

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Acolyte this morning – Usher  
The Crucifer this morning – Usher  
Children’s Church – TBD

**TODAY**

Sing with the Summer Choir Ends

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

**NEXT WEEK AT HMPC**

Acolyte – Usher  
Crucifer – Usher  
Children’s Church – Dana & Grace Alexander

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - Men’s Morning Bible Study

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SAVE THE DATES**

August 17 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice  
August 22 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting  
August 28 Joint Worship with St. James Methodist  
followed by Potluck lunch  
September 5 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
September 7 Pot Luck Supper  
BackPack Buddies Shower  
September 11 Rally Day!  
September 18 4:30 p.m. - Elder Training  
October 2 Church Family Picnic  
October 30 Stewardship Sunday

**HOWARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**THE SESSION**

Benjamin Kane, Moderator  
C.W. Mayo, IV, Clerk of Session (2018)

**Committee Moderators of the Session**

**Christian Education**  
Lynn Taylor (2016)  
Bonnie Whitehurst (2018)  
**Congregational Life**  
Ellen Clark (2018)  
Martha Creech (2016)  
**Facilities**  
Harry Doughtie (2017)  
Greg Sessoms (2017)  
**Finance and Stewardship**  
Tom Cordle (2017)  
Beth Brinson (2018)  
Bill Clark (2017)

**Membership Development**  
Ellington Smoot (2017)  
**Mission and Christian Witness**  
Kelly Parker (2016)  
**Worship**  
Carnell Lamm (2016)  
Adam Schultz (2018)

*(Elder Class in parentheses)*

**Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane  
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



**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.”*

**August 14, 2016**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

**PRELUDE**

Allegretto in F

C. Franck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**let us also lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance  
the race that is set before us.**  
Mindful of the gifts we receive  
and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,  
**let us worship God.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of Peace,**  
Your call, at times, appears to divide us from  
from one another.  
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.  
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.  
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.  
We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN #321** The Church's One Foundation

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's hopes for us,  
**let us come before God with contrite hearts,  
asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of hope, we confess  
our disregard of your care,  
our doubt of your providence,  
our blindness to signs of your love.**  
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;  
we separate ourselves from you and from others  
and foster divisions between those you love.  
Help us to amend our lives  
and make us your faithful people  
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Spirit of the Living God** Hymnal #288

*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**

God hears our confession,  
rejoicing as we desire life.  
**God lifts us from our despondency  
to rejoice in the company of the saints.**  
God acknowledges the forces that separate us,  
and brings us to peace.  
**Let us rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation  
and a life lived in the presence of God. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE** Hymnal #581

*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.*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Katie Schultz

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Bryan Haislip

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

**FIRST READING** Psalm 80:1-2, 8 -19 (p. 540, 541)

**ANTHEM** Rejoice in God's Saints F. P. Green

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 11:29 -12:2 (p. 226)

**HOMILY** "I've Seen It" Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane

**\*HYMN #377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Confession of 1967

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and  
obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was  
the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new  
creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its  
meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for  
the reconciliation of the world.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** I Sing A Song of the Saints of God  
J. Hopkins

**OFFERING**

**\*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**

Carnell Lamm

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

**We trust, O God,  
in your provision and loving kindness.  
Use these gifts and our lives  
that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving.  
We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.**

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

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #846** Fight the Good Fight

**\*BENEDICTION**

**God is present to us,  
calling us to attend to our lives  
and our world.  
Confident in God's provision and direction  
we go forth inspired,  
seeking reconciliation in places of division,  
honoring the plight of those on the margins,  
and filled with gratitude for God's promises.**

**POSTLUDE** Postlude on *Darwell* E. Thiman

*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.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God and in  
loving memory of Carol C. Cordle and Rev. Robert E. Burns, III*

**All late arrivals to worship will be seated during the first hymn, after the  
time with Children or during the hymn following the Homily. For those  
who exit the sanctuary during worship please remember that all the  
doors of our church are locked during worship, except the Sanctuary  
doors that lead directly into the narthex. If you need access to any other  
doors, please see an usher who would be glad to accommodate you.**

**THE USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST ARE:**

**Carnell Lamm, Head Usher**  
John Montoya, David & Andrea Sessoms,  
Ted & Dawn Whitehurst and George Whitehurst, Sr.