



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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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

* Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music

Jesse Bonaventura

Chimes

Jesse B.

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

Prelude *"Something Good"* R. Hammerstein

Jesse B.

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

Shirley Hines

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

The life we have been given by God, the life we share with one another in community.

We gather as a community called to bear one another's burdens,

To lift each other up, and to walk the path of peace together.

With hearts ready to receive the Prince of Peace,

And hands ready to carry and care for our neighbors.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life and the strength we share,

And let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn #66** *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*



**Blessing of the Backpacks, Teachers, Professors,
Schools**



Unison Prayer for Teachers

Mark Aquino

Dear God, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children.

Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen

***Passing the Peace**

Shirley H.

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace to one another

***Doxology Hymn #606**

Unison Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.)

Shirley H

Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we are often too proud to let others help us, and too indifferent to carry the heavy burdens of our neighbors. We fail to seek Your peace, and we walk alone when You have called us to travel together.

So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds—teaching us how to gracefully let others carry us to Your healing presence, and giving us the power, strength, and courage to carry others in return. Put Your peace within us and through us, that we might be a community of true restoration. This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, made new and whole. **Hallelujah!**

Response Hymn #701 “*Lord, Prepare Me*” (sung twice)

First Reading Luke 19:28-40

Shirley H

Special Music I “*10,000 Reasons*” Matt Redman

Jesse B

Second Reading “Mark 2: 1-12

Mark Aquino

Sermon Surfboards and Donkeys

Mark Aquino

Special Music II “*Let There Be Peace On Earth*”
Praise

Bells of

Joys and Concerns

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**

Shirley H.

***Closing Hymn #69** “*Here I Am, Lord*”

Postlude and time of reflection

Jesse B

***Benediction**

Mark Aquino

Sending Music

Jesse B

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Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgist: Shirley Hines ***Head Usher:*** Melissa Ferraro

Thank you for sharing this time with us this morning!

In Our Prayers

Joys: Thankful for this beautiful day!

Concerns -

Pastor Lisa asked for prayers for her brother-in-law, Robin and her sister Sue. Robin will begin his chemo treatments this week. Continued prayers for Rev. Rachel as she continues to heal. Cheryl Weyand asked for prayers for all of those returning to school this week

Prayers for the Reagan family on the passing of Jen's brother-in-law

Liturgists	Ushers
Sept 27 Kris McGuire	Sept 27 Sue Almond
Oct 4 Anna Robinson	Oct 4 Joanne Yoviene
Oct 11 Holly Bahruth	Oct 11 Melissa Ferraro
Oct 18 Hal Lewis	Oct 18 Julie Cimorelli
Oct 25	Oct 25 Teri Vogler

Ministry Opportunities for the Week of September 21st

Monday, September 21	7:00pm Worship & Music (Z) 7:00pm AlAnon (FH)
Tuesday, September 22	11:00am Worship Planning (Z) 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Bells of Praise
Wednesday September 23	7:30 pm AA (FH)
Thursday, September 24	7:00 pm YogaFaith (FH)
Friday September 25	Homeschool Enrichment Program
Saturday September 26	9:30 am UCG (FH)

Announcements

Pastor Rachel's 20th Anniversary of her Ordination. Will be rescheduled when Rachel recovers.

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 Bells of Praise began practicing on September 1 at 6:30 pm but we still need you to join us. We will join the worship service on September 20th. We will teach you what you need to know

Sunday School program for children ages 5-12 at 9 will be delayed ; We will, however have the Blessing of the Backpacks, children, teachers, school staff at 10 AM in the sanctuary. There will be a Confirmation class 2026-2027.

Adult Sunday School: Tony Cimorelli will be leading the adult class at 9am in the Amy Low Room. His topic will be: "Community Building, Love--filled Relationships: The Church, Local Community, and the World."

The Blessing Box located on the Main St. lawn. We need canned soups/stews/pasta, peanut butter, jelly and packaged dry goods (no expired/close to expiration date items can be accepted

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

CIA and our Mission Team 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

Sandwich Sunday: the third Sunday of every month. Please bring wrapped sandwiches to church and put them in the coolers in the coat room. HPC is working to provide these sandwiches to community members. HPC will deliver sandwiches to the Hamburg Hotels. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to aid in the delivery. (continued next page)

Undie Sunday is coming!!!! For September please donate new underwear (Men's, Women's, and Children's You can donate in several ways:

- 1) Donate a check or cash
- 2) Order underwear, socks, or bras online from your favorite site or from our Amazon Wishlist <https://a.co/3BEHKpQ> QR code for wishlist



- 3) Drop items into the marked bin in the Narthex
- 4) Group order or pick up from WalMart or Target

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 their app for your phone.



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

Sept 27 Adult Bell Choir

Oct 4 Church Life and Worship & Music

Oct 11 Presbyterian Women

Oct 18 Session

Oct 25 Deacons

Daily Devotionals for the Week of 9-21-26

• Monday, September 21, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31- 35; Romans 16:1-16; Complementary: Psalm 106:1- 12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16;

• Tuesday, September 22, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1- 9; Romans 16:17-20; Complementary: Psalm 106:1- 12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20;

• Wednesday, September 23, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31- 32; Matthew 18 :1-5; Complementary: Psalm 106:1- 12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1- 5;

• Thursday, September 24, 2026

Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1- 4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16; Complementary: Psalm 25:1- 9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11- 16;

• Friday, September 25, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1- 4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41; Complementary: Psalm 25:1- 9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41; •

Saturday, September 26, 2026: Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1- 4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12- 14; Mark 11:27-33;

Complementary: Psalm 25:1- 9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27- 33; —

~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY~

Christmas in the Country Artisan Craft Show

November 5-8 AND November 13-15, 2026

Event Center on the Fairgrounds

Hamburg, NY

Please consider volunteering your time to support HPC at Christmas in the Country. This #1 nationally ranked artisan market/craft fair will return to the Hamburg Fairgrounds in November for 2 weekends, and HPC members and friends have volunteered by taking/scanning tickets, stamping hands or issuing return passes. The funds raised benefit HPC mission work both locally and internationally. There will be a sign up board in the Narthex or using the Sign Up Genius

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



QR code:

Instructions will be distributed in person or via email. Thank you for your continued support! Questions??? Please contact Tracy Tone (716-648-5645 or kttone14075@gmail.com).

You do not need to be a member of Hamburg Presbyterian to volunteer; this opportunity is open to all who are willing to help. All mobility ranges will be accommodated. There are seated and standing volunteer positions; please let Tracy know if you need an accommodation.

**If you choose to, you are welcome to enter the show and shop before or after your shift or on a different day of the same weekend show you are volunteering for.*

**Please note: Your return pass only gets you into the weekend of the show you paid for or volunteered at. A new ticket must be purchased for the following weekend's show or if able, volunteer again.*

**Please note: Professional dress is required- no jeans or sweatpants*

