

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice  
Monday 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

**NEXT WEEK AT HMPC**

Acolyte – Usher  
Crucifer – Usher  
Children’s Church – Ellen Clark & Debbie Gammons

August 28 Joint Worship with St. James Methodist followed by Potluck lunch

**BIBLE STUDIES**

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

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

"You'll not want to miss our Potluck Supper & Backpack Buddies "Shower" on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 PM! (Shopping lists are in the vestibule. Please take one!)

**SAVE THE DATES**

September 5 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
September 7 Potluck 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**

<b>Christian Education</b> Lynn Taylor (2016) Bonnie Whitehurst (2018)	<b>Membership Development</b> Ellington Smoot (2017)
<b>Congregational Life</b> Ellen Clark (2018) Martha Creech (2016)	<b>Mission and Christian Witness</b> Kelly Parker (2016)
<b>Facilities</b> Harry Doughtie (2017) Greg Sessoms (2017)	<b>Worship</b> Carnell Lamm (2016) Adam Schultz (2018)
<b>Finance and Stewardship</b> Tom Cordle (2017) Beth Brinson (2018) Bill Clark (2017)	

*(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 21, 2016**  
**14<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**      **Prayer in D Flat**      **G. Martin**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our rock and our fortress,  
our refuge and strength.  
**God is our hope and our trust.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

God of healing and reconciliation,  
you free us from our burdens  
and promise us safety and refuge.  
Help us to trust in your power,  
that we may praise you without qualification  
and rejoice in the power of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN #610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our God is compassionate and merciful,  
**knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend.**  
There is nothing we have done,  
or left undone,  
**that is not already known by God.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Life,**  
**you promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken**  
**and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.**  
**But we forget,**  
**and yield to fear.**  
**We trust in the tangible rewards of this world,**  
**and neglect your promises.**  
**We confess that we are a divided people;**  
**we foster separations and widen rifts**  
**in our families, our communities, and in the world.**  
**Open us to your healing.**  
**Free us from all that distances us from your presence.**  
**Give us your grace**  
**and inspire us to serve you with courage;**  
**through Jesus Christ who comes to save. 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**

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to  
amend our lives,  
God rejoices in our longing for wholeness.  
**Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven,**  
**set free to live the resurrected life of faith. 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** Betsy Davis

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

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 1:4-10 (p.698 )

**ANTHEM** We are Standing on Holy Ground/Jacob's Ladder

**SECOND READING** Luke 13: 10-17 (p. 76)

**HOMILY** "A Different Call" Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane

**\*HYMN #442** Just As I Am, without One Plea

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

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.**  
**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and**  
**goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing**  
**power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and**  
**goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in**  
**Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord**  
**and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**  
**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY** Largo in D A. Vivaldi

**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**

Dawn Whitehurst

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

Loving God,  
we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you.  
Inspired by the knowledge of your love,  
we give thanks for the gifts you offer us each day,  
and pray that our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

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

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #408** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Go forth into the world rejoicing,**  
**sure of the healing God offers.**  
**Share the good news with all,**  
**seeing those who feel unknown and forgotten.**  
**Be strengthened in your faith,**  
**and trust in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.**

**POSTLUDE** Improvisation on Azmon P. Manz

*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 pink rose in the Sanctuary this morning is given by the Membership*  
*Development Committee to the Glory of God*  
*and in honor of Sallie Holmes Highley, born August 17,*  
*to Mr. and Mrs. Reid Highley.*  
*The proud grandmother is Sallie Carlisle.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God*  
*and in loving memory of Linda Mears Howard*

**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.