



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



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April 14, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"Presbyterians hold two values in tension. One is the freedom of individual conscience, the other is the integrity of the community's standards. This tension is as old as American Presbyterianism. It represents our desire to be always reforming, granting freedom to those who seek to reform us. It equally represents our desire to be Reformed, maintaining a continuity with the past which has shaped our identity. We have been healthiest as a church when we have maintained a balance between these two values."

- Jack Rogers, *Presbyterian Creeds: A Guide to the Book of Confessions*

Prelude

Preludio Religioso

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Christ Is Risen!

Beethoven, Wren

Confession of Faith*

Nicene Creed (1.1), Book of Confessions

One: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Many: Maker of heaven and earth,

One: Of all that is, seen and unseen.

Many: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #33*

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Moment of Friendship

Guests, we invite you to complete the tan card found in your pew racks. These can be placed in the offering plates or handed to an usher. Alternately, you can sign the virtual friendship pad using the QR code to the right.



Children's Message

Pat Balletta

Choral Response

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

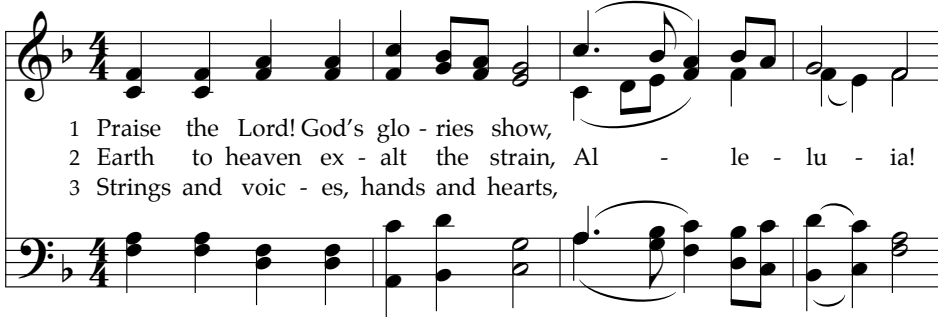
Donald Fishel

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

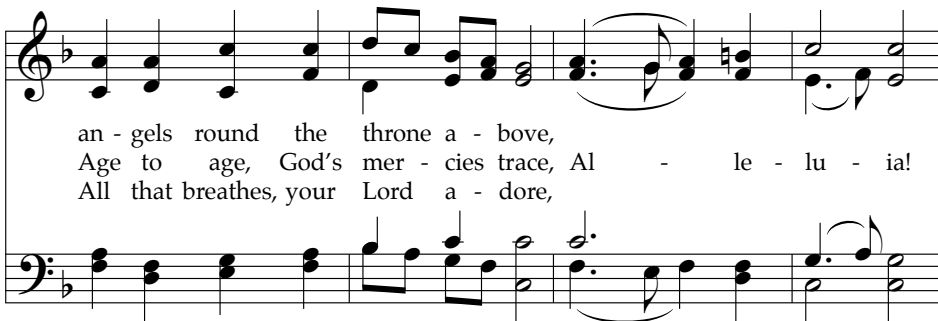
(Psalm 150)



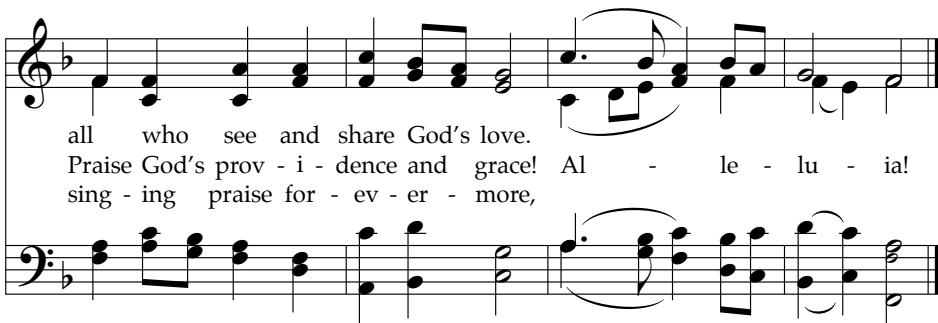
1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,



saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
in the con - cert, bear your parts,



an - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,



all who see and share God's love.
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my wrong-doing. Wash away all my offenses and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a faithful spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and give me a willing spirit, to sustain me. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response #591* *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

“Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”

Passing of the Peace*

One: 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.

Confession of Faith (Unison)*

Nicene Creed (1.2), Book of Confessions

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

Blessed Assurance

Crosby, Knapp, arr. James

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.”

Refrain: “This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.”

“Perfect submission, perfect delight; Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.” *(Refrain)*

“Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above; Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.” *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination

The Lesson

John 14:1-14

NT p. 108

Sermon

People of Creeds & Confessions: The Nicene Creed

Mac Schafer

We Respond in Faith

Confession of Faith (Unison)*

Nicene Creed (1.3), Book of Confessions

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Great Thou Art
Johannes van Die, piano

Stuart K. Hine

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



Doxology #609*

“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!”

The Pastoral 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.


We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #246*


Christ is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Benediction*

Choral Response*

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Glaser, Mason, Dufner

Postlude

Psalm Nineteen

Benedetto Marcello

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

Worship Notes

Chancel Flowers this week are in memory of Jack Andrews on his birthday, from Jackie and Robert Gooch.

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.

Ushers today - Rick Melling, Todd Wadford, Carol Clemens, Nancy Eyre

Greeters today - Harry Bowles, Hope Parangi, Libbie Toth

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler

Livestream Operator - Bob Stowe

Deacon on Call (DOC) for April is Linda Meeks. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

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April Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Our Special Offering for April is to support PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, donate online (QR code to left), or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "OGH" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 OGH).



Upcoming at Hudson

Sunday, April 21 - Preschool Sunday
10:30am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21 - Mission Trip Informational Meeting
Immediately following worship in Room #233/Library (upstairs, next to Choir Room)
If you are planning on going on the mission trip, or are interested in learning more,
please join us for this meeting. More details in the Weekly Window.

Sunday, April 27 - Kids Day at the Food Bank
1:00-3:00pm for children ages 5-11 with an adult.
Please register both yourself and your child using the link on the homepage of hmhc.org

Sunday, May 5 - Confirmation Sunday
10:30am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 19 - Spring Music Sunday
10:30am - Music-centered Worship Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 19 - Inquirers' Class
Will be held in Room 200 after worship.
Contact Debbie Kirk if interested, or fill out the RSVP form on our website.

Sunday, May 19 - Habitat for Humanity Children's Project
Baffle-painting event at Unity of the Triangle. Shifts from 2:30-4:00 or 4:00-5:30.
Contact Cary Dickerson for more information.

June 19-21 - Arts Camp (current K-5th graders)
Register your child using the link in the Weekly Window or on the homepage of hmhc.org

July 21-26 - Avery County Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip

August 5-9 - Vacation Bible School
Register your child or sign up to volunteer
using the link in the Weekly Window or on the homepage of hmhc.org



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 2024

Tom Bradshaw
Cary Dickerson
Roger Howard
Joan Lester

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Deacons

Class of 2024

Ron Ash
Tony Bedini
Martha Chapman
Susan Krause
Elizabeth Rankin

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie, Moderator
Carolyn Scott

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer	Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk	Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Al Hyde.....	Organist
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Coordinator
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess



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