HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

Pastor Shawn Carafa

KNOW JESUS | **SERVE** JESUS | **BRING** OTHERS TO JESUS

Office Phone: 330-650-1626 | Information: www.hudsonpc.org

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Beth Speed of Global Infusion

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 98:1-3 Lay Reader, Bill Daugherty

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** This Is My Father's World Hymn No. 143

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign Father, we praise You for delivering us from the sentence of doom and adopting us into Christ's eternal rest. You turned our dark estate into a day of gladness, securing our triumph by the Savior's blood. Yet, we confess that we have foolishly sought our own defense and fear the power of darkness rather than resting in Your strength in the battle against our sin. Forgive our treacherous unbelief, O Lord. By Your Holy Spirit, cause us to live as a distinct and holy people, ever celebrating the definitive victory of our Mediator. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Romans 8:33–34

[33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home Charles Callahan

***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 "God Never Changes" Milann Daugherty
Hebrews 13:8

SERMON "Combating the Enemies" Pastor Shawn Carafa
Esther 9:1-19

***CLOSING HYMN** Onward Christian Soldiers Hymn No. 731

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** When Morning Guilds the Skies Dale Wood

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 9:1–19

[1] Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them. [2] The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen on all peoples. [3] All the officials of the provinces and the satraps and the governors and the royal agents also helped the Jews, for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. [4] For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces, for the man Mordecai grew more and more powerful. [5] The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them. [6] In Susa the citadel itself the Jews killed and destroyed 500 men, [7] and also killed Parshandatha and Dalphon and Aspatha [8] and Poratha and Adalia and Aridatha [9] and Parmashta and Arisai and Aridai and Vaizatha, [10] the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, but they laid no hand on the plunder.

[11] That very day the number of those killed in Susa the citadel was reported to the king. [12] And the king said to Queen Esther, "In Susa the citadel the Jews have killed and destroyed 500 men and also the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what further is your request? It shall be fulfilled." [13] And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the Jews who are in Susa be allowed tomorrow also to do according to this day's edict. And let the ten sons of Haman be hanged on the gallows." [14] So the king commanded this to be done. A decree was issued in Susa, and the ten sons of Haman were hanged. [15] The Jews who were in Susa gathered also on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and they killed 300 men in Susa, but they laid no hands on the plunder.

[16] Now the rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also gathered to defend their lives, and got relief from their enemies and killed 75,000 of those who hated them, but they laid no hands on the plunder. [17] This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness. [18] But the Jews who were in Susa gathered on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and rested on the fifteenth day, making that a day of feasting and gladness. [19] Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the rural towns, hold the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day for gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and as a day on which they send gifts of food to one another. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Women's Ensemble 11:45am

Youth Group Fall Party 6:00-8pm

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

Faith Fenwick

330-607-5086

CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Jennie Adams

Shawn Carafa

Another Year of Life Together

Forrest & Sarah Norman

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

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

Cookies and Carols – Save the Date: Saturday December 5 at 4 pm.