



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 1 Chronicles 29:10-12 Lay Reader, Charley Schmidt

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head over all.

People: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymn No. 21

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we know that in Your holy presence, all hearts are open, all desires are known, and nothing is hidden from You. So today we acknowledge our sin. We confess that we have actively rebelled against Your will for us, and that we have passively rejected Your desire for us. We are more concerned with what people think, rather than with worshiping, serving, and obeying You. Forgive us and renew our hearts. Cleanse our thoughts, words, and actions, that we may devoutly love You and worthily magnify Your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** from 1 Corinthians 6:11

[11] But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (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 "Just As I Am" by William Barclay Dylan, Nora, and Mary McDaniel

***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 "Parable of the Growing Seed" Milann Daugherty

SERMON "A Royal Feast Turned Fiasco" Pastor Shawn Carafa
Esther 1:1-22

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** Rock of Ages Hymn No. 342

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Recessional on "Sine Nomine" Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 1

[1] Now in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, [2] in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in Susa, the citadel, [3] in the third year of his reign he gave a feast for all his officials and servants. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were before him, [4] while he showed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor and pomp of his greatness for many days, 180 days. [5] And when these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in Susa the citadel, both great and small, a feast lasting for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. [6] There were white cotton curtains and violet hangings fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rods and marble pillars, and also couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones. [7] Drinks were served in golden vessels, vessels of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished according to the bounty of the king. [8] And drinking was according to this edict: "There is no compulsion." For the king had given orders to all the staff of his palace to do as each man desired. [9] Queen Vashti also gave a feast for the women in the palace that belonged to King Ahasuerus.

[10] On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, [11] to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the princes her beauty, for she was lovely to look at. [12] But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. At this the king became enraged, and his anger burned within him.

[13] Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for this was the king's procedure toward all who were versed in law and judgment, [14] the men next to him being Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom): [15] "According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti, because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?" [16] Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only against the king has Queen Vashti done wrong, but also against all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. [17] For the queen's behavior will be made known to all women, causing them to look at their husbands with contempt, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' [18] This very day the noble women of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will say the same to all the king's officials, and there will be contempt and wrath in plenty. [19] If it please the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be repealed, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. [20] So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, for it is vast, all women will give honor to their husbands, high and low alike." [21] This advice pleased the king and the princes, and the king did as Memucan proposed. [22] He sent letters to all the royal provinces, to every province in its own script and to every people in its own language, that every man be master in his own household and speak according to the language of his people. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm

THURSDAY

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Youth Group 6:30-8pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jim Damicone

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CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Cathy Shoemaker

Anita Wilcox

Another Year of Life Together

None this week

NEWS

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will kick off the year with a brunch **this Tuesday, Sept 8, at 10 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Classes will begin Sept 15, at 10 AM in the parlor

Sunday Studies: For adults, youth, and children begin Sunday Sept 13 at 9:30 am.

Grace Giveaway: Saturday, Sept 12, 4:30-6:30pm
Are you interested in taking part in a rewarding day of community service as we distribute trail snacks and water to park-goers at Hudson Springs Park? Please contact Susan Buerlen for more information.

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

Faith and Footsteps: Hike 1 Sunday, Sept 20, 3-4 pm at Hudson Springs Park. Join us for a 1.9 mile main loop trail that circles the water.

2026 Habitat for Humanity Workday: Saturday, Oct 3: Volunteers have signed up but there is room for more on the crew. Volunteers must be over the age of eighteen, but need not be construction experts. All tasks are completed under the supervision of Habitat Construction professional. Lunch will be provided. Do not miss this opportunity for service and fellowship. Contact Jon Polhamus Jonpolhamu@aol.com or 330-524-8564 or the Church office if you are interested in helping.