



HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRUNCH CHURCH - NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Getting to Know You Questions and Brunch

Brainstorm & Discussion - Church needs, community needs, church strengths

What is a Vision Statement?

Short Break

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP - 10:25AM

Sung Call to Worship

Hymn #509: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Lyrics on back cover

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12-14

Sermon(s)—Discussion Around Each Table

Share Scripture insights with the whole group

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Create Vision Statements

Share Vision Statements with the whole group

Closing Song #853

We are Marching in the Light of God

We are **asking** in the light of God...

We are **seeking** in the light of God...

We are **knocking** in the light of God...

Benediction

Benediction Response

Amen

African American Spiritual

WORSHIP NOTES

Table Facilitators: Carol Clemens, Carolyn Scott, Angie Bell-Morris, Susan Krause, Marie Wallden, Tom Carpenito, Wilson Cheeley, Glenn Schindo, Steve Guy, John James, Grace Hutchinson, Jay Cummins, Harry Bowles, Dan Vig, Ken Krause, Barry Cobb, Dottie Burch, Melinda Dickinson, Elizabeth Peeler

The Flowers decorating our space today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alma Andrews, by Jackie Gooch and her family. **Additional flowers** are given in memory of Pete Peterson by his family.

Thanks to all who helped out with Brunch Church today!



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Getting to Know You

Everyone at the table answer each of the following questions, in turn, over brunch: (if age appropriate) - so everyone would answer #1, then move to #2, etc.

1. How long have you belonged to, or participated in, this church? (continuum: since earlier this year — for your entire life)
2. How long have you been a Presbyterian? (never — since earlier this year — entire life)
3. How many of your family members have ever belonged to, or participated actively in this church? (only myself — many relatives)
4. Do you consider yourself a thinking person or a feeling person? (thinker — feeler)
5. Do you consider yourself an introverted person or an extroverted person? (introvert — extrovert)
6. When you think about the ministry of the church do your initial thoughts tend to be more about individuals and their needs or about the needs of the larger body? (individuals — larger body)

As you wrap up the exercise, acknowledge that we approach life differently and that is both a blessing and a challenge.

Discuss how this truth may affect your working together as a congregation.

What are HMPC's Needs?

Spend just three minutes reviewing the needs that came out of our Zoom brainstorming session on 10/30. Have your group rank them in priority from 1 to 5 - 1 being the highest. Are there any you would add to this list?

NEEDS OF HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM 10/30 BREAKOUTS

Church Need	# of times mentioned
Explore ways to better fit family schedules with our events, especially with all generations	7
Increase spiritual vitality	4
Increase program visibility (better online presence, target North Hills unchurched)	4
Take load off overburdened volunteers	3
Deepen educational offerings - adult DCE, more opportunities for Bible study	3
Increase membership comfort with making necessary changes	2

Others you would add?

Would you rank them differently?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What are HMPC's Strengths?

Spend just three minutes reviewing the strengths that came out of our Zoom brainstorming session on 10/30. Have your group rank them in priority from 1 to 5 - 1 being the highest. Are there any you would add to this list?

STRENGTHS OF HUDSON MEMORIAL FROM 10/30 BREAKOUTS

Strength	# of times mentioned
True community here - warm, welcoming, authentic	12
Passion and energy of leadership, and loyal committed members	4
Children's ministry	2
Music program	2

Others you would add?

Would you rank these differently?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

What are our Community's Needs?

Spend just three minutes reviewing the needs that came out of our Zoom brainstorming session on 10/30. Have your group rank them in priority from 1 to 5 - 1 being the highest. Are there any you would add to this list?

NEEDS OF THOSE OUTSIDE OUR WALLS (LOCAL or WORLDWIDE)

Community Needs	# of times mentioned
Hunger action	5
Increase of population on the margins	3
Mental health needs increasing	3
Partner with local relief organizations and don't spread us too thin	2

Others you would add?

Would you rank them differently?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Mission: To know, love and serve God in Jesus Christ.

Introduction to a Vision Statement

What is a Vision Statement?

- The vision is faithful to the congregation's best understanding of its religious heritage.
- The vision statement is oriented to the future.
- The vision is appropriate to this congregation.
- The vision statement is realistic in terms of the congregation's context.
- The vision statement contains both judgment and promise, good news and bad news.
- The vision is, in so far as is possible, a shared image of the desired future.
- The vision statement is specific enough to provide direction for the congregation's life, but broad enough to encompass multiple but complementary visions important to groups within the congregation.

TEN-MINUTE EXERCISE

In these examples of vision statements from real PCUSA churches, **what do you see as the good news (promise) and the bad news (judgment) in each?**

To follow Christ by welcoming all as we seek to listen, understand, and learn how to serve our church and community with love and hope.

To welcome, include and connect with all, so that together we learn how God would have us love and serve.

To listen, learn, share and serve as we journey with Jesus Christ to nurture relationships that bring healing, hope and joy to all, in our church and beyond.

(Hint: each has a vision of learning and serving. Judgment might mean we're confessing we don't know exactly what others need from us yet. Each statement names what it brings to that search - Christ, God, Jesus Christ, i.e., putting God before ourselves - is a promise.)

Remember: A Vision Statement is not goals nor objectives; rather, goals and objectives will be built upon the Vision Statement.

Bible Study (15 minutes)

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

1. What do Paul's words say to you about setting goals for the future?
2. What does Scripture say to you about planning?
3. What does the life of Jesus say to you about planning?
4. What does the early Church say to you about planning?

Write individual responses to the questions.

Discuss the questions and answers as a group

Vision Statement Exercise (15 min)

Each small group should write two sentences describing a vision for the future of this church. These sentences should seek to address the questions:

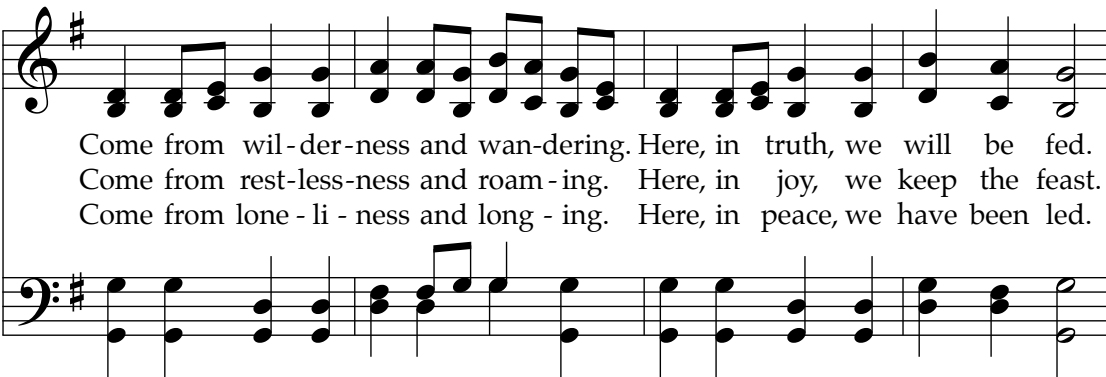
1. What **kind of community** of faith are we called to be?
2. What **kinds of activities** are we called to do as a people of God?

Decide which sentence or sentences you want to share with the whole group and write it (them) on newsprint. Be ready to present!

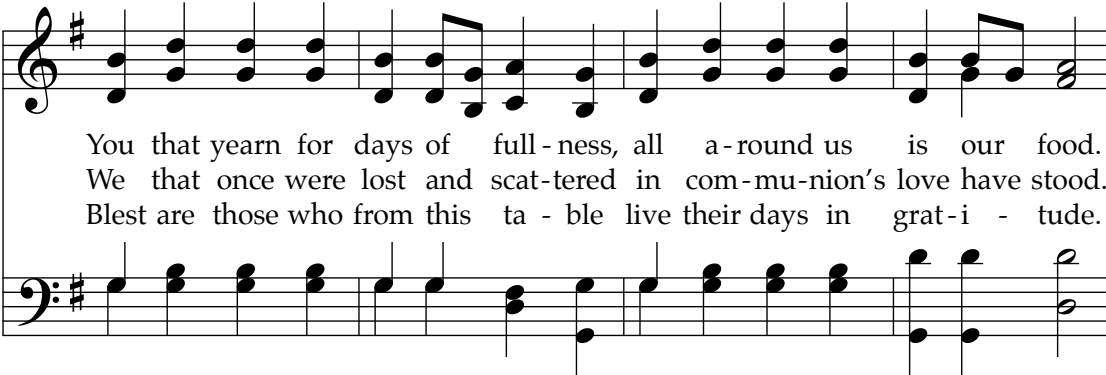
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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