Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)

To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Welcome



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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise."
Proverbs 19:20

Prelude *Andante Religioso* Leon Boelmann

Welcome Wilson Cheeley

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

Minute for Mission Jesse Brouwer

Introit *Thank You, O Father* Tetyana Ryabchikova

Call to Worship* Wilson Cheeley

One: This is a new day, filled with new possibilities.
ALL: We gather to hear the new things God is doing.
One: Old ways and tired routines are left behind.
ALL: Our God comes to us in unexpected ways and refreshes all who join the adventure.
One: Together, let us explore the wonders of God and God's kingdom on earth.
ALL: Together, let us worship the God of new possibilities as we move towards lives of hope, justice, and peace for all.

Opening Hymn #175* *Seek Ye First*

Hymns can be found at the end of the document.

Children's Message Jeffrey Coonse

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

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession Betty Berghaus

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet we often find that we are tempted to turn away from others.

Enter our lives, O God, and release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your grace, that we may share your love with others. 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* Wilson Cheeley

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 78:1-7 OT p. 537; Wilson Cheeley

Anthem *Praise! Praise!* Handel, arr. Liebergen

Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord . . .
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all . . .
Praise, praise!

Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise . . .
Let every nation give thanks to our God,
Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord comes to all,
O rejoice, praise the Lord and give thanks.

The glory and power of God we proclaim,
And sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name . . .
Praise, praise!

Let every nation give praise to the Lord,
Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord comes to all,
O give praise, give the Lord joyful praise.

Prayer of Illumination (Unison) Betty Berghaus

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. As we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth. Through Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.

Second Lesson Matthew 25:1-13 NT p. 28

Sermon "Foolish or Wise for Christ" Betty Berghaus

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)* Wilson Cheeley; From the Iona Community Creed

We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands; where conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and onto the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering Wilson Cheeley

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Crüger, arr. Mallory
Hudson Handbell Ringers

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 Wilson Cheeley

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 #350* *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Hymns can be found at the end of the document.

Benediction*		Betty Berghaus
Choral Response*	*My Life Shall Sing Your Praise*	Anderson, ELLACOMBE
Postlude	*Fugue in A Major*	Frederich Zachau

*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 to the glory of God and in memory of Alma Andrews by Jackie Gooch.

Thanks to our guest preacher, Rev. Betty Berghaus! Betty is a retired pastor from New Hope Presbytery who lives in Durham.

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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available. You can find them by Sanctuary doors or ask an usher.

Soundboard Operator - Davis Boone

Livestream Operator - Bob Stowe

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 25, 2024: In memory of Elaine Thomas by Vicki & Ralph Boynton, Bettie Goodwin, Carolyn Scott & John Whisler, and Trish Villarreal.

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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.

Calling All Ushers! (New and Current Ushers)

TODAY - Meet at the front of the Sanctuary after worship!

See you at the **Usher Training Session after worship today.** This 45-minute training will walk through usher duties before, during, and after Worship, including current HMPC Emergency Procedures.

We'll cover welcoming worshipers, attendance procedures, offering collection, Communion Sundays, and Sanctuary opening and closing procedures. Whether you are a seasoned usher or serving for the first time, this session will help ensure we provide a warm and organized worship experience for all.

HMPC Youth

Please keep our middle schoolers in your prayers as they return home from CROSS at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. They had a weekend full of service and fun!

YOUTH GROUP! High Schoolers, meet at HMPC from 5:00-7:00. Bring money for dinner! We are walking to North Hills tonight. **There is no middle school youth group (grades 5-8) tonight due to CROSS!**

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

Sunday, November 15 - Children's Sabbath & Bible Presentation - 10:30 Worship

Sunday, November 15 - Inquirers' Class for those interested in membership
Following worship 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
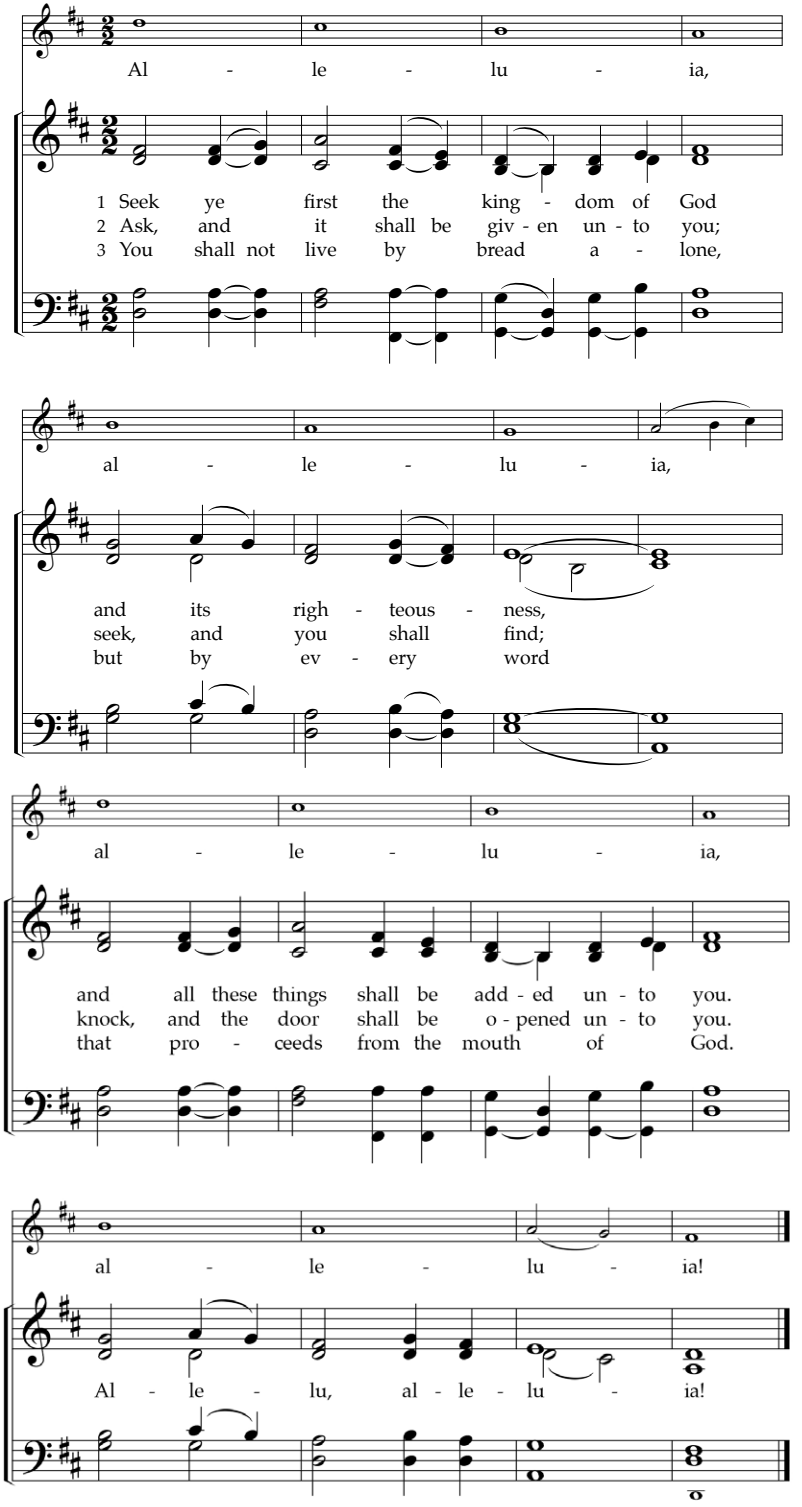
Class of 2029
Debbie Bumgarner
Barbara Coleman
Susan Eichler
Jill Hovis
Elizabeth van Die

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

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Descant


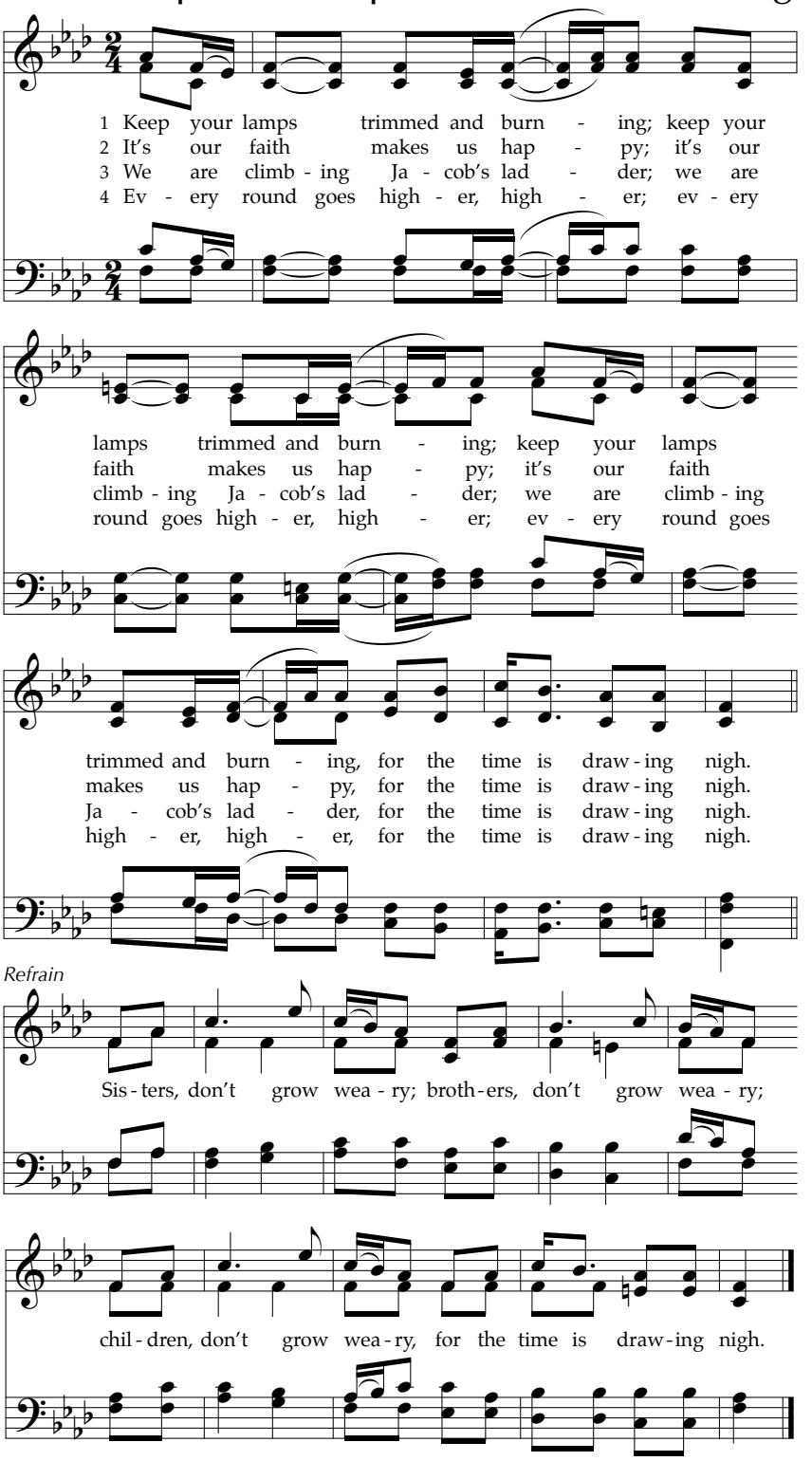
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