



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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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

* Please stand as you are able.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the holy season of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. We hung cedar greens to represent royalty, fir and pine boughs to represent everlasting life, holly to symbolize Jesus' death, and ivy to represent the resurrection. Advent makes innkeepers of all of us, asking each of us to make room for the arrival of Christ the King. Let us prepare our hearts, our lives, our church, and our homes!

Gathering Music *"Excerpt from 'Christmas Cantata'"* J. S. Bach

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Reverend Rachel Brown

Prelude: Call to Light

Chancel Choir

Light of Peace

Tony & Julie Cimorelli

Chancel Choir

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

Robin Reed

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

***Opening Hymn #107** *"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"*

***Passing the Peace**

Robin R.

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace to one another

***Doxology Hymn #606**

Time for Children

Elyse Perry

Unison Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.)

Robin R.

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us Yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of

Your kingdom. Teach us Your truth, so we might be able to keep Your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Rev. Brown

God does not remember our sins,
but does remember the promises which have been made to us.
God does not shame us but lifts us to new life.
Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.
**You are the God of our days,
we wait for You to come to us. Amen.**

Response Hymn # 108 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” vs 1,2,3

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Robin R.

- 1 Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.
- 2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3 He will delight in obeying the Lord.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.
- 4 He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.
- 5 He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.
- 6 In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,
and a little child will lead them all.
- 7 The cow will graze near the bear.
The cub and the calf will lie down together.
The lion will eat hay like a cow.
- 8 The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.
- 9 Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,
for as the waters fill the sea,
so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.
- 10 In that day the heir to David’s throne
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.
The nations will rally to him,
and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

Special Music I “*Taste and See*” (Hymn 520) Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Romans 15: 5-14

Rev Brown

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews^[a] on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name.”^[b]

¹⁰ Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”^[c]

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him.”^[d]

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”^[e]

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Sermon

“Waiting for Christmas”

Rev. Brown

Special Music II “*Peace, Peace*”

Chancel Choir

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

***Communion Hymn #533** “*In the Singing*”

***Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Prayer

Sending Message

Robin R.

***Closing Hymn ##611** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

***Postlude** The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Brown

Sending Music *"Skating"*

V Guaraldi

Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgist: Robin Reed

Head Usher: Melissa Ferraro

Joys: What a joy to have Sujin Kim back to play her viola.

Concerns: Prayers of healing for Bruce Phillips, Marci Toney's son, who fell at home and broke his neck; prayers of concern for Linda McAlpine's neighbor, John Magney, who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer; prayers of sympathy for the family and friends of Allen Andrews who recently passed away. Allen was the music minister at University Presbyterian Church and a friend of Jesse's

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

December

Liturgists

7th Robin Reed

14th Jim Sampson

21st Joanne Yoviene

24th:

4pm Julie Cimorelli

9pm Chris Burns

28th Wayne Hines

Ushers

7th Melissa Ferraro

14th Elyse Perry

21st Janie Smith

24th:

4pm

9pm

28th Jean Coffey

Candle Lighters

7th Julie & Tony Cimorelli

14th Jim Sampson

21st Tracey Tone

24th:

4pm Robin Reed

9pm Wayne & Shirley Hines

Announcements

The Angel Tree: . Gifts will be due **December 15th**. Please contact Julie Cimorelli 716 432-5067 with questions.

Adult Sunday School. Mark your calendar. Topic: Prayer . 9am Sundays; Amy Low Room with Pastor Rachel

Congregation Christmas Card Exchange: Hospitality will be hosting the Christmas card exchange. The box will be located in the Narthex. Place any cards for church members in the box and look each week for any cards that you may have received.

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

December 14 Personnel

21 PW (all circles)

28 Adult Bell Choir

The Blessing Box located on Main St. lawn. We need canned soups/ stews/pasta, peanut butter and packaged dry goods. Your donations feed our community! Thank you.

Sandwich Sunday Delivery Volunteers: HPC will deliver sandwiches to the Hamburg Hotels

Our Winter Warmth Tree (AKA the Mitten Tree) is in the Narthex to receive your gifts of warm hats, scarves, and mittens. Donations received through January 6th will benefit programs through the Salvation Army.

The Mission Team is collecting items for Sarah Reagan to take with her on her mission trip to Los Naranjos, El Salvador: Visine eye drops, tooth paste, soap, vitamins (kids & adults, liquid Tylenol, Tums, cough drops, shampoo, Hydrocortisone cream, antifungal cream, antacids, Excedrin, lice shampoo, allergy medicine, sunglasses, school supplies, nail polish (used or new). Tax free donations are accepted as well. Contact Sarah 716-545-5377 or Jen Reagan 716-997-366

Flower Sign up Sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR THYE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Monday, December 08, 2025:

[Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1
Thessalonians 4:1-12;](#)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

[Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2
Peter 3:1-10;](#)

Tuesday, December 09, 2025

[Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-
20; Romans 15:14-21;](#)

Friday, December 12, 2025

[Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2
Peter 3:11-18;](#)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

[Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-
18; Matthew 12:33-37;](#)

Saturday, December 13, 2025

[Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-
8; Luke 3:1-18;](#)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 7TH

Mon. DEC 8 **5pm** Session/Deacon Dinner
7:30pm AIAnon (FH)

Tues. DEC 9 **11am** Worship Planning

5:30pm Chancel Choir

6:30pm Bell Choir

Wed. DEC 10 **7:30pm** AA (FH)

Thurs. DEC 11 **7pm** YogaFaith (FH)

Fri. DEC 12 **9am** Homeschool Program

Sat. DEC 13 **9:30am** UCG (FH)