



the weekly Window

January 26, 2020

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



Mac's Meanderings

The Psalms in Worship

For the first three weeks of February we will focus on Psalms in worship. Psalms is a collection of 150 prayers and songs in the Old Testament. The Greek word for Psalms (psalmos) means “song.” In Hebrew the title of the book is *tehillim* which means “songs of praise.” The Hebrew title is a bit misleading, for while there is plenty of praise going on in the Psalms, what I love is they convey the spectrum of human experience.

As musician and author John L. Bell writes, “The reason for the abiding place of the Psalms in Christian worship, both public and private, is that they cover in theme and expression, the whole gamut of human experience. Exuberance, delight and unbridled joy are there. So also are questioning, curiosity and impatience. So also are agony, loneliness and deep despair. This range of human condition is what The Psalms seek to offer God, not for approval but so that the relationship between the people of God and their maker might be honest at all times.”

While the book of Psalms appears to be attributed to King David, scholars since the 19th century have developed convictions that these

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diverse songs and prayers were written across the centuries. The roots of the Psalms may have been cultures outside the people of Israel, in Egypt and Babylon. Some were written for specific festivals and coronations of kings. Some are very communal while others appear to be highly personal. Some speak of specific events while others are more general and speak to situations and feelings across time.

One of the reasons we wanted to focus on Psalms is that it is a book of the people. It blends music, the spoken word and poetry in beautiful ways – a dream for music directors and pastors in churches. Each week, the service will move from Psalms of Praise to Lament to Thanksgiving. The sermon focus each week will be as follows: February 2nd - Psalms of Praise, February 9th - Psalms of Thanksgiving, and February 16th - Psalms of Lament.

Thanks be to God for these honest songs and prayers of the people of God. We hope that you'll join us for worship and find your heart and voice in these ancient words.

With Care



Pilgrimage

Opportunity to Walk the Camino

May 2020

A group of 16 Hudson members and their friends are walking a section of the Camino Frances. We begin walking in Astorga, Spain on Wednesday, May 13th and will attempt to arrive in Santiago, Spain on Saturday, May 23rd. If you are interested in going, we would love to have you. Contact Pastor Mac Schafer for more details at mschafer@hmpc.org.

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 9

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 9th immediately following worship. The agenda for the meeting is set by the session and includes: Voting on the pastors' terms of call, a report on the 2019 financials and the 2020 budget, a report on the 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign and a meeting of the Corporation. All members are asked to stay for the meeting following worship.



Music

CDs & MP3s Available

Hudson's original music drama, *Lazarus*, is now available in two formats: CD and online streaming!

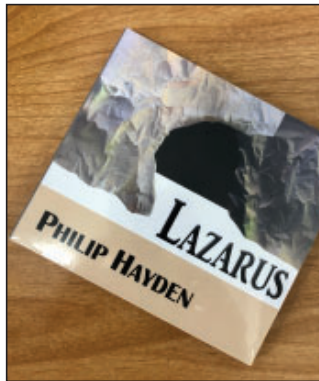
The Chancel Choir, soloists, narrators and instruments presented the original musical drama *Lazarus* twice at Hudson last spring. We are excited that the recording is now available in various platforms.

CDs are available from Hudson for just \$15. They

will be available during the fellowship hour following worship for the next several weeks.

If you prefer mp3

recordings, this Hudson original musical work is now available for streaming on Apple Music, and as a download on iTunes. (Google *Lazarus* by Philip Hayden). It is also available as an



mp3 on CD Baby.

Take the music of Hudson with you wherever you go! *Lazarus* – The Story of One Who Lived, Died, and Lived Again – and the One Who Raised Him.

Women

Montreat Conference

Registration for the Montreat Women's Connection Conference August 14-16 opens February 3rd (montreat.org/women). HMPC women who are on our e-mail distribution list should have received complete information about this year's conference. If you did not receive it and/or you have any questions about our group and the registration process contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Giving

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for those who requested them are available on the table in the Karl Hudson Room. If you haven't requested them and would still like them, contact Pat Cash.

2020 Pledge Campaign Update

November 10th was Commitment Sunday, the day members and friends commit their time, talent and financial resources to Christ through the church. Currently there are 203 households that have pledged out of 370 member households for a total of \$741,491.92. Pledges of \$777,000 are needed to fulfill ministry requests. **It is not too late to pledge.** Pledge forms are located on the first floor hallway of the church or you can pledge on the church website at www.hmpc.org. Thank you if you already pledged.

Mission

Interfaith Build for Habitat for Humanity

February 29

The Interfaith Build for Habitat for Humanity begins February 29th. **Registration for work days is open now!**

The Mission Committee is excited that our congregation is participating in the 2020 Interfaith Build for Habitat for Humanity. As in past builds, we will partner with a number of faith communities, Habitat staff, AmeriCorps Volunteers and the homeowner to construct this house. What is new this year is that our interfaith coalition is one of five faith coalitions constructing houses next to each other as part of a **“Leap of Faith Build.”** The five houses will go up at the same time in a new Habitat subdivision in South Raleigh. Wall raising begins on Leap Day, Saturday February 29th with occupancy expected in mid May.

The Interfaith Coalition work assignments have been made so that different groups are together on each work day. Participants in the build are:



Apex Mosque, Beth Myer Synagogue, Community for Mindful Living, First Church of Christ Scientist, Hindu Society of North Carolina, Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Islamic Association of Raleigh, Kadampa Center for the Practice of Tibetan Buddhism, NC State Muslim Student Association, Raleigh/Cary Jewish Family Services, Raleigh Mennonite, Raleigh Sai Center, St. Paul's Christian Church, The Light House Project, The Sikh Gurudwara of North Carolina, Temple Beth Or, Triangle Interfaith Alliance, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, Unity Temple of Raleigh, Won Buddhism of NC-Raleigh Center.

Note our assigned days and if you would like to volunteer do two things:

- e-mail Cary Dickerson czeller220@hotmail.com so we have an accurate list of HMPC volunteers
- sign up using the Habitat link. The three dates highlighted italics under

Hudson Volunteer Schedule (below) are open for sign ups using the volunteer registration link (<http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>).

Hudson Volunteer Schedule

- *Saturday, February 29: Wall Build (3-5 volunteers)*
- Thursday, March 26: Congregational Leader Work Morning (filled)
- *Saturday, March 28: (5 volunteers)*
- Sunday, March 29: Children's Baffle Project (for preschool and elementary age children, more information to come)
- *Saturday, May 9: (5 volunteers)*

For more information contact Debbie Kirk (dkirk@hmhc.org) or Cary Dickerson (czeller220@hotmail.com). The Interfaith Coalition makes an impact not only on the family whose house we build, but on the greater community as we address the lack of affordable housing and as we live out the Golden Rule. Together We Build!

Mission

Tend My Sheep

In December, we collected 79 brand new pillows for The Green Chair Project! This ministry serves our neighbors by providing housewares to those in need. Their Sweet Dreams project provides beds and bedding to children in Wake County that do not have a bed. The Mission Committee thanks you for your generous support.



Mission Trip

July 12-17

Hudson's 2020 Mission Trip to Avery County to work with Habitat for Humanity and Grandfather Children's Home is scheduled for Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 17th. We will again stay at Holston Camp – this time in upgraded facilities. Please give serious thought to joining in this missional effort and add the dates to your calendar. An information meeting will be held in early spring.

Worship & the Arts

Message for Children: A Special Part of Worship at HMPC

We appreciate all the wonderful volunteers who serve on our "message for children" rotation during the worship service each Sunday! Who are these folks? You may have noticed members of all ages and stages enjoy sharing with our children at this special part of the service. This is a time when we highlight a scripture for the day and/or theme of the service in ways that help children better appreciate the experience of worship. The brief messages emphasize one or two ideas that children can grasp at their own level and help them engage more fully in worship. Our team does a great job and has a wonderful time doing it! We welcome others who would like to join us! If you would like to consider being a message for children volunteer contact Debbie Kirk at dkirk@hmpc.org.

Social Media



Hudson Memorial is on:

- facebook (HudsonMPC)
- Twitter (Hudson Memorial PC)
- Instagram (hudsonmemorialpc)

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.

February 2

Parlor – Traveling with Matthew: A Journey Across Three Landscapes. With a presentation and conversation we will consider: 1) Matthew's presentation of Jesus; 2) what Matthew says about Jesus who walked that first landscape of Palestine to communities of faith who first read the evangelist in the years 80 to 90 CE; 3) how may we read this gospel now, bringing Jesus forward to the landscape of our lives today? This is a study of both the head and the heart, prayerfully open to the movement of the Holy Spirit who also encourages us to laugh.
– Led by Rev. Jimmy Hulsey

Library – Today's Sermon Text and Theme. Scripture: Psalm 13 & 79; Theme: Psalms of Lament. If you are interested in learning

about the text and theme as a preparation for worship join us for this engaging and informative conversation. – Led by Barry Cobb, John James & Gil Graybill

John Knox Room – The book of Romans is a "deep dive" bible study into Paul's letter to first Century Christians and offers us the opportunity to consider how we might interpret it for our 21st century lives.
– Led by Nancy Law

Room 200 – Prayers of the Heart. Join us for a time of devotion using a simple hands on practice that is easy to integrate into your daily schedule.
– Facilitated by Nancy Eyre and Susan Bradshaw.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) are actively involved in several areas of church ministry. PW joins in various ways for fellowship, Bible study, church and mission projects. For more information, see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the main hallway, or contact Judie Greenwalt (jkgreenawalt@bellsouth.net), Sharon Cole (sharoncole@carolina.rr.com), or Gretchen McDuffie (gsmcduffie@yahoo.com).



Youth Today

There will be no youth programs tonight. All youth and families are encouraged to come to Tacos, Tunes, and Tiramisu, the Youth Fundraiser today immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fabulous food and marvelous music even if you have not sent in an RSVP. Eliza Spear, a music major at Elon University, is the featured Singer/Songwriter. Her music can be found on Spotify, Youtube, and Facebook.

All youth who are attending Massanetta, Montreat, or the Mission Trip to Maryland should plan to stay and help with clean up.

Massanetta Middle School Conference is June 23-26.

It is for rising 6-9th grade youth. Flyer can be found on the church website under 'Youth Forms' and also in the wall pockets across from Frank Boyd's office.

Montreat Youth Conference is July 19-25.

It is filling up quickly, so if you want to avoid the wait list, please sign up ASAP. This event is for 8th -12th grade youth.



ACTIVE YOUTH – (Top) Middle school youth collecting canned food for North Raleigh Ministries. (Bottom) Middle school youth at Kirk Of Kildaire in Cary for New Hope Presbytery's faith and sexuality program.

Calendar



Sunday, January 26

Nursery Wing Opens	9:15 am
Pre-Elementary Extended Care (218)	9:30 am
Elementary Joyful Noise (GH)	9:30 am
Explorers/Confirmation (227/234)	9:30 am
The Gathering	9:30 am
Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Tacos, Tunes & Tiramisu (WH)	11:30 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am

Monday, January 27

Memorial Garden Committee (JK)	2:00 pm
Session (JK)	7:00 pm
Al-Anon, Alateen, Alakid (GH)	8:00 pm

Tuesday, January 28

ROMEO's (Bojangles Atlantic Ave.)	7:45 am
Single Way (IHOP)	1:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #376 (GH)	7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 29

Preschool Teacher Workday	
Women at the Well (Parlor)	9:15 am
Hudson Handbell Ringers (Sanctuary)	6:15 pm
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm

Thursday, January 30

No activities scheduled

Friday, January 31

No activities scheduled

Saturday, February 1

Norma Atkins' Memorial Service (Mitchell Funeral Home)	1:00 pm
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Sunday, February 2

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Explorers/Confirmation (227/234)	9:30 am
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Children's Education (Children's Wing)	10:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Nursery Wing Closes	11:45 am

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the church will notify the local ABC (WTVD) and NBC (WRAL) television stations if church will be delayed or canceled. Check the closings before venturing out in bad weather. We will do our best to have the sidewalks and steps cleared, but there is no guarantee that there will not be slippery spots. It is also possible that there will not be child care on Sunday morning.

