



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



MARCH 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

“Lent marks forty days leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection three days later. The season of Lent began as a practice in the fourth century as a way to prepare for holy week, the holiest days of the Christian year as we recall Jesus’ walk to the cross. During Lent we see the world as it really is and ourselves in all our humanity, beginning with the marking of ashes, from dust we have come, and to dust we shall return. This is a season of grief, set aside so we remember that Jesus experienced all of the human condition and acknowledge the reality of his sacrifice for us.” - Kate Bowler

Welcome

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We are Here

Bach

News of the Ministry of the Church

Introit

God is Here!

Green, Taylor

Call to Worship*

Joanna Hulsey

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

Many: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, temptations, and testing.

One: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy One is with us.

Many: Our call is to enter this terrain unafraid, trusting that we are not alone.

All: In that spirit, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #166*

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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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 Time

Cary Dickerson

Glory to God #701 - Lord, Prepare Me

The children will sing the song twice, and the congregation will join for two more times.

“Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.”

Choral Response

Rain Down

Cortez, Carter

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Merciful God, we confess to you and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have not served others as Christ served us. Accept our repentance, we humbly pray. *(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 offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

OT p. 180

Anthem

A Lenten Prayer
Chancel Choir, Youth Bell Ensemble

“Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.”

Words: American Spiritual, Claudia F. I. Hernaman
Music: arr. Hal H. Hopson

Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

NT p. 61

One: The Word of the Lord,
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Story That Keeps Us”

Rev. Jimmy Hulsey

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus is All the World to Me

Thompson, arr. Keveren

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



Doxology #606*

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

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 #547*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Benediction*

Choral Response*

Go and Follow Christ's Example

M. Bringle, W. Rowan

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor

Pachelbel

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

Worship Notes

Guest preacher today - Rev. Jimmy Hulsey

Assisting in Worship Leadership today - Deacon Joanna Hulsey

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 - Harry Bowles, Hudson Carlisle, Dave Smart, Todd Wadford

Greeters today - Tripp Bradshaw, Roger Howard, Ron Ash

Soundboard Operator - Davis Boone

Livestream Operator - Bob Stowe

Deacon on Call (DOC) for March is Fred Woodward. 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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March Special Offering: General Mission Fund

This month our March Special Offering goes to the Presbyterian General Mission Fund, a pool of donated funds within the Presbyterian Church USA, used to support a wide range of missions, both domestically and internationally. The funds are allocated to various mission programs based on priorities set by the General Assembly, which include disaster relief, global health initiatives, community development projects, and more.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, designated to *General Mission Fund*, or you can give online by going to hmpe.org or scanning the QR code to the left.

Upcoming at Hudson

Today, Sunday, March 9

Middle School & High School Youth Group
5:00-7:00pm in Westminster Hall

Sunday, March 16

10:30am Worship - Rev. John Kidd will be preaching

Sunday, March 23

10:30am Worship - Rev. Aleta Ash will be preaching

Sunday, March 30

10:30am Worship - Rev. Molly Smerko will be preaching

Sunday, April 6

Interim Pastor Marguerite Serrine's first Sunday at Hudson

Saturday, April 12

Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt
10:00-12:00 at HMPC

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Children and 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 9:15–11:45. 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.
- 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.

Lenten Suppers & Evening Prayer Services

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9

Supper: 6:00pm in WH North | Service: 6:30 in the Chapel

HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays throughout Lent for supper and worship: Practices that began with the early Christians who gathered to share a meal and fellowship, then worshiped together where the rites of anointing with oil and communion were offered. Each week we provide delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in Westminster North. **There is no cost for these meals and reservations are not required.** Following the meal, a short service of evening prayer takes place in the Chapel.

March Tend My Sheep Offering

The Tend My Sheep offering for this month goes to **Presbyterian Campus Ministries**. We are collecting snack foods and gift cards for groceries and gas. **Ideal donations include: pretzels, goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding snacks, and applesauce packs.**

You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of March.

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

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

HMPC Staff

Glenn Schindo.....Interim Head of Staff
Aleta Ash Minister of Visitation
Hunter Cox.....Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children’s Ministries
Erica Hairston.....Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Specialist
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
Rich Richards (*on parental leave*)..... Director of Youth Ministries & Children’s Music
Dorothy Roche Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....Administrative Coordinator



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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166


1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

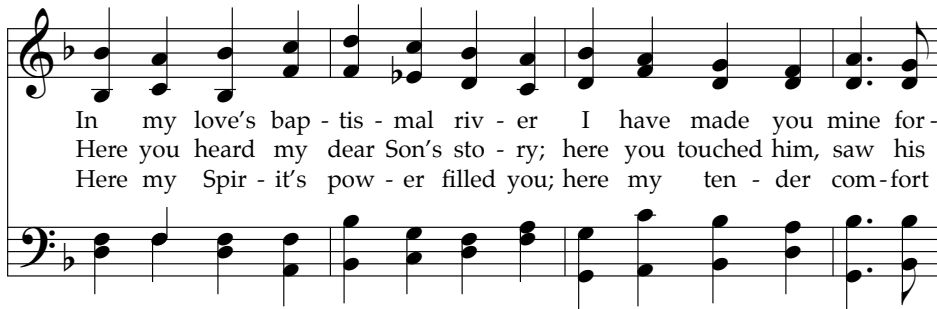
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



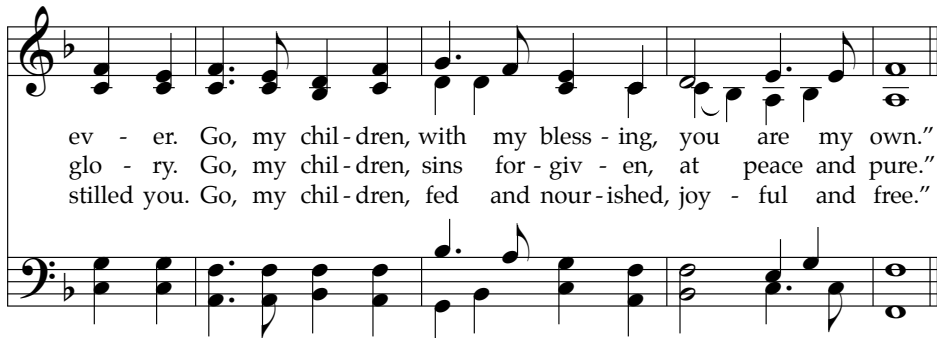
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
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