



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



JANUARY 22, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day

January 22, 2023

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"The Beloved Community is a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. The world we've built feels increasingly fragile as we face new and more severe forms of climate change, political upheavals, and ongoing wars. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy is a focus on the importance of joining together to work for common humanity, what he called the *Beloved Community*. Without community, we can't go very far. And without a harmonious community, he stated, we won't be able to realize our dream." (*NPR Reflections on MLK*)

Prelude

The Good Shepherd

Dale Wood

Welcome

Introit

Glory to God in Highest Heaven

Call to Worship*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: As we gather in the presence of God, let us open our hearts and minds to worship.

Opening Hymn #401*

Here In This Place (Gather Us In)

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



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.

We Repent and Confess Our Sins

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelms us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us or forgotten us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. Forgive us, merciful God. Melt us, mold us, fill us and use us for discipleship.
(*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 stand and offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

OT p. 866

Anthem

Simple Gifts

arr. Coates

Refrain: “ ‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.”

“When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come out right.”

“ ‘Tis the gift to be gentle, ‘tis the gift to be fair,
‘Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air;
And every day to walk in the path we choose,
‘Tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose.” (*Refrain*)

“ ‘Tis the gift to be loving, ‘tis the best gift of all.
Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls,
And if we have the gift, we will truly believe
‘Tis better to give than it is to receive.” (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

Luke 16:10-13

NT P. 79

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Debbie Kirk

Affirmation of Faith*

Confession of 1967 - Inclusive Language Version

One: The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.

Many: Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.

One: The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations.

Many: The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare.

One: It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living.

Many: A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

All: With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. In steadfast love, we look beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“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!”

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.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #772*

Live Into Hope

Charge & Benediction*

Choral Response*

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Pedro Infante

Chimes*

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for online worship today!

Worship Notes

Greeters today - Mary & Glenn Schindo

Ushers today - Dan Vig, Allie Maples, Sarah Edge, Marsha & Bill Flueckinger

Soundboard Set-up - John Whisler

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler

Livestream Operator - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for January is Joanna Hulsey. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-787-1086.

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The Memory Book is open today to memorials given August 18, 2021 - In memory of Devohn Rhame by Juanita Ross.

Star Words - There are “star words” in baskets at the entrances. If you have not yet received one, we invite you to take one and stick this star word in your house where you will see it on a daily basis. You are invited to ponder what the significance of this word might be in your life and what God might be saying to you through this simple message of a word. The magi brought gifts to Jesus after they received the gift of a star to follow. The star symbolizes God’s generosity in our lives.

January Special Offering: Capital Towers

Our Special offering for January is for Capital Towers. A few years ago, Presbyterian Homes and DHIC in Raleigh partnered to take over operations at Capital Towers. As a result, wonderful physical improvements to the property have taken place. The other great addition they have spearheaded is a Service Coordinator who helps Capital Towers residents with things like veteran affairs, healthcare and therapy, medication management, transportation, and other needs. Our special offering helps keep this program running.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, donate online or text to give. Here is how to text to give: Text donation amount with the word “cap” to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 cap).

Children and Their Families: Worship, Education and Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC!

Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15–12:15. 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. Members and guests participating in Worship can leave children with confidence, knowing they will be contacted by text message should it become necessary. The comfort and security of children is our highest priority.

- We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. Please sign children in 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 yrs 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. We welcome children into our Sanctuary, and do not expect silence from them - they are kids after all! We simply ask that you are mindful of your child’s volume and gently remind them to use quiet voices during Worship.
- **Our Children’s Music program**, Joyful Noise and Wee Worshipers gather most Sundays from 11:30-12:15 in Geneva Hall. Children who are staying for music will be escorted directly from Sunday School to music without needing to be picked up in between. **Parents:** While your children are in music from 11:30-12:15, please join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Chapel each week! It’s a great time to get to know other families within the church.

“The Gathering” Classes - Next Sunday, January 29

9:00am - Nine O’Clock Class - Room 200

*Current series: “Lessons from the Blue Zones Life:
Why, What, Who, Where, How?”*

9:30am - The Seekers - WH South

Current series: “CHAOS” (Christ. Hope. And Other Stuff.)

9:30am - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North

Current series: “Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers”

Fellowship Friday - This week!

January 27th

Fellowship Friday: Dinner & A Movie

Westminster Hall

Dinner at 6:00pm | Movie will begin at 6:45pm

We’ll be showing the family-friendly movie “Racing Stripes” (PG)

Soup, salad, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread, and dessert!

*Please RSVP by using the link on the front page of hmpc.org
or by contacting the church office*

2023 Chancel Flowers

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement this year. To sign up, or for more information, contact Amy Claprod or refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room #103. The 2023 calendar has been posted and has lots of available dates!



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

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

Class of 2023

Ashley Edmister
Sandy Geiger
Rick Melling
Caroline Smart

Class of 2024

Tom Bradshaw
Cary Dickerson
Roger Howard
Joan Lester

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Deacons

Class of 2023

Pat Balletta
Wilson Cheeley
Denise Crosson
Judie Greenawalt, Moderator
Keto Komono

Class of 2024

Ron Ash
Tony Bedini
Martha Chapman
Susan Krause
Elizabeth Rankin

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie
Carolyn Scott

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer	Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk	Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Rich Richards	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Amy Claprod.....	Church Business Administrator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Specialist
Susan Gressel	Interim Bookkeeper
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Al Hyde.....	Organist
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess



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