HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Those who are able are welcome to stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 72:11-13, 17 Lay Reader, Paul Richert

Leader: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

People: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Leader: May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

People: May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Tell Me the Old, Old Story Hymn No. 621

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, You have called us to a great hope and purpose. You have invited us to cling to You in every season. However, we allow distractions to drag us away from Your presence. Instead of turning to You, we indulge our worries, frustrations, and disappointments. Forgive us when we seek shelter in our own comfort and control. Teach us again to trust You, O God, our protector. Bring us out of our distress, O God, our deliverer. Grant us the ability to build our lives on the firm foundation of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Hebrews 7:24–25

[24] but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. [25] Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for 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 Ring a Joyful Song Michael Helman

***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** Have Thine Own Way, Lord Hymn No. 591

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Remembrance and Rule" Pastor Shawn Carafa
Esther 9:20-10:3

***CLOSING HYMN** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Hymn No. 370

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Fugue and Harmonization on "St. Anne" J. S. Bach

***FELLOWSHIP** Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 9:20–10:3

[20] And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, [21] obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, [22] as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

[23] So the Jews accepted what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them. [24] For Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, cast lots), to crush and to destroy them. [25] But when it came before the king, he gave orders in writing that his evil plan that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. [26] Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur. Therefore, because of all that was written in this letter, and of what they had faced in this matter, and of what had happened to them, [27] the Jews firmly obligated themselves and their offspring and all who joined them, that without fail they would keep these two days according to what was written and at the time appointed every year, [28] that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, in every clan, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of these days cease among their descendants.

[29] Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim. [30] Letters were sent to all the Jews, to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth, [31] that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther obligated them, and as they had obligated themselves and their offspring, with regard to their fasts and their lamenting. [32] The command of Esther confirmed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

[10:1] King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. [2] And all the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? [3] For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Women's Ensemble 11:45am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

THURSDAY

Youth Bells 5pm

Adult Bells 6:30pm

AA 7pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jim Damicone

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CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Jon Dimonte

Another Year of Life Together

Chad & Heather Klemens

NEWS

Homeschool Band Concert: This Sunday at 2 pm. All are invited to attend. A dessert reception will follow the concert

Operation Christmas Child: Packing party November 22 after worship

Deck the Halls: All are welcome to stay after worship on Sunday November 22 to hang the greens and decorate the church for the Advent season. A light lunch will be provided

1-2-3 Cookie Exchange: Help us stock the treat table for our upcoming Carols & Cookies fellowship event while filling your own holiday dessert box. Simply bake 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and drop them off in the church kitchen on Friday, December 4th. We will take care of the sorting: 1 dozen will be donated directly to the church event, and your 2 dozen freshly sorted, assorted cookies will be packaged and ready for you to pick up either during the Carols & Cookies event or at church on Sunday morning! Please contact Susan Buerlen for more information

Cookies and Carols: Saturday December 5 at 4 pm. This year, to accent our carol sing, we are inviting three or four willing people to each share a 2-3 minute reflection about why a particular Christmas carol is meaningful to them. If interested, please contact Pastor Shawn

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: HPC will host the kettle at Acme in Hudson on Thursday, December 3 and Friday, December 4 with one-hour time slots available from 10 am to 8 pm. A signup sheet is posted in the engagement corner

Holiday Potluck: Wednesday December 9 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring enough for your group and 6 other people. Also, if you have a family holiday tradition, please be ready to share it with the group. A sign-up sheet is posted in engagement corner