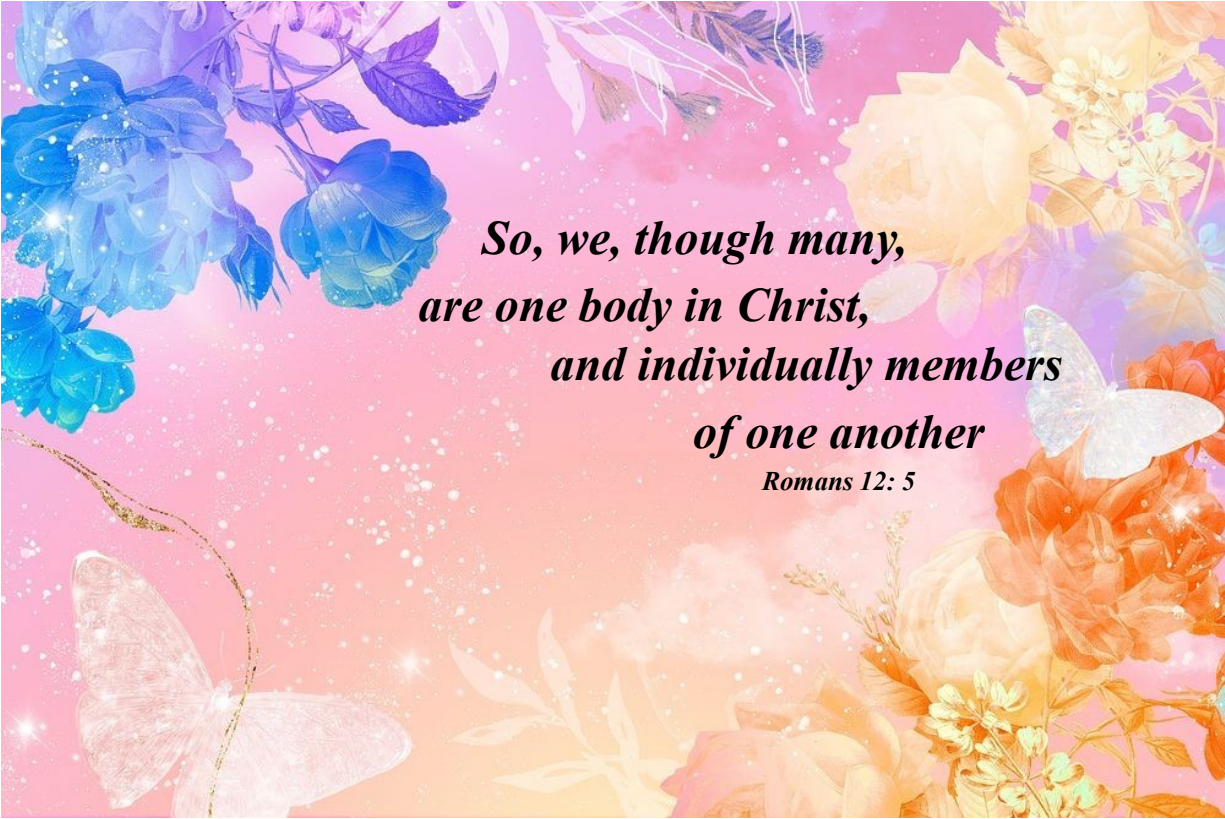




***So, we, though many,
are one body in Christ,
and individually members
of one another***

Romans 12: 5

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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October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am

* Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music *“Exerpt from ‘the harmonious blacksmith’”* G.F. Handel Jesse Bonaventura
Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rachel Brown

Prelude *“God, We Honor You”* (Hymn 709) J. Bonaventura

***Responsive Call to Worship** (Please stand.) Hal Lewis

Delight! Children of God, delight!

We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God’s grace.

We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving. **Let us worship God!**

***Opening Hymn # 300** *“We Are One in the Spirit.”*

***Passing the Peace** Hal L.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace to one another

***Doxology #606**

Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.) Hal L. **God of amazing grace,**

You have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short; times when we forget; times when we focus on the wrong things; and times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Brown

Hear these words from Christ: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So go forth in the power of the Almighty, who forgives you and loves you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

Response Hymn #313 *“Lord, Make Us More Holy”*

First Reading Psalm 133: 1-3

Hal L.

¹How good and pleasant it is when God’s
people live together in peace!

²It’s like the special olive oil that
was poured on Aaron’s head. It ran
down on his beard and on the
collar of his robe. ³It’s as if the dew
of Mount Hermon were falling on
Mount Zion. There the Lord gives
his blessing.

He gives life that never end¹

Special Music I *“The Blessing of God in Solitude”* F. Liszt

Jesse B.

Second Reading Romans 12: 3-10

Rev. Brown

³ God’s grace has been given to me. So here is what I say to every one of you. Don’t think of yourself more highly than you should. Be reasonable when you think about yourself. Keep in mind the faith God has given to each of you. ⁴ Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. ⁵ So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts. ⁶ We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. ⁷ If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. ⁸ Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.

Sermon “Building Love-filled Relationships Through Community”

Rev. Brown

Special Music II *“I’ll Fly Away”*

Bells of Praise

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Brown

The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Message

Hal L.

***Closing Hymn #733** *"We Are All One in Mission"*

***Benediction**

Rev. Brown

Postlude *"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"*

Jesse B.

Sending Music *"Leaving on a Jet Plane"* J. Denver

Jesse B.

Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgist: Hal L. ***Head Usher:*** Julie Cimorelli

In Our Prayers

Joys: Children's Sunday School launched today: 8 children attended.

Concerns: Continue praying for Sandy Smith's sister, Debbie, and Jean Coffey's great-granddaughter, Eleanor; after one hip surgery, she is getting another soon.

Prayers for the families of the shooting victims in Erie, PA

Ministry Opportunities for the week of October 19th

Monday Oct 19th **7:00 pm.** AlAnon (FH)

Tuesday Oct 20th **11:00 am** Worship Planning (Z/ALR)

5:30 pm. Chancel Choir

6:30 pm. Bells of Praise

7:00 pm. Worship & Music

Wednesday Oct 21st **7:30 pm.** AA (FH)

Thursday Oct 22nd **7:00pm.** YogaFaith

Friday. Oct 23rd **9:00am.** Homeschool Enrichment Program **Saturday**

Oct 24th **9:30 am.** UCG

	Liturgists	Ushers
October 25th	Kevin Mills	Terri Vogler
November 1st	Elyse Perry	Nancy Brogan
November 8th	Wayne Hines	Pat Catalino
November 15th	Janie Smith.	Lamont Beers
November 22nd	Jim Sampson	Janie Smith
November 29th	Joanne Yoviene	Lamont Beers

Announcements

Service information for Helen Duryea: There will be visiting hours Friday, October 30th, from 10 am – 12 pm at Loomis, Offers, & Loomis; on October 31st there will be a celebration of Helen's life here at HPC at 10 am followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

We will welcome Rev. Cecelia Armstrong as a guest preacher on Sunday, October 25. CeCe (as she is known by friends) is currently serving as Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She was elected in July of 2024 and currently is serving as an Associate Pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

The baptism of Colton Ferraro has been scheduled for November 1. Join us to welcome him into the HPC family.

Christmas in the Country will be held at the Erie County Fairgrounds on November 5-8 and 13-15, 2026. Please sign up in the Narthex or using sign up Genius to help

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA5AB2AA6F4CE9-65021924-copy>

More information in the Towel & Basin. All proceeds will help our mission work both locally and internationally.



QR code for Sign-up Genius

Pastor Rachel's 20th Anniversary of her Ordination will be rescheduled.

Return recyclable cans and bottles to the Can Bottle Return at 4255 Clark Street in Hamburg. At the register, tell them that you would like the money to go to the Hamburg Presbyterian Church. The money benefits the Blessing Box

Calling all potential singers and ringers! It's not too late to join us! We welcome you. You don't need much musical background; we will help you as we go! The Chancel Choir practices every Tuesday at 5:30 pm; the Bells of Praise practice at 6:30 pm every Tuesday.

Sunday School program for children ages 5-12 at 9 am will begin **October 11, 2026** in the CE classroom on the 2nd floor. It will be led by Pastor Rachel and Randi Smith. There will be a Confirmation class 2026-2027. **Adult Sunday School:** Tony Cimorelli will be leading the adult class at 9 am in the Amy Low Room. His topic will be: "Community Building, Love-Filled Relationships: The Church, Community, and the World"

CIA and our Mission Team are collecting new or gently used bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, as well as new plastic shower curtain liners, shower curtain rods, and shower curtain hooks.

The Blessing Box is located on the Main St. lawn. We need canned soups/stews/pasta, peanut butter, jelly, and packaged dry goods; expired/close to expiration date items cannot be accepted.

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

Oct 25 Deacons

Nov 1 Presbyterian Women and Personnel

Nov 8 Mission and Financial Management & Stewardship

Nov 15 Christian Ed

Sandwich Sunday: the third Sunday of every month. Please bring wrapped sandwiches and place them in the coolers in the coat room. HPC delivers these sandwiches to the Hamburg Hotel; please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to aid in the delivery.

HPC is pleased to offer the option of electronic giving. The Tithely program provides a safe, convenient option for those not wanting to use checks or cash. Scan the QR code in your bulletin, newsletter, on the website or in the Narthex. You will be directed to the Tithely donation page to set up your payment. You can also download the app for your phone.



- **Monday, October 12, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25;
Complementary: Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25;
- **Monday, October 12, 2026: Canadian Thanksgiving Day**
- **Tuesday, October 13, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1;
Complementary: Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1;
- **Wednesday, October 14, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35;
Complementary: Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35;
- **Thursday, October 15, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12;
Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12;
- **Friday, October 16, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
- **Saturday, October 17, 2026:**
Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12;
Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12;