



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME

Do justice (MICAH 6:8)

Walk humbly (MICAH 6:8)

Love kindness (MICAH 6:8)

Love your enemies (MATTHEW 5:43)

Let your light shine (MATTHEW 5:16)

Turn the other cheek (MATTHEW 5:39)

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day

November 19, 2023

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us." - Pope Francis

"The Beatitudes are no spiritual 'to do list' to be attempted by eager, rule-keeping disciples. It is a spiritual 'done' list of the qualities God brings to bear in the people who follow Jesus."
- Ronnie McBrayer

Prelude

Thanksgiving

Albin Whitworth

Welcome

Introit

Come, Worship God

Perry, O QUANTA QUALIA

Call to Worship*

Psalm 106:1-3, 48 (*The Message* translation)

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! And why?

Many: Because he's good, because his love lasts.

One: But who on earth can do it—declaim God's mighty acts, broadcast all his praises?

Many: You're one happy man when you do what's right, one happy woman when you form the habit of justice.

One: Blessed be God, Israel's God! Bless now, bless always! Oh! Let everyone say Amen.
Hallelujah!

Many: With thanksgiving, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #643*

Now Thank We All Our God

Moment of Friendship

Guests, we invite you to complete the blue card found in your pew racks. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. The back side of this card offers space to share prayer requests.

Children's Message

Chris Page

Choral Response

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Moore; Hopson

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

We Repent and Confess

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We confess that we have failed to see the poverty, despair, and needs of those around us. We have had more than enough while others do not have basic necessities. Forgive us Lord, for our willful ignorance, for our complacency, and for our tendency to “go along” with the way things are. Awaken and enliven us, that we might see the things you would have us to do. Empower and enable us that we might do our part to help bring in your kingdom. *(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: May 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

Micah 6:6-8

Don Haydon; OT p. 866

Anthem

Hymn of Grateful Praise
Jennifer Autry, cello

Folliott Pierpoint; Mark Hayes

“For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”

Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:1-16

NT p. 4

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Following the Instructions

Rev. Aleta Ash

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Presbyterian Book of Order, W-7.3001 and W-7.3003

God sends the church in the power of the Holy Spirit to exercise compassion in the world: feeding the hungry, comforting the grieving, caring for the sick, visiting the prisoners, freeing the captives, sheltering the homeless, befriending the lonely. Such acts of compassion, done corporately and individually, are the work of the church as the body of Christ. The church is also called to engage those structures and systems which create or foster brokenness and distortion. Christians respond to these calls through acts of advocacy and compassion, through service in common ministries of the church, and through cooperation with agencies and organizations committed to these ends.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus, Our Friend

Albin C. Whitworth

Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“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 #700*

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)
(an - y - time!)

Benediction*

Choral Response*

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Temple, Fedak

Postlude

Psalm Nineteen

Benedetto Marcello

**Rise, in body or spirit*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP IN WESTMINSTER HALL
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE!

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.

Worship Notes

The Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Maxine Mundell by Roger and Nancy Howard.

Special thanks to our guest preacher, Rev. Aleta Ash, HMPC's Minister of Visitation.

Greeters today - Linda Meeks, Christine Bond, Jeanna Gatten

Ushers today - Harry Bowles, Hudson Carlisle, Dave Smart

Soundboard Set-up & Operator - Gil Graybill

Livestream Operator - Lucille Nicholas

Deacon on Call (DOC) for November is Joanna Hulsey. 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 March 30, 2022 - In memory of Lucy Rhame by Polly Bryant and Heather Monroe.

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Children and Their Families: Worship, Education and Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC!

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. The comfort and security of children is our highest priority.

- 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 their 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 the Worship Area to supervise their children. We welcome children into our Sanctuary, and do not expect silence from them, but please gently remind them to respect other worshipers by using quiet voices during Worship.
- Your kids are invited to participate in our **Children's Music program**. While your kids are enjoying music, parents are invited to "Coffee & Conversation" in the Chapel!

November Special Offering: Good Samaritan Fund

Our monthly special offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, a discretionary account outside of the annual operating budget that is used to assist HMPC members and others who are experiencing financial challenges. These needs have increased due to the long term effects of COVID-19 and we appreciate any amount you give so we have the funds available as needed.



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Samaritan"), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org. To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word "Samaritan" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Samaritan) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

Upcoming Worship Services & Events

Sunday, November 19 - 2:00pm - Interfaith Service - Greystone Baptist Church

Join us for a devotional gathering where multiple faith traditions will celebrate gratitude for creation! Pastor Debbie is participating in this service on behalf of the Habitat Interfaith Build Coalition. More info in the Weekly Window.

Tuesday, November 21 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - 7:00pm - The Fountain

For decades, various Christian churches along Six Forks Road have come together for an ecumenical worship service at Thanksgiving. The Reverend Patrick Warutere of North Raleigh International Baptist Church is preaching. As it historically has, the offering will go towards North Raleigh Ministries. Churches participating this year are The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship, Grace Lutheran Church, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, North Raleigh International Baptist Church, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, and Trinity Baptist Church. The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship is located at 9621 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Sunday, November 26 - Blessing of the Animals - Worship - West Lawn

On this Thanksgiving weekend, we have a special Sunday morning worship service on the West Lawn to thank God for the animals in our lives. All are invited to bring their leashed and secured animals to be blessed in this shorter Sunday morning service. If you are unable to bring your pet, we invite you to bring a photo. While we will have chairs available, please bring your own lawn/camping chairs and appropriate clothing for this outdoor service. This service will not be live-streamed. All barks, meows and tweets will join our human voices in praising the Lord!

Saturday, December 2 - Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00 - HMPC Campus

Sunday, December 3 - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Sunday, December 3 - Blue Christmas: A Service of Shadows - 6:00pm - Chapel

Sunday, December 10 - Christmas Pageant - Worship

Sunday, December 17 - Christmas Joy in the Morning - Worship

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve services

10:30am - Worship in the Sanctuary; Children's Sunday School (after Children's Message)

5:00pm - Candlelight Service; Nursery will be available (ages 0-5)

8:00pm - Communion & Candlelight Service; Nursery will not be available

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

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

Class of 2024

Tom Bradshaw
Cary Dickerson
Roger Howard
Joan Lester

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Deacons

Class of 2024

Ron Ash
Tony Bedini
Martha Chapman
Susan Krause
Elizabeth Rankin

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie, Moderator
Carolyn Scott

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
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
Al Hyde.....Organist
Erica Hairston.....Church Business Administrator
Lisa Flint-Morris.....Accounting Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Specialist
Dorothy Roche Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi Church Hostess



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