



Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ



Welcome home!

Welcome to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"It is the good news that causes the hearts of believers to jump for joy; the announcement to seekers that they have already been found; the divine notice to antagonists that their rejection isn't as big as their Father's acceptance." - Caleb Miller, *The Divine Reversal*

Prelude

Prelude on Tallis' Canon

C.V. Stanford

Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

Introit

Within God's House, the House of Prayer

Wilson, Smith

Call to Worship*

Dan Vig

One: Give praise to God!

Many: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.

One: It is God who forgives.

Many: It is God who delivers.

One: Give thanks and praise the Lord!

Many: Amen!

Opening Hymn #401*

Here in This Place

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Children's Message

Laura McHenry

Choral Response

Hope Appears, Calling Age and Youth

Isao Koizumi

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us - we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us - we have not forgiven others. You have loved us - we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

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*

Dan Vig

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

Exodus 14:10-31

OT p. 60; Dan Vig

Anthem

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

Mark Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will sing my Maker's praise!
This is the day that the Lord has made; and I will rejoice and give God praise!
Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty?
Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?
You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.
You are my heart's Desire; my soul implores me to exalt your holy name.
Your name is music unto my ears; and I must sing of the great love
You've shown to me because my heart will not be still.
This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad . . .

Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

NT p. 20

Sermon

"The Pre-Miracle Moment"

Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)*

Dan Vig

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering		Dan Vig
Offertory	<i>Offertoire in C</i>	Cesar Franck

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



Doxology #609*		LAAST 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		Dan Vig
	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 #65*	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	
	HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.	

Benediction*		Marguerite Sirrine
Choral Response*	<i>The Path of Life You Show to Me</i>	ST. FLAVIAN
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in C Major</i>	J.S. Bach

**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 Back-to-Church Potluck Luncheon!

Following the service, join us for a time of lunch and fellowship in Westminster Hall. It's okay if you did not get a chance to RSVP - Come anyway! We hope to see you there.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by the Eichler family, to the glory of God, and with gratitude for new seasons and our HMPC family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of Cheryl McDougal by her family.

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.

For those sitting in the chairs at the front of the Sanctuary - Hymnals and Bibles are located under your seat.

Greeters today - Karen and Rick Melling

Ushers today - Walker Sanderson, Susan Jones, Kessler Dickerson, Libbie Toth

Soundboard Operator - Davis Boone

Livestream Operator - Bob Stowe

Deacon on Call (DOC) for September is Jill Hovis. 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 August 23, 2024: In memory of Peggy Grady by Carolyn Scott and John Whisler.

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Special Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This September and 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 9:15-11:45 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.

Child Registration Forms

If your child is attending for the first time OR moving from Nursery to Sunday School, please fill out the appropriate registration form below. If you have filled out this form in previous years, you do not need to complete it again. However, **if any information has changed,** you can use the Information Update form to give us a new address, alert us to a new allergy, a school transition, or any other information that will help us better serve your family. This will be live throughout the year to send us changes as they arise. **All forms can be found on the Children's Ministry page of our website, or by scanning the QR codes below.**



First Time Sunday School Registration



Information Update form



First Time Nursery Registration

The Wiggle Room

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 of the north side of the narthex.

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!

Today at 10:00 am - Breakfast in the Balcony for all youth grades 5-12. Grab some food and sit with us in the balcony during worship!

Sunday, September 20 - 5:00 - 7:00pm - Kick off the year with us! Youth (grades 5-12) and their parents, come to Westminster Hall for a potluck dinner, fun, and a chance to learn about the year ahead.

Upcoming at Hudson

September 20 - Kick-off for Children's Music, Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults, Youth Bells, Youth Group

October 4 - World Communion Sunday & Rise Against Hunger Workday

October 11 - Blessing of the Animals - 10:30 Worship

October 25 - Fall Festival - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm

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

November 15 - Children's Sabbath - 10:30 Worship

Tend My Sheep This Month - Diaper Train

This month we are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for Diaper Train. No family should have to worry about how they will afford their next diaper, yet this is the reality for 1 in 2 families. For more than 10 years, Diaper Train has been committed to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers, ultimately working to end diaper poverty.

Their greatest need is 4, 5, & 6 diapers, 3T/4T & 4T/5T pull ups, and wipes but they will accept any size diaper including opened packages (wipes must be unopened). Please bring your donations to church during September and October and place them in the bins by Sanctuary doors.

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
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Laric Copes.....	Sexton
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children & Family Ministries
Eric Earle.....	CRE Intern
Erica Hairston.....	Virtual Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Manager
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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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



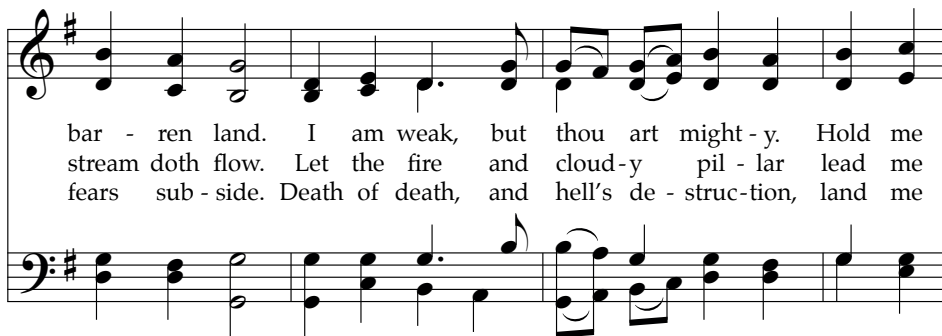
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

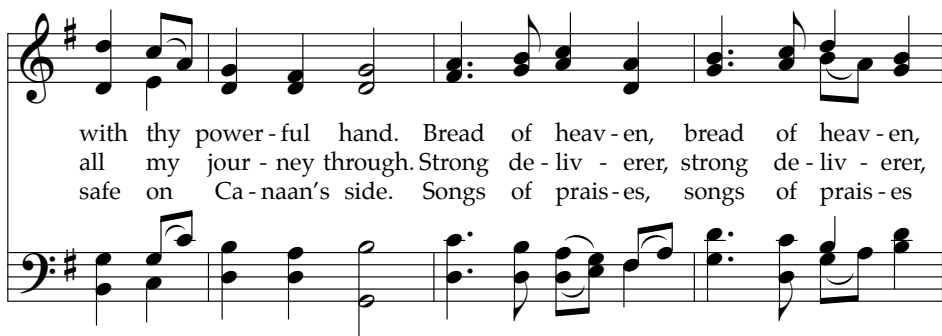
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.