



Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

Welcome



July 28, 2024

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## We Gather to Worship

### People's Preparation

“When Jesus is around, a little bit of food becomes enough to satisfy a huge crowd. When Jesus is around, anyone and everyone is fed. In the feeding stories, Jesus feeds the whole crowd, and then there are leftovers with a miracle of divine abundance---a symbol of God's creative energy and imagination. So too are we invited to share what we have, to set down our anxieties about whether there will be enough, and simply be nourished.” - Cynthia M. Campbell

### Welcome

### Chimes

### Prelude

*Fugue in C*

G.F. Handel

### News of the Ministry of the Church

### Bell Introit

*Simple Gifts*  
Hudson Handbell Ensemble

Shaker Melody; arr. P. C. Cota

### Call to Worship\*

*From Psalm 145:10-18*

**One:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**Many:** **The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**One:** You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**All:** **The Lord is just and kind, the Lord is near to all who call on God.**

### Opening Hymn #297\*

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

### Moment of Friendship

*Guests, we invite you to complete the tan card found in your pew racks. These can be placed in the offering plates or handed to an usher. Alternately, you can sign the virtual friendship pad using the QR code to the right.*



### Children's Message

Matt Carlisle

### Choral Response

*God of the Ages*

Carl F. Schalk

## In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

# **We Repent & Seek Forgiveness**

## **Call to Confession (Unison)**

We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor, and ourselves as we should. Let us confess in the voice of community and in silent reflection.

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are tempted by the love of other “gods” that demand our attention and drain our resources. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love, and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. *(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.”

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Hallie Eichler and William Eichler  
Children of Susan and Todd Eichler

## **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.”

## **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

## Anthem

*Make a Joyful Noise*

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord all people, come join your voices to raise,  
Letting every note that we bring in worship be filled with gladness and praise.

God's steadfast love made all earth's people, and in love's pasture God leads us along,  
So let's lift our voices as one together with joyful noises and song.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all people, let's swell the courts as we sing,  
Lauding all the wonders of Love's Creator with all the noise we can bring.

God's steadfast love endures forever, and with thanksgiving the gates open wide,  
So the joyful noises of all creation in God's great heart may abide, make a joyful noise!”

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## Prayer of Illumination

### The Lesson

John 6:1-13

NT p. 97

One: The word of the Lord,  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Debbie Kirk

## We Respond in Faith

### Affirmation of Faith (Unison)\*

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ: Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives; teaching by word and deed and blessing the children; healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted; eating with outcasts; forgiving sinners; and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

*Largo*

G.F. Handel

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

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## **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 #314\***

*Christ, Be Our Light*

### **Benediction\***

### **Choral Response\***

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

### **Postlude**

*Because He Lives*

Bill & Gloria Gaither

*\*Rise, in body or spirit*

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## **Welcome**

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today.

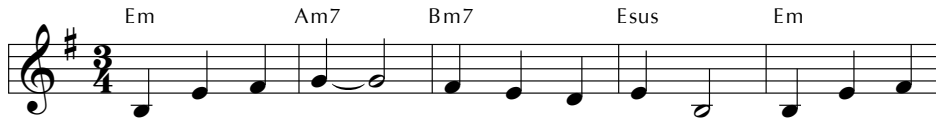
## **Worship Notes**

**New members joining today** - Susan Eichler, Todd Eichler, Hallie Eichler, Will Eichler, Katherine Neighbors, Josh Neighbors

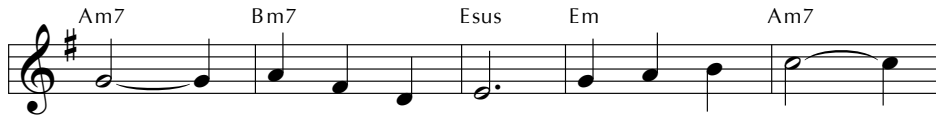
**The Chancel flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jay and Lynn Cummins’ 30th Wedding Anniversary.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

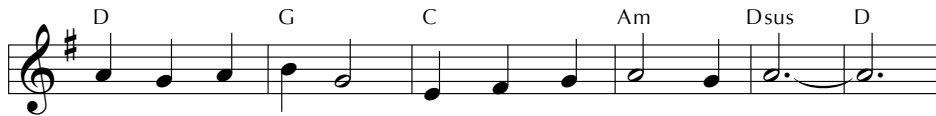
## Christ, Be Our Light



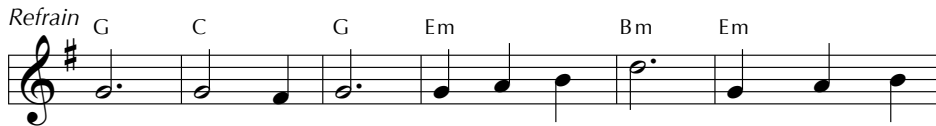
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



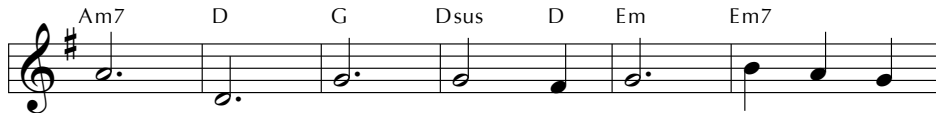
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



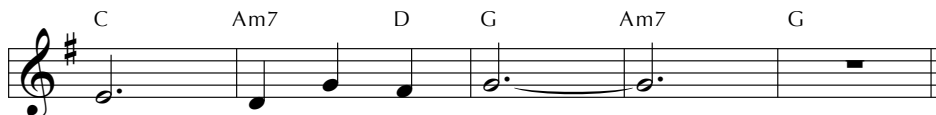
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

# Worship Notes

**Preparing for Worship** - The church bells chime at 10:30am, and the prelude begins. We ask people to begin to quiet their minds, hearts, and bodies, to prepare for worship.

**Responding to Music in Worship** – How shall we respond to the music we hear in worship? At times, the most profound response may be a moment of awe and prayerful silence. At other times, the praise of God may lead us to an audible response. This might be a hearty “Amen!”, or perhaps even the clapping of hands in praise to God. These are individual responses, but made in community with others. Please be respectful of the moment, and be sure that our response is directed in praise to the One worthy of our praise.

**Ushers today** - Sandy Geiger, Wilson Cheeley, Ruth Herpich, Jill Hovis

**Greeters today** - Sarah Edge, Katy & Robert Turnbull

**Soundboard Operator** - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

**Deacon on Call (DOC)** for July is Billy Branch. DOC for August is Judie Greenawalt. 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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## 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.



## July Special Offering - Hunger Action - Final Week!

This month we are collecting for our Hunger Action fund. Hudson Memorial is a certified Hunger Action congregation, which means our primary mission focus is to address food insecurity in our community and around the world. When famine or other events contribute to food insecurity, we can use these funds to help get food to those in need.



You can give by designating your donation on an envelope placed into the offering plate; mailing a check with “Hunger Action” in the memo line to the church office; giving online by visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org) (scan QR code to left), or texting the donation amount with the word “Hunger” to 888-906-0744.

*Example text: 25 Hunger*

### Adult Summer Series

**Sundays at 9:30 in Westminster Hall**

**August 4:** “St. Cuthbert & The Holy Island” with Pastor Mac

**August 11:** Info coming soon!

**August 18:** “Doves & Pigeons” with special guest Dan Pugh

### Upcoming Events

**August 5-9 - Vacation Bible School**

**August 9-11 - Montreat Women’s Connection Conference**

**Wednesday, August 14 - Summer Supper**

Westminster Hall | 6:00pm

RSVP to the church office by August 12

**Friday, August 23 - Fellowship Friday: Bingo Night**

Doors open at 6:00pm | Bingo begins at 6:30pm

**Sunday, August 25 - Fall Kick-off Lunch**

Fellowship lunch following Worship

**Sunday, August 25 - Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, September 8 - Programs resume for the year**

*Children’s Music, Youth Music, Coffee & Conversation, The Gathering, and more!*

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## 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*

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### Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

#### Class of 2025

Dottie Burch

Carol Cox

Jay Cummins

Melinda Dickinson

#### Class of 2026

Ken Krause

Caroline Smart

Dan Vig

John Williams

#### Class of 2027

Harry Bowles

Steve Guy

Don Haydon

Grace Hutchinson

### Deacons

#### Class of 2025

Billy Branch

Ruth Herpich

Joanna Hulsey

Gretchen McDuffie

Carolyn Scott, Moderator

#### Class of 2026

Winter Fox

Judie Greenawalt

Jill Hovis

Linda Meeks

Mary Schindo

#### Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse

Gil Graybill

Caroline Rohs

Lisa Williams

Fred Woodward

## 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.....	Business Manager
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Coordinator
Dorothy Roche .....	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins .....	Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi .....	Church Hostess



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