



the weekly Window

September 22, 2019

Out to the life and ministry of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)



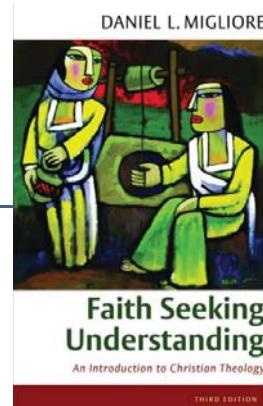
Mac's Meanderings A Framework

This past Sunday I concluded a sermon series on a framework of things Presbyterians affirm within our reformed tradition. As I mentioned in several of these sermons, we increasingly live in a world where we patch together the things we want to believe from various faith traditions and our own thoughts.

Since many of you reading this make your home in a Presbyterian Church, the sermon series (I hope) provided a “home base” with which to bounce off other perspectives. Dr. Daniel L. Migliore, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, was my conversation partner for this sermon series. Particularly his writing in his 3rd edition of *Faith Seeking Understanding*. While there

is no reasonable way of summarizing Dr. Migliore’s thoughts or my sermon series briefly, I have tried to list nine thesis statements below that are, either quotes from Dr. Migliore or me, summarizing the main points in my sermons. I hope you find this summary helpful for your spiritual grounding:

1. God reveals God’s self across time as a liberating and loving God.
2. We catch glimpses of this liberating, loving God and keep searching because we hunger for more.
3. One of the ways God reveals God’s self is through scripture. Scripture has authority because it points us to God in Jesus Christ.
4. Our God is the triune God: A God for our times who models what true community should look like.
5. The earth and environment



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belong to God and we need to celebrate operating within appropriate and respectful boundaries.

6. Evil exists, but providence is the triune God’s inclination to do good within creation. Because humans are finite, most of us want to use our precious time to participate in the promotion of good.
7. To be made in the image of God means we are made for respectful relationships with God, each other and creation.
8. Jesus Christ is the radiant human expression of the eternally self-giving, other-affirming, community forming love of the triune God.
9. To know God as Spirit is to experience God as liberating rather than coercive power.

Mac

Worship Guest in the Pulpit

September 29

Katy Schafer will preach.

Katy is the Children and Family Ministries director at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. She is a graduate of



Katy
Schafer

Flagler College and Princeton Theological Seminary.

In 2020 she will be a workshop leader at the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators conference (APCE) and is under care of Hudson's session as a candidate for ministry.

Mission



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Special Offering Presbyterian Campus Ministry

This morning we received a special offering for Presbyterian



Campus Ministry. It's not too late to donate! You may donate online or text to give. Text amount pcm to 888-906-0744 (example: 25 pcm). If you have not done this before, you will be prompted to enter your information. Once it has been entered, you will not have to enter it again.

Social Media

Hudson Memorial is on Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC), Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc), and facebook (HudsonMPC). Our Twitter and Instagram accounts have quotes, poetry, prayer, scripture, and images. Follow us and like us!



The Gathering: Forming our Faith

Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities

All classes meet Sunday morning at 9:30. A thorough description of classes can be found on the website's (www.hmpc.org) home page under "News and Events" and on the Gathering bulletin board in the main hallway.



September 29

- **Westminster Hall:** Everyone is invited to the "Stewardship Kick Off" hosted by The Giving Ministry Team. Laura McHenry and John James will share this year's theme, goals and plans as we consider what it means to be a good steward of all God has entrusted to us.

October 6

- **Westminster Hall: Today's Sermon Text and Theme** facilitated by Barry Cobb, John James and Gil Graybill. If you are interested in learning more about today's theme, join us for this engaging and informative conversation.
- **Room 200: Book Study 1 "The Jesus Priorities"** by Christopher Maricle. Each week we will explore the priorities Jesus modeled in his life and ministry as told in the gospels and we will discuss how to emulate them: healing, love, prayer, and confidence in the treasures in heaven, oneness with God, spreading the Word, innocence, and humility. Participants do not have to read the book and may attend any sessions. Facilitated by Andrea Mouw.
- **Parlor: "Violence and Faith" 1.** How Christians should understand the violence in the Bible and what it means to act like a non-violent Christian in our society today. Possible ways to decrease the many forms of violence will be open for discussion. Led by Ron Ash.
- **John Knox: The Book of Psalms** is the bible study for the fall led by Nancy Law. We will learn about the various categories of Psalms in their original context, where and how they were used through the centuries, and how they have been adapted to contemporary settings as we consider how we might apply them to our lives.

Children's Ministries

Communion Class

Sunday, September 29

A Communion Education Class is available following the worship service for children (ages 4 and up) and their parents. Hosted by the Children's Committee and led by Debbie Kirk, the class is helpful for children who have not yet participated in communion, and those who are already participating and would like to learn more about it. The class meets from 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and a light lunch will be served. **Registration deadline is tomorrow, Monday September 23rd.** E-mail Patty (pshaver@hmpc.org) the names of parents and children who are attending. Childcare is available by reservation for younger siblings.

Spiritual Growth & Nurture



Women at the Well

Thursday, September 26

The monthly Women at the Well is for women who gather informally over dinner to share in fellowship and conversation about the intersection of faith and life. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 pm at La Rancherita on Six Forks Road. For the fall we are continuing to use various podcasts to guide our conversations. The September topic from Kate Bowler's podcast <http://katebowler.com/everythinghappens> is Life After Dark with Barbara Brown Taylor. For more information contact Debbie Kirk @ dkirk@hmpc.org.

Presbyterian Pint

**Thursday,
September 26**



Presbyterian Pint will meet at 7 p.m. at Manchester's Grill (manchestersgrill.com). Men of the church are welcome to join Pastor Mac for fellowship and faith in a friendly environment. Pastor Mac comes ready with relevant questions of theology and culture that the group will discuss. For more information contact Mac at mschafer@hmpc.org.

Bonhoeffer Babes



The HMPC Bonhoeffer Babes will meet on Tuesday, October 1st at 7 pm at The Crafty Beer Shop at Lafayette Village (8450 Honeycutt Rd). We will discuss Months 6, 7, and 8 of *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs. Contact Kelly Boone (boonekr@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome women of all ages who love books and informal conversation to come read with us!



Flower Donations

Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement for Sunday worship service.

To sign up, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside room #103.

Online Sermons

Hudson's sermons are available online. If you were unable to attend a worship service, you can listen to the sermon at <https://www.hmpc.org/sermons>. Closed captioning is also available.





Preschool Kick Off

Hudson Memorial Preschool (HMP) came together as a school family to kick off our new school year and new playset in the

Playgarden. We enjoyed pizza, lemonade and tons of fun! This event is always a great time for families to get together with old friends and make new connections.

This month we had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair with sales exceeding \$3,500! HMP will benefit greatly from the sale in the way of updating our school library. Our parents were very generous gifting books for their child's classroom



also. A big thank you to Kelly Capps for organizing and supporting HMP thru the sale.

We are looking

forward to a terrific Fall at HMP full of learning, exploring and making new friends!

If you have any questions or would like to visit the preschool please contact Dorothy Roche at droche@hmpc.org or call 919-787-1792



Fellowship ROMEO's

**Tuesday,
September
24**



The ROMEO'S (Retired Old Men Eating Out) seek retired gentlemen to join them for breakfast, casual conversation and camaraderie at Bojangles (Atlantic Ave.) every Tuesday morning at 7:45 a.m. For more information, call Devohn Rhame at 919-847-0923.



Single Way

**Tuesday,
September
24**

Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults (55+) for fun, food, and fellowship. The group will meet Tuesday at Hibernian at 8021 Falls of Neuse Rd. at 1 p.m. No reservations needed, just join the group! Contact Val Jones (919-878-0098) for more information.

Youth

The Youth Group Tie Dye party is tonight for middle and high school youth, grades 5-12. Join us for an evening of artsy cool rainbow connection tie dye color crafts with P.J. Conger. We will gather at 6 p.m. for supper in Westminster Hall, make some beautiful, wearable, colorful art, and be done by 7:30 p.m.

If you like friendship bracelets, we may try a “new twist” on those as well. For the tie dye, please bring one white item that is 100% cotton and prewashed if possible. A t-shirt, pillow case, or tote bag is fine, but nothing larger. Also bring \$5 for supper and wear “artsy clothes” just to be safe. Friends are welcome as always. Because we will likely be outside, everyone is encouraged to bring a water bottle.

High School Youth Group Lake Gaston Retreat registration deadline is today, so please get those forms to Frank Boyd as soon as possible.

Skating Adventure to Jelly Beans for Grades 5-12 on Sunday afternoon, September 29th. Cost is \$10 and friends are welcome as always. We will gather in Westminster Hall at 12:15 p.m., eat a sack lunch together (please bring a food for yourself), hop in the vans and head out for an afternoon of Roller Skating. We will return to the church at 3:30 p.m.

Camp Kanata Middle School Presbytery Retreat is October 4-6. We have a wonderful group going. Everyone that is registered will get a detail letter with a packing list by Tuesday, October 1.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8) State Fair Afternoon is October 13th just after church. Plan to join us. Friends welcome as always. Pre-registration is helpful, so watch for details.

Youth Group Ski Trip with St. Giles Presbyterian Church is January 20, MLK Day. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. The bus may fill up quickly, so please get your registration forms in as quickly as possible, and no later than December 15th.

North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society

Fall Meeting

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Saturday morning, October 12th, at Davie Street Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N.C. We'll be celebrating the very interesting 151-year history of Davie Street and the early history of African-American Presbyterian congregations in North Carolina. Registration is \$16, including morning coffee and lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org or contact our secretary, Flo Durway, 919-977-8897, floanddan74@gmail.com.

Birthdays

October

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 - Janey Dewar, Eric Conger, Mildred Brinson, Gabby Crosson
- 3 - Merritt Dickinson, John Palmiter
- 4 - Kitty Huth
- 5 - Lisa Williams, Jerilyn Seitz, Jeanne Hoffman
- 6 - Bob Measamer, James Cobb, Miller Long, Serena Ash, T.W. Bradshaw, Brian Hnat
- 7 - Emily Cobb, Scott Sipprell
- 8 - Val Jones, Tory Schafer
- 9 - Suzanne Ledwith, Charles Welby, Brad Baur, Melinda Dickinson
- 10 - Phyllis Cheeley, Ruth Spencer, Stacy Smith
- 13 - Jack Lynch,
- 15 - Danny Miller, Perry Meeks, Michelle Sharpe

- 16 - Dorothy Gall
- 17 - Bob Monroe, Lana Bowles
- 19 - Shelly Thompson, Starr Maxwell, Patrick Carpenito
- 20 - Maggie Cobb, Jeff Johnson
- 21 - Traci Weaver, Brian Coppedge
- 22 - Doug Goodale, Tom Bradshaw, Cole Thompson
- 23 - Ashley Banerjee
- 24 - Neet Terry
- 25 - Molly James, Emsley Jackson, Diana Jones, Pat Balletta, Mimi Johnson
- 26 - Jay Cummins
- 27 - Tony Thompson, Marilyn Webb
- 28 - Ruthann Gentry, Anish Banerjee
- 29 - Abby Baker, Emma Baker, Ruth Herpich
- 30 - Drew Keen, Don Slater
- 31 - Harper Sanchez

Outreach



sign up. <https://bit.ly/2kT3skm> - hours are from 9-1. It is Stewardship Kickoff Sunday, please prayerfully consider that this is one way to be a steward of our community. Invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to give on this fifth Sunday of the month special event!

Blood Drive Coming to Hudson

Sunday, September 29

The Evangelism and Outreach committee is sponsoring a blood drive to help our neighboring hospitals with their blood supplies. We have partnered with Blood Connections, an organization that not only collects donations locally, but also distributes these donations to our local hospitals. Please go here for easy

Calendar



Sunday, September 22

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation/HS Sunday School (227/234/236)	9:30 am
The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:30 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am
Nominating Committee (JK)	5:00 pm
Youth Fellowship (WH & Outside)	6:00 pm

Monday, September 23

Boys & Girls Homes (200)	5:00 pm
Session (JK)	7:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 24

ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
All Staff Meeting (Library)	9:30 am
Single Way (Hibernian)	1:00 pm
Daisy Brownie Troop 1968 (215)	4:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, September 25

Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:30 am
Amazing Grays Bridge (WH)	1:00 pm
Hudson Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:15 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, September 26

Children's Hope Alliance (JK)	10:00 am
Boys & Girls Homes (200)	5:00 pm
Children's Hope Alliance (JK)	6:00 pm
Women at the Well (LaRancherita)	6:00 pm
Presbyterian Pint (Manchester's Grill)	7:00 pm

Friday, September 27

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, September 28

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Youth Roller Skating (JellyBeans)	12:30 pm



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