



Hamburg Presbyterian Church

Hamburg Presbyterian Church is striving to become a spiritually passionate congregation that lives out Christ's teachings; through love-filled relationship building, we prayerfully seek to share our lives and resources with the community and the world.

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15TH, 2026

* Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music “*Vexilla Regis (Standard of the Lord)*” F Liszt
Jesse Bonaventura

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Bill Brodie

Prelude “*Gretchen am Spinnrade*”

Jesse B

***Responsive Call to Worship (please stand)**

Hollis Bahruth

Prayer of St. Patrick:

I take for my sureties:

The power of God to guide me,

The might of God to uphold me,

The wisdom of God to teach me,

The eye of God to watch over me,

The ear of God to hear me,

The word of God to give me speech,

The hand of God to protect me,

The way of God to go before me,

The shield of God to shelter me...

Christ be with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ within me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ at my right, Christ at my left,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #187** “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*”

***Passing of the Peace**

Hollis B.

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace to one another

***Doxology Hymn #606**

“*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings*”

Unison Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.)

Hollis B.

Gracious God, we want to hold on to what we know. We are afraid to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we want to keep our lives safe. Forgive us, O God, when we cling to comfort, when we build barriers to protect

ourselves, when we choose the easy way. Transform our fears that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus to serve the world. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Bill B

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response Hymn #729 *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

First Reading (read responsively)

Psalm 103

Hollis B

I will praise the LORD.

Deep down inside me, I will praise him.

I will praise him, because his name is holy.

2 I will praise the LORD.

I won't forget anything he does for me.

3 He forgives all my sins.

He heals all my sicknesses.

4 He saves my life from going down into the grave.

His faithful and tender love makes me feel like a king.

5 He satisfies me with the good things I desire.

Then I feel young and strong again, just like an eagle.

**6 The LORD does what is right and fair
for all who are treated badly.**

7 He told Moses all about his plans.

He let the people of Israel see his mighty acts.

8 The LORD is tender and kind. He is gracious.

He is slow to get angry. He is full of love.

9 He won't keep bringing charges against us.

He won't stay angry with us forever.

10 He doesn't punish us for our sins as much as we should be punished.

He doesn't pay us back in keeping with the evil things we've done.

11 He loves those who have respect for him.

His love is as high as the heavens are above the earth.

12 He has removed our sins from us.

He has removed them as far as the east is from the west.

13 A father is tender and kind to his children.

In the same way, the LORD is tender and kind
to those who have respect for him.

14 He knows what we are made of.

He remembers that we are dust.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 16, 2026

[Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 59:9-19](#); [Acts 9:1-20](#);

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

[Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 42:14-21](#); [Colossians 1:9-14](#);

Wednesday, March 18,

2026: [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 60:17-22](#); [Matthew 9:27-34](#);

Thursday, March 19, 2026

[Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3](#); [Revelation 10:1-11](#);

Friday, March 20, 2026

[Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 33:10-16](#); [Revelation 11:15-19](#);

Saturday, March 21, 2026

[Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 36:8-15](#); [Luke 24:44-53](#);

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 16TH

Mon. Mar 16 7pm Worship & Music (Z)
7pm AlAnon FG)

Tues. Mar 17 11am Worship Planning (Z)
5:30pm Chancel Choir
6:30pm Bells of Praise

Wed. Mar 18 10am Mission Quilters
12:30 Ruth Circle (ALR)
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner
7:30pm AA (FH)

Thurs. Mar 19 6:30 Deacons
7pm YogaFaith (FH)

Fri. Mar 20 10pm AA (FH)

Sat. Mar 21 9:30am UCG (FH)

Liturgists

Mar. 22- Kris McGuire

Mar. 29 - Wayne Hines

Apr. 5 - Pat Catalino

Apr. 12- Lamont Beers

Apr. 19– Elyse Perry

Apr. 26– Anna Robinson

Ushers

Mar. 22 - Jean Coffey

Mar. 29 - Cheryl Koelmel

Apr 5- Joanne Yoviene

Apr 12-Elyse Perry

Apr 19- Leanne Howe

Apr 26- Kris McGuire

It is a sin to hate your neighbor.

But blessed is the person who is kind to those in need.

Proverbs 14:21

Announcements

CE March Sandwich Making: HPC youth will be making sandwiches after church today Sunday 3/15 Join us for fun!

Lenten Dinner and Taize Prayer Service: Please join us in the Chapel on **Wednesday, March 18th at 5:30 PM** for this meditative Lenten service. The evening will include special music by the choir, Scripture readings, and prayer. Following the service, **Church Life** will host a soup and salad dinner in the lounge. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.

Adult Sunday School will continue in the Amy Low Room at 9AM on Sundays. The topic is Prayer in Lent, led by Pastor Rachel and Tony Cimorelli, 2/22-3/29

Springtime in the Country Tracy thanks all the people that signed up to help

One Great Hour Of Sharing boxes are on the table in the narthex. OGHs donations support causes i.e. disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees serving individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Boxes can be returned on Palm Sunday 3/29

The Mission Team will be having a **Meat Raffle** at the Hamburg Moose Lodge on April 18. Tickets will be on sale after the service. See Melissa Ferraro for details.

The Blessing Box located on the Main St. lawn. We need canned soups/ stews/ pasta, peanut butter and packaged dry goods. Make sure items are not near or past the expiration dat. Your donations feed our community! Thank you!

Coffee Hour: Meet in the lounge after the service for a time of fellowship

March 22 Mission

29 Bells of Praise
April 5 Church Life and W&M
12 Hospitality & Nominating

Sandwich Sunday Delivery Volunteers: Please bring wrapped sandwiches on the third Sunday of every month. HPC will deliver sandwiches to the Hamburg Hotels. Please sign up in the narthex if you can aid in the delivery.

The Blessing Tree has been taken down for the season. We thank all of those that donated.

The Mission Team is encouraging everyone to return recyclable cans and bottles to the Can Bottle Return at 4255 Clark Street in the Village of Hamburg. At the register say that you would like the money to go to Hamburg Presbyterian Church. The money will go toward the Blessing Box.

Flower Sign up Sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex

HPC is pleased to announce another option for giving. We are now using the Tithe.ly program for those wishing to use electronic giving. Simply use your camera to scan the QR Code in the bulletin or newsletter. This will take you to the Tithe.ly website where you set up your giving amount, designate its purpose, provide your contact information and your payment method. You can set up a recurring donation and your receipt will be emailed to you. You can also install their free app. Tithe.ly uses the highest level of security and encryption to protect your information. We encourage you try this new safe, convenient option.



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