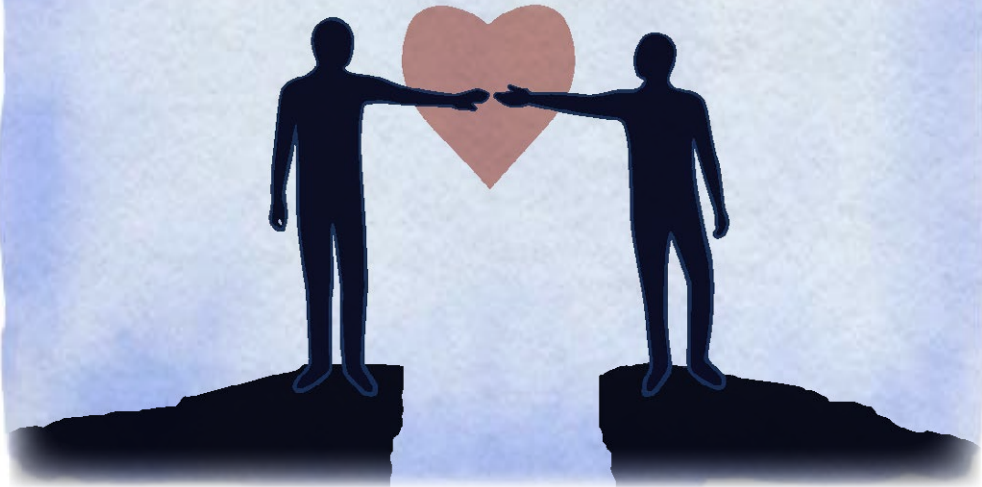

HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME

*"Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring love."*



MARCH 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

“Those of us who have committed ourselves to a life of repentance and return will not give up on ourselves, no matter how many times we have to repeat the process. We will keep telling the truth and turning around, every day if need be. We will never say never (I'll never recover, I'll never get it, I'll never learn). Why? Because we believe in God's goodness more than we believe in our own badness.” - Barbara Brown Taylor

Welcome

Prelude

Wayfaring Stranger
Youth Handbells

American Folk Song
arr. Sandra Eithun

News of the Ministry of the Church

Introit

God is Here!

Green, Taylor

Call to Worship*

Jay Cummins

One: As God called our ancestors to journey to places known and unknown, so we are called on our journeys through Lent.

Many: Like clouds by day and fire by night, we are shown the path as it unfolds before us.

One: May this time of worship give us nourishment for the way forward.

All: In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #401*

Here in This Place

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Moment of Friendship

*Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.
Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.*

Children's Message

Monica Maxwell

Choral Response

Rain Down

Cortez, Carter

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, here we are again, standing in the need of prayer. We mean to do better and be better, but it is hard for us to change our ways. Forgive us for our sins and help us to listen to and respond to your call upon our lives. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to walk in the way of Christ. Amen. *(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 offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:6-9

OT p. 685

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Courtney, Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Refrain: Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *(Refrain)*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

O God, we look to you for guidance and direction. By the hearing of your word today, show us the way. Open our hearts and minds, challenge and inspire us, and help us become more faithful followers. By your grace, may we repent and turn toward you. Amen.

One: The Word of the Lord,
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Sin, Repentance, and Grace”

Rev. Aleta Ash

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Nearer My God to Thee

Dan Forrest

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



Doxology #606*

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

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 #703*

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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Benediction*

Choral Response*

Go and Follow Christ's Example

M. Bringle, W. Rowan

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!
After the service, we invite you to enjoy a time of fellowship in Westminster Hall.
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.

Worship Notes

Assisting in Worship Leadership today - Elder Jay Cummins

Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Arlene Taylor Murray by Angie Bell-Morris, Roger Morris and April Morris

The Rose today is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Rose Feurer, child of HMPC members Jordan & Greyson Feurer, born on Monday, March 10th. Congratulations to the Feurer family!

Preparing for Worship - The prelude begins at 10:30am. We ask people to begin to quiet their minds, hearts, and bodies, to prepare for worship.

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 - Tony Bedini, Ron Ash, Wilson Cheeley

Greeters today - Daniel Miller, Keever Family, Monica Maxwell

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for March is Fred Woodward. 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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March Special Offering: General Mission Fund

This month our March Special Offering goes to the Presbyterian General Mission Fund, a pool of donated funds within the Presbyterian Church USA, used to support a wide range of missions, both domestically and internationally. The funds are allocated to various mission programs based on priorities set by the General Assembly, which include disaster relief, global health initiatives, community development projects, and more.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, designated to *General Mission Fund*, or you can give online by going to hmpe.org or scanning the QR code to the left.

Upcoming at Hudson

Sunday, March 30

10:30am Worship - Rev. Molly Smerko will be preaching

Sunday, April 6

10:30am Worship

Interim Pastor Marguerite Serrine's first Sunday at Hudson

Saturday, April 12

Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

10:00-12:00 at HMPC

Volunteers & donations needed - See Weekly Window for details!

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm Worship

Friday, April 18

Good Friday - 12:00pm Worship

Sunday, April 20

8:00-10:30am - Easter "Cancake" Breakfast - Stop by Westminster Hall!

9:00am - Easter Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am - Easter Worship Service - Sanctuary

Children and 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 9:15–11:45. 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.
- 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.

Lenten Suppers & Evening Prayer Services

Wednesdays, March 26 & April 2, 9

Supper: 6:00pm in WH North | Service: 6:30 in the Chapel

HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays throughout Lent for supper and worship. These evenings are similar to practices that began with the early Christians who gathered to share a meal and fellowship, then worshiped together where the rites of anointing with oil and communion were offered. Each week we provide delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in Westminster North. **There is no cost for these meals and reservations are not required.** Following the meal, a short service of evening prayer takes place in the Chapel.

March Tend My Sheep Offering

The Tend My Sheep offering for this month goes to **Presbyterian Campus Ministries**. We are collecting snack foods and gift cards for groceries and gas. **Ideal donations include: pretzels, goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding snacks, and applesauce packs.**

You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of March.

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

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Deacons

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

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Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

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Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

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Hunter Cox.....Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children’s Ministries
Erica Hairston.....Business Manager
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Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Specialist
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



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

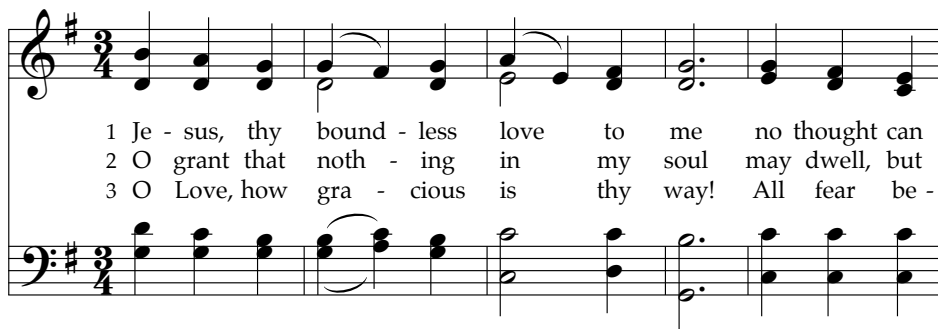


blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



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.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.