Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)

To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Image by HMPC Youth, Whitney Miller, 9th grade.

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"I've learned in life that what you give to others is what provides the most value to your life."
- Jenifer Lewis

Prelude *Sleepers, Awake* Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome Marguerite Sirrine

Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.

Congregational Introit #92 *While We are Waiting, Come* (verse 1)

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Allard Family

Call to Worship* Marguerite Sirrine

One: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

Many: Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

One: Be alert! Keep awake!

All: The time is drawing near: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Opening Hymn #88* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*verses 4-7)

Hymns can be found at the end of the document.

Children's Message Ken Krause

Choral Response *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* Bringle, Johnson

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession Becca Kuiken

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead we lash out -- against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. 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* Marguerite Sirrine

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 Isaiah 64:1-9 OT p. 694; Marguerite Sirrine

Anthem *A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"* Lloyd Larson
Winter Fox, baritone

Refrain: A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low..."

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; All people shall see it together.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed! (Refrain)

Comfort, comfort my people; Proclaim the promise of the Lord:
His name shall be called Emmanuel! The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. (Refrain)

Prayer of Illumination Becca Kuiken

Second Lesson Mark 13:24-37 NT p. 14

Sermon "Finding Comfort" Becca Kuiken

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)* Marguerite Sirrine

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 Marguerite Sirrine

Offertory *Chorale Prelude on Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* Johannes Brahms

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 & The Lord's Prayer Marguerite Sirrine

One: Let us pray for the breaking in of God's kingdom in our world today. Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things, we hold to his word and share his plea:

Many: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

One: Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, 'Put up your sword';

Many: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

One: Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven blessed, while Scripture states that God helps the powerless:

Many: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

One: Where the hungry and the homeless are treated with scorn or contempt;

Many: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

One: Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim;

Many: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

One: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. We pray this in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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 #93* *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT.

Benediction* Becca Kuiken

Choral Response* *Teach Our Hearts to Welcome You* Bringle, Johnson

Postlude *Verset on "Il est ne, le divin Enfant" (He is Born, the Holy Child)* Roques

*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.

Fellowship & Hanging of the Greens

Following the service, all are welcome for a time of refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall. You are also invited to gather for our annual **Hanging of the Greens!** There's plenty to do as we prepare our church for Advent and Christmas, from setting up and decorating Christmas trees to hanging wreaths and other festive decorations. All ages are welcome to lend a hand! Grace Hutchinson and other members of the Chancel Guild will be there to offer guidance.

Worship Notes

The poinsettias today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Advent.

Bulletin cover is by HMPC Youth, Whitney Miller, 9th grade.

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available by Sanctuary doors.

Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg | **Livestream Operator -** Trevor Boone & Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for December is Hope Parangi. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer

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Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - Bringle/Johnson *Glory to God* #94 | *A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord":* Words: Isaiah 40:1, 3-5; 7:14, Music: Lloyd Larson, ©1993 Providence Press

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.
- **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.



November & December Special Offering: Good Samaritan Fund

Our 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.

Upcoming at Hudson

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

Children and families, join us in Westminster Hall on December 5 for some festive Christmas fun! Enjoy crafts, games, and activities for the little ones as we celebrate the season together. No RSVP required, just come and enjoy!

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

Last year, our congregation came together for a memorable "Paper Bag Pageant," and it was a huge success! This year, we'll return to our traditional Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 service on Dec. 6. Join us as our youngest members bring the Christmas story to life through costumes and storytelling!

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

Get in the Christmas spirit with Hudson's talented music ensembles and instrumentalists! You'll hear children, youth, and adults singing and playing lots of Christmas music. You'll also get the chance to sing some favorite carols yourself. A reception hosted by Presbyterian Women will follow the celebration. Please join us!

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

There will be nursery care during the 5:00 service. Only the 5:00pm service will be live-streamed.

HMPC Youth

There is <u>no</u> youth group tonight due to Thanksgiving weekend!

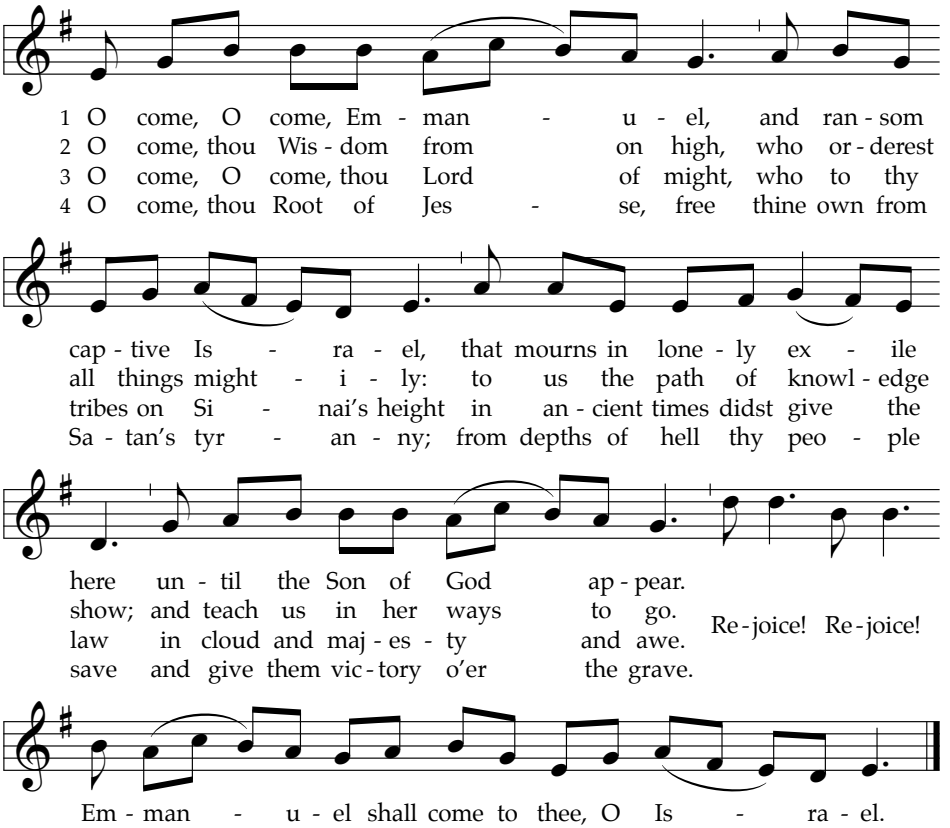
<u>Next</u> Sunday we are kicking off the Christmas season at youth group!

Middle schoolers will eat dinner together and do a Christmas craft,
go caroling, and enjoy a fire and s'mores!

High schoolers will work on a secret Christmas project
and go to Cookout for dinner, looking for Christmas lights and decorations along the way!



88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

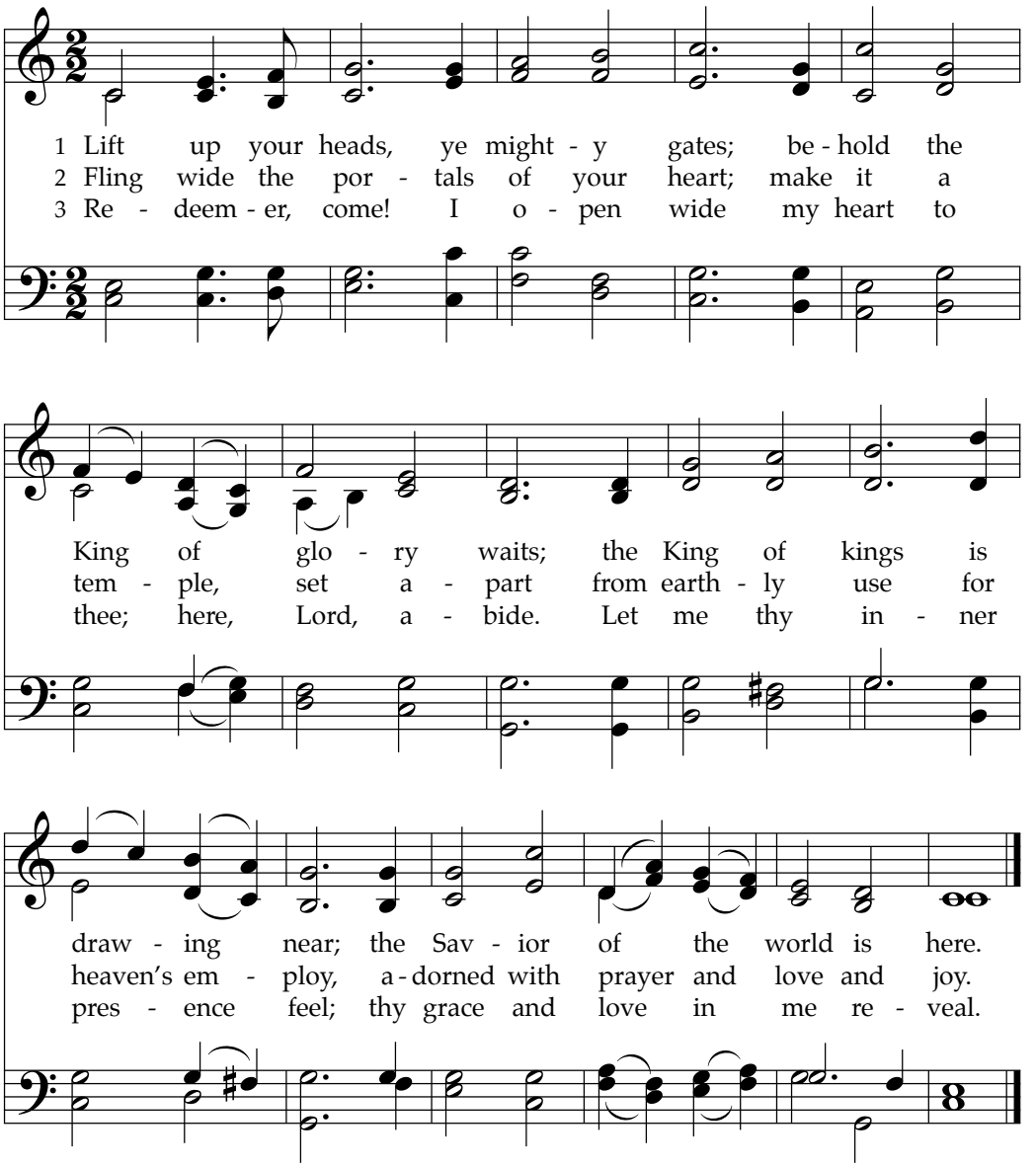
7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)
Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)
Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)
Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)
Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



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