



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 126:1-3

Lay Reader,

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: The our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

People: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn No. 2

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign and Gracious God, we confess that we are by nature prone to self-centeredness, choosing our own will over Your perfect law. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, failing to live as Your redeemed people, and we grieve our disobedience. Thank You for Your eternal covenant of grace, and for the perfect, substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who bore our guilt on the cross to secure our full justification. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, continue to mortify our sin and renew us daily in the image of our Savior. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Colossians 2:13–14

[13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (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 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee arr. Douglas Wagner

***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** Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn No. 87

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "From Mourning to Joy" Pastor Shawn Carafa
Esther 8:1-17

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** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Hymn No. 575

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** God of Grace and God of Glory John Hughes

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 8

[1] On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. [2] And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

[3] Then Esther spoke again to the king. She fell at his feet and wept and pleaded with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews. [4] When the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, Esther rose and stood before the king. [5] And she said, "If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king. [6] For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming to my people? Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?" [7] Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he intended to lay hands on the Jews. [8] But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."

[9] The king's scribes were summoned at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day. And an edict was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded concerning the Jews, to the satraps and the governors and the officials of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to each province in its own script and to each people in its own language, and also to the Jews in their script and their language. [10] And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed it with the king's signet ring. Then he sent the letters by mounted couriers riding on swift horses that were used in the king's service, bred from the royal stud, [11] saying that the king allowed the Jews who were in every city to gather and defend their lives, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate any armed force of any people or province that might attack them, children and women included, and to plunder their goods, [12] on one day throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. [13] A copy of what was written was to be issued as a decree in every province, being publicly displayed to all peoples, and the Jews were to be ready on that day to take vengeance on their enemies. [14] So the couriers, mounted on their swift horses that were used in the king's service, rode out hurriedly, urged by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Susa the citadel.

[15] Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. [16] The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. [17] And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them. (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

Pat Wonderland

330-703-4712

CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Kate Justice

Julie Lindner

Another Year of Life Together

None This Week

NEWS

Fellowship Coffee: Please consider signing up to host an after-worship fellowship hour this fall. Open spots are available. A sign-up sheet is available in the kitchen. Training is provided. Contact Pat Wonderland for more information.

Help Us Share the Service: Join the A/V Team! Looking for a practical way to serve on Sunday mornings? Our Audio/Visual team is looking for volunteers to help run sound, and livestreaming. No prior experience is necessary, and training is fully provided through shadowing. You will be joining a rotation to serve approximately once a month. If you're comfortable with a computer or eager to learn, we would love to have you. Contact Pastor Shawn if you are interested

Men's Huddle Breakfast: Saturday November 7 at 9 am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, and a presentation by Mike Solosky of Haven of Rest Ministries. Haven of Rest is collecting winter coats and funds for bus passes, so please consider if you will bring a donation.

Join Our Nursery Team: Help us create a safe, joyful environment for our babies and toddlers during Sunday worship by joining our rotation schedule and serving approximately once a month.

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

Youth Membership/Faith Foundations Class: The monthly class will meet this Sunday Nov 1 at 5:30pm