Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)

To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Children's Sabbath - November 15, 2026



This artwork was created by the children of HMPC in celebration of Children's Sabbath. This special service offers our children the opportunity to take on leadership roles in worship and deepen their understanding of what it means to be part of a worshiping community.

Welcome to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Children's Sabbath Sunday - November 15, 2026

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Gratitude is a celebration we are all invited to." - Cleo Wade

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hal Hopson

Welcome Marguerite Sirrine

Introit *Thank You, O Father* Tetyana Ryabchikova

Call to Worship* Claire Bond

One: Clothe yourselves with faith and love!
Many: Let us be confident in our salvation in Christ Jesus.
One: The Lord is with us!
Many: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #415* *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Children's Anthem *Clap Happy Psalm* Folk Melody, arr. Ridenour

Joyful Noise; Nicole Flowers, director

Sing to the Lord a brand new song, sing allelu,
Sing to the Lord now all the earth, sing allelu...

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name, sing allelu,
Sing to the Lord from day to day, sing allelu...

Choral Response *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* Milton, Antes, Wilkes

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession Marguerite Sirrine

Prayer of Confession (Unison) *Written by the children of HMPC*

Loving God, Forgive us when we fail to listen to one another, when we are impatient, and when we are careless with our words. Forgive us for the times we speak without kindness, act without thought, or forget to show love to those around us. Help us to be grateful for the things that truly matter. Remind us to appreciate the blessings we so often take for granted and to see your goodness in the people and moments around us. Forgive us, guide us, and help us show your love in all that we do. Amen. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581* GLORIA PATRI

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 Psalm 123:1-2 OT p. 572; Rebecca Hinson

Anthem *Hymn of Grateful Praise* Mark Hayes
Jennifer Autry, cello

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 Marguerite Sirrine

Second Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 NT p. 28

Sermon "Growing in Gratitude" Marguerite Sirrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)* From the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Youth Bell Anthem *Spiritual Song* Michael Mazzatenta
Youth Handbells

Presentation of Bibles to 3 year olds, Kindergartners, 4th graders Cary Dickerson

Sacrament of Baptism Marguerite Sirrine & Rev. John Sheppard, Presiding Elder Becky Hughes

Wyatt Grayson & Carson Alexander Edwards
Children of Alexandra Tate Edwards & Matthew Grayson Edwards

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Morning Has Broken* arr. Martha Mier

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 *Prayers of the People written by the children of HMPC*

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 #853* *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Hymns can be found at the end of this document.

Benediction* Marguerite Sirrine

Choral Response* *My Life Shall Sing Your Praise* Anderson, Ellacombe

Postlude *Symphony in B flat* Nicolas Le Begue

*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.

Following the service, all are welcome for a time of refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by Nancy Appleby Brenner and Rebecca, Frank, Brooklyn & James Malafronte, to the glory of God and in loving memory of James A. Brenner

Thanks to our children who helped usher and greet this morning!

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.

Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg

Livestream Operator - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for November is Caroline Rohs. 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 November 26, 2024: In memory of Elaine Thomas by Emily Cobb.

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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 9:15-12:15 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.

• 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 the north side of the narthex.

HMPC Youth

YOUTH GROUP! Meet at HMPC from 5:00-7:00pm for youth group tonight - for part of the night, we will be packing care packages for our recent high school grads! We will see you then, 5th-12th graders!

This Wednesday is Chipotle Check-in for 9th-12th graders! Check your weekly email from Merritt for more info.

Next Sunday at 10:00am is BREAKFAST IN THE BALCONY! 5th-12th graders, come hungry! You are invited to worship with us in the balcony afterward, as always!

Most Sundays, you'll find some of our youth sitting together in the balcony during worship. Youth and families are always welcome to join! Have questions about Youth Ministry (grades 5–12)? Reach out to Merritt at youth@hmpc.org, and follow along on Instagram at @hmpcym.

Upcoming at Hudson

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY- Inquirers' Class for those interested in membership. Join us in the Karl Hudson Room.

Sunday, November 22 - Youth Friendsgiving Supper - 5:00pm - Westminster Hall

Tuesday, November 24 - Community Thanksgiving Service - 7:00pm
Hosted by North Haven Church, 6620 Six Forks Rd.

Sunday, November 29 - Advent begins - Hanging of the Greens - After Worship

Saturday, December 5 - Family Christmas Celebration - 10:00-12:00

Sunday, December 6 - Christmas Pageant in Worship - 10:30am

Sunday, December 13 - Christmas Joy Music Worship - 10:30am

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 & 7:00pm

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 our neighbors who are experiencing financial challenges. These needs are higher than ever due to the recent elimination of various assistance programs, and we appreciate any amount you give so that assistance funds are available as needed.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Samaritan"), or you can give online by scanning 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.

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 Sirrine, 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 Sirrine.....Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Laric Copes.....Sexton
Hunter Cox.....Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children & Family Ministries
Nicole Flowers.....Children's Music Director
Erica Hairston.....Virtual Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins ..... Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Manager
Becca Kuiken .....Parish Associate
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

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba



This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.



Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing…
We are praying…
We are singing…