



# HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 7, 2025

10:30am Worship

Pastor Shawn Carafa

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 1:46-50

Lay Reader, Stephen Thomas

Leader: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

**People: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

Leader: for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

**People: And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn No. 273

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Prince of Peace, we confess that we have not lived in Your peace. We are anxious and afraid, quick to speak and slow to listen, eager to judge and slow to forgive. We hold on to grudges and allow bitterness to grow. Our hearts are restless because we have looked for peace in the wrong places. Forgive us, Lord. Calm our hearts with the assurance of Your grace. Teach us to rest in Your promises and to live as peacemakers in a world of conflict. By Your Spirit, make us instruments of Your peace at home, in our church, and in our community. Amen

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

**\*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Romans 5:1

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (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**                      Creator of the Stars of Night                      arr. Shawn Ginrich  
HPC Bell Choir

**\*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**                      What Child is This?                      Hymn No. 281

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**                      Milann Daugherty

**SERMON**                      "Unexpected Advents – Peace in the Fire"                      Pastor Shawn Carafa  
Daniel 3:13-30

**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**                      I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day                      Hymn No. 267

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      It Came Upon a Midnight Clear                      arr. Diane Bish

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

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Women's Ensemble 11:40am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

### MONDAY

AA 7pm, FH

### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

Youth Handbell Practice 4-5pm

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

Adult Handbell Practice 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm

AA 7pm, FH

### SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Women's Ensemble 11:40am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

## DEACON of the WEEK

Pat Wonderland

330-703-4712

## CELEBRATIONS

### **Another Year of Life**

Kit Richert Daniel Nicely

### **Another Year of Life Together**

None this week

## NEWS

**Cookies and Carols** Please join in raising your voices for our favorite Christmas carols on December 14th at 4pm. We are asking for help with baking for this event. A sign-up for cookie donations is located on the welcome table. Please drop off cookies in the fellowship kitchen prior to the event.

**Christmas Eve Service** You and your family are cordially invited to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm December 24th, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Join us for an evening of joy and reflection through lessons and carols.

**Angel Tree** The tree is up in the lobby near the church office. Our donations will be given to Akron Pregnancy Services. Instructions are located next to the tree, along with a signup sheet to register your tag. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 14th.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** will be available on the table near the office window. Weekly boxes are available and you may take as many loose envelopes as you might need as monthly boxes were not available this year. There will always be envelopes in the pews for your offerings as well. Thank you for trusting HPC with your contributions for God's work.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

## SCRIPTURE

Daniel 3:13-30

<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” <sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

## NOTES