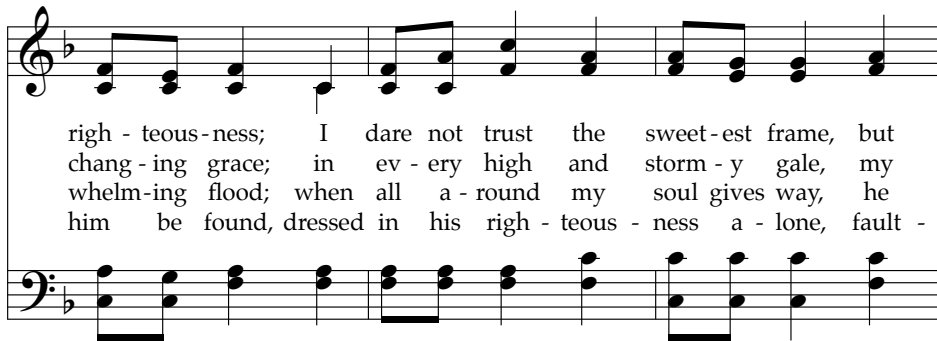


armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

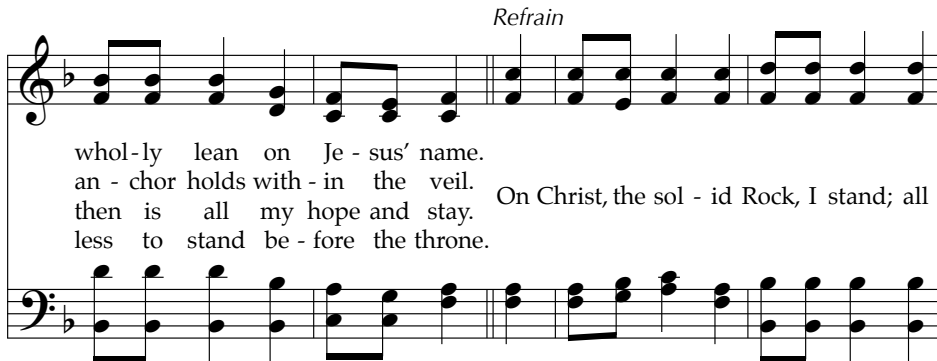
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



Refrain
whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.