



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 56:3-4 & 10-11 Lay Reader, Bill Daugherty

Leader: When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

People: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Leader: Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.

People: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Hymn No. 97

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, You love us and show us great compassion and patience. Yet we often fail to have compassion and patience with other people. We see others as obstacles in our way. We see them as drains on our resources. We fail to recognize our shared need for grace in every moment. Forgive us for our pride and inability to see ourselves and others clearly. Renew and restore us as followers of Jesus Christ who are saved by grace and live each day by grace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Romans 5:10

[10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his 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 O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst (arr. Hayes)

***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

"A Proud Threat"
Esther 3:1-15

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***CLOSING HYMN**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn No. 686

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Praise Him! Praise Him! Chester Allen (arr. Livingston)

***POSTLUDE**

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 3

[1] After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, and advanced him and set his throne above all the officials who were with him. [2] And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage. [3] Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?" [4] And when they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. [5] And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury. [6] But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, as they had made known to him the people of Mordecai, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

[7] In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, they cast lots) before Haman day after day; and they cast it month after month till the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. [8] Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not to the king's profit to tolerate them. [9] If it please the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, that they may put it into the king's treasuries." [10] So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. [11] And the king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you."

[12] Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language. It was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet ring. [13] Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with instruction to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. [14] A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation to all the peoples to be ready for that day. [15] The couriers went out hurriedly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in Susa the citadel. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

No Youth Group This Week

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

Bill Daugherty

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CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Becky Vocaire Heather Klemens

Rick Ferdig Sandy Borovicka

Colin Buerlen

Another Year of Life Together

None This Week

NEWS

Operation Christmas Child: September's giving focus is school supplies and personal care items.

Bell Choir Practices: Begin for the fall season Thursday October 1. Youth practice from 5-6pm. Adult practice from 6:30-7:30pm.

Church Rummage Sale Drop-Off Details: During the weeks beginning September 21 and 28, we are accepting donations for the October 10 rummage sale. Please contact the church office to make an appointment to drop off items. You may also bring items on Sunday mornings.

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. To find out more, please reach out to Kristine Dimonte 440-281-0379

Fall Picnic: Sunday October 18 in the fellowship hall following worship. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Sign up sheet available in the Engagement Corner. Please bring the following to share.

A-J – Dessert

K-Z – Side Dish or Salad

Please bring hot dishes fully cooked. We will keep them warm.

Youth Membership/Faith Foundations Class:

Begins Sunday October 4 at 5:30pm. This monthly class is for youth group aged students who are considering making a public profession of faith and becoming active/confirmed members of Hudson Presbyterian Church, or for those who simply want to gain a better understanding of key doctrines of the Christian Faith by studying scripture and the Westminster Shorter Catechism alongside other teens. Please contact Pastor Shawn to express interest/questions or for more details.