



# HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 4, 2026

10:30am Worship

Pastor Shawn Carafa

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Psalm 71:23-24a      Lay Reader, Paul Richert

Leader: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

**People: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

**People: And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      Come, Christians, Join to Sing      Hymn No. 225

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and faithful God, as we begin a new year, we turn to you in humility. In your Word, Jesus reminds us that you created us for covenant faithfulness to you and faithfulness to one another. Yet we confess how often our hearts drift from your design. We excuse our hardness of heart, we choose convenience over truth, and we fracture relationships by pride, impatience, or selfishness. Lord, forgive us our promises fade and when our love grows thin, and as we enter this new year, soften our hearts by your grace. Restore in us a desire to walk in your ways. Teach us to love with patience, to serve with humility, and to honor the commitments you call us to keep. Shape us into a people who display the steadfast love of Christ. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)*

**\*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Hosea 14:4

[4] I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. (ESV)

## **\*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 THE PEACE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)*

**The 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 glory forever. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY**                      May the Mind of Christ, My Savior                      Setting by Jack Schraeder

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*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!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**                      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus                      Hymn No. 377

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**                      Made in His Image                      Milann Daugherty

**SERMON**                      "What God Has Joined Together"                      Pastor Shawn Carafa  
Mark 10:1-12

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(All who proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Savior are welcome to the Table)

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      Hymn No. 139

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      "Nachspiel"                      Anton Bruckner

**\*FELLOWSHIP** Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship.

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

### MONDAY

AA 7pm, FH

### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

Youth Handbell

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

## DEACON of the WEEK

Pat Wonderland

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## CELEBRATIONS

**Another Year of Life**

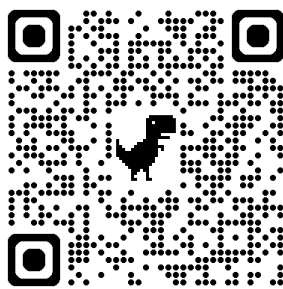
Mary Anne Schmidt

**Another Year of Life Together**

None this week

## NEWS

**TODAY El Salvador Meeting** A meeting is scheduled for after the worship service in the conference room to discuss a mission trip to the Shalom Children's Home this summer. If you have questions about this mission opportunity, please consider attending.



### **Support the book drive for the Shalom Home in El Salvador!**

They have added a small library and are trying to reach a goal of 300 books. Because of customs and duty taxes they are requesting either cash donations or books purchased directly from their website on Amazon.

You can either scan the QR code to donate on their website or donate cash in a labeled box outside of the sanctuary. The HPC Mission Committee thanks you for your support!

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - Following worship on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The meeting will include a presentation of the 2025 church budget. Candidates for the offices of ruling elder and deacon will also be presented for congregational vote. All are welcome to attend the meeting. Active members of HPC in good standing are eligible to vote.

**Save the Date:** All are welcome to join us on Saturday January 17 2026 at 10 am-noon as guest speaker Tina Likovetz, MA, IMFT, a Clinical Team Leader with EMERGE Counseling Ministries of Akron, Ohio discusses the topic "Internet and Social Media: How it Impacts Youth Mental Health."

## SCRIPTURE

### Mark 10:1-12

#### Teaching About Divorce

10 And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

## NOTES