

**TODAY** THIS WEEK  
**Monday** NO Youth Group tonight  
**Monday** 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting  
**Wednesday** 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THE USHERS FOR JANUARY ARE:**

Harry Doughtie, Head Usher  
 Jerry Price, Scott & Susan Fecho,  
 Jim Menke, Beth Ferrell & I.V. Thompson

NEXT WEEK AT HMPC

Acolyte – TBD  
 Crucifer – Laura Ashley Lamm  
 Children's Church – Reese & Crystal Brown

BIBLE STUDIES

**Tuesday** 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study  
**Tuesday** 8:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study  
**Tuesday** 2:30 p.m. Women's Afternoon Bible Study  
**Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)  
**Wednesday** 9:15 a.m. Women's Small Group

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

**YOUTH CHILI LUNCHEON AND DESSERT AUCTION FUNDRAISER,**  
**immediately after worship.** \$5.00 per person and don't forget to stay for the  
 dessert auction! Please come hungry and contribute to the youth and their  
 mission activities. The youth thank you for all your support and prayers.

**January 31** – Service of Ordination and Installation of our new  
 Elders, Adam Schultz and Bonnie Whitehurst, and the installation  
 of Beth Brinson, Ellen Clark, Martha Creech and C. W. Mayo, IV.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday,  
 January 31, immediately following worship. At this meeting,  
 the 2016 budget will be presented to the congregation for  
 consideration and approval.

SAVE THE DATES

**February 7 - Scout Sunday - Scouts will lead Worship**  
**February 10 - 6:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday - Pancake/Sausage Supper**  
 hosted by the Men of the Church  
**6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday service for adults and**  
 children  
**February 14 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**February 17 - 1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Lecture**

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**THE SESSION**

Benjamin Kane, Moderator  
 C.W. Mayo, IV, Clerk of Session (2015)

**Committee Moderators of the Session**

<b>Christian Education</b> Lynn Taylor (2016)	<b>Membership Development</b> Betsy Davis (2016)
<b>Congregational Life</b> Ellen Clark (2015)	<b>Mission and Christian Witness</b> Kelly Parker (2016)
<b>Facilities</b> June Cherry (2015)	<b>Worship</b> Stuart Sanderson (2016)
<b>Finance and Stewardship</b> Greg Sessoms (2017)	<b>Worship</b> Carnell Lamm (2016)
<b>Facilities</b> Harry Doughtie (2017)	<b>Worship</b> Nancy Whitehurst (2015)
<b>Finance and Stewardship</b> Tom Cordle (2017)	
<b>Facilities</b> Beth Brinson (2015)	
<b>Finance and Stewardship</b> Bill Clark (2017)	

*(Elder Class in parentheses)*

**Staff**

**Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane, Pastor**

Children's Education & Music Director.....Katie Schultz  
 Director of Music/Organist.....Bill Hilderbrandt  
 Finance Administrator.....Gail Hussey  
 Office Administrator/Facilities.....Joy Acree  
 Sexton..... Arthur Walker

DID YOU KNOW?

**“Praying the Congregation Through the Year”**

We are a community of faith that seeks to share each other's joys and concerns.  
 To that end, the worship committee and Rev. Kane decided to "Pray the  
 Congregation Through the Year." During the Prayers of the People Ben will pray  
 for five to seven members. We invite you to continue to pray for those individuals  
 throughout the week. If you desire to be bold in your faith, ask those five to seven  
 people if there are specific prayers you could offer during the week.  
 As the Apostle Paul proclaimed, "We are to pray without ceasing."



**HOWARD MEMORIAL**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*"We are united in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and  
 Savior and in the transforming power of God's  
 love and grace. We seek to follow the Word of God  
 and remain committed to service and mission both  
 locally and beyond."*

**January 24, 2016**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane**

**GATHERING**

*As we gather together to worship God, we invite you to please  
 sign the maroon friendship pad.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lord be with you!  
 And also with you!

**PRELUDE** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name arr. D. Bish

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing joyful songs to God, our Savior.  
**Remember the Lord, who set us free.**  
Blow the trumpet; sound the tambourine!  
**Remember the Lord, the God of life.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**God of Sunday and Sabbath,**  
**we praise you for your work of creation**  
**and give thanks for our gift of rest.**  
**By the power of your Word and Spirit,**  
**let there be a new creation here among us—**  
**a place where all may enjoy**  
**your good gifts of life and freedom;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #10** Sing Glory to the Name of God

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

In our distress, we call to the Lord,  
**who rescues us.**  
Whether we are drowning in sin  
or thirsty for salvation,  
**God is ready to save.**  
Rejoicing in God's grace,  
let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of freedom, have mercy on us.**  
**We enjoy idle pleasures**  
**and pursue lives of leisure**  
**while others stoop to serve us**  
**and struggle to support themselves.**  
**We enact rules and regulations**  
**that benefit the wealthy**  
**at the expense of basic needs—**  
**human health and daily bread.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Set us free to serve you**  
**and to seek the liberation of all;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN #288** *Spirit of the Living God*  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**DECLARATION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the promise of the Lord:  
I am the Holy One, your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.  
Like weary travelers in the wilderness,  
**let us drink deeply of God's grace.**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
Thanks be to God.

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Hymn #583

*Gloria, gloria*  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Katie Schultz

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Meredith Peters

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 2:1-3 (p. #2)

**ANTHEM**

Amazing Grace arr. John N. Beck

**THE SECOND READING**

Mark 2: 23-3:6 (p. #36)

**HOMILY**

"Sabbath: Who is in Control?" Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane

**Questions for Reflection**

Why did Jesus find himself in conflict with the religious authorities over the keeping of the Sabbath (Mark 2:23 - 3:6; cf. Deuteronomy 5:12-15)? What does it mean that "the Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27)? Can you think of situations in which the laws of church or state come into conflict with the values of human health and well-being? How do you imagine Jesus might address such situations?

**\*HYMN #460**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Confession of 1967*

**Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate for the needs of the time. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Aria

G. Bohm

**DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #606

**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**

I.V. Thompson

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, O God,**  
**for every blessing you provide—**  
**life, health, community, freedom—**  
**and above all, the treasure of life in Christ.**  
**By your Spirit, empower us**  
**to extend these blessings to others**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #546**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on Lasst uns Erfreuen

arr. D. Johnson

*A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!  
It is a genuine pleasure to gather as God's people,  
to open ourselves to the presence of God  
and to praise God with loving hearts.*

*All late arrivals to worship will be seated during the first hymn,  
after the Time with Children or during the hymn following the Homily.*

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Acolyte this morning – Carissa Spruill  
The Crucifer this morning – Steven Spruill  
Children's Church – Judy & Bryan Mayo