



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 21, 2025

10:30am Worship

Pastor Shawn Carafa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 119:137-138, 142,144 Lay Reader, Angela Bateman
Leader: Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your ruled.

People: You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

Leader: Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

People: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn No. 435

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

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

*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS Titus 3:4–7

[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (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

In Pastures Green

John Rasley

***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**

We Are Called to be God's People

Hymn No. 415

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Applying the Law”
Mark 7:1-23

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

Hymn No. 343

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "Kingsfold"

David Paxton

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

CHURCH PICNIC

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm, FH

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Men's Bible Study 7pm

AA 7pm, FH

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

DEACON of the WEEK

Angela Bateman

734-341-0309

CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Bill Daugherty Becky Vocaire

Another Year of Life Together

Angela and Neil Batman

NEWS

Music Ministry If you would like to participate in any of the groups below, please contact Jennie Adams 330.289.0704.

Women's Ensemble Practice starting Sunday, Sept. 28 following worship in the downstairs choir room.

Youth Handbell Choir Practice begins Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 4-5pm in the downstairs bell room.

Adult Handbell Choir Starting Thursday, Sept. 25 at 6:30pm in the bell room.

Sunday School The fall session has begun, but there is always room for more. Classes are available for all ages.

Operation Christmas Child September Collection. A list of items for donations is available on the Welcome Table. Thank you in advance for participating.

Acme Receipt Collection Cashback program has begun at Acme Grocery. Save receipts with a cashback value on the bottom of the receipt. HPC will receive 5% of the value for our Missions program. Drop them off in the designated box on the Missions table.

All Things HPC If you would like to be included on the church mailing list and/or in the upcoming printing of our phone directory, please use the signup sheet on the Welcome Table and we will place you on the list.

Worship Flowers The flowers in the sanctuary are given for the Glory of God by Gail and Paul Gronwall.

Traditions and Commandments

⁷ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

What Defiles a Person

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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