



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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15th Sunday After Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:00AM

* Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music “Solace” S. Joplin
Chimes

Jesse Bonaventura

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mark Aquino

Prelude “Prelude #11” F. Chopin

Jesse B.

*Unison Call to Worship (Please stand.)

Chris Burns

"God of grace, we gather this Labor Day weekend giving thanks for the gifts, callings, and work You have entrusted to us. In the midst of our busy routines, our rest, and our daily labors, we pause to seek Your presence. Open our hearts, quiet our minds, and guide our steps as we worship You together in hope and peace. Bless our lives and our community for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

*Opening Hymn #401 “Here in This Place”

*Passing the Peace

Chris B.

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace to one another

*Doxology #606

Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.)

Chris B

God of mercy and grace, we confess that when life feels overwhelming and disorienting, we often lose our way. We let the loud anxieties of the world drown out your still, small voice. We cling to our comfort zones when you invite us to step out in faith, and we stay silent when you call us to speak words of comfort, justice, and love. Forgive our doubts, heal our hurting hearts, and quiet the storms within us. Renew our spirits so that we may recognize your loving presence and follow where you lead. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Pastor Aquino

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new and whole! **Thanks be to God!**

First Reading

Numbers 11:24-29

Chris B.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Special Music I *Blessed Be Your Name* by Matt Redman

Second Reading

John 10: 1-5, 14-16

Pastor Aquino

¹⁰ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Sermon The Voice in the Fog, The Spirit in the Camp

Pastor Aquino

Special Music II “Oceans” by Hillsong United

Jesse B.

Joys & Concerns & Prayers of the People

Pastor Aquino

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Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

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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

Chris B.

***Closing Hymn #835 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

***Benediction**

Pastor Aquino

Postlude *"The Undersea Cathedral"* C. Debussy

Jesse B.

Sending Music *"Melancolia"* E. Granados

Jesse B.

Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgist: Chris Burns ***Head Usher:*** Linda Ryder

In Our Prayers

Joys - Christel Beers is grateful for our guest vocalist, Jeremy Zgoda and for the message delivered by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Hughes. His sermon was thought provoking and very relevant to the world's current events.

Concerns - Prayers for Rev. Rachel who is currently in the hospital in Maryland . We are all praying for a speedy recovery.

Nancy Brogan is asking for prayers for her cousin, John who is in need of a heart transplant.

Elyse Perry is asking for continued prayers for the Pickel Family on the passing of Staci's brother last week and now the passing of her mother last Thursday

Prayers of comfort for Heather Wittmeyer after the passing of her mother.

Prayers of healing for Jen Reagan's niece Emma Duggan and for her brother in law Dan Duggan

Schedule for September

Liturgist

Sept. 13 – Bill Brodie

Sept. 20 – Shirley Hines

Sept 27– Kris McGuire

Ushers

Sept. 13– Pat Catalino

Sept 20 – Melissa Ferraro

Sept. 27 – Sue Almond

Announcements

September 13 is Rachel's 20th Anniversary of her Ordination. Will be rescheduled when Rachel recovers.

Calling all potential singers and ringers: The Chancel Choir will start rehearsals on September 1 at 5:30 pm. Their first Sunday in the service will be September 13th. We welcome you to join us. You do not need to have a lot of musical background, we will help you as we go!

The Bells of Praise will begin practicing on September 1 at 6:30 pm and will join the worship service on September 20th. We will teach you what you need to know. Please come join us!

Baptism: Sunday September 20, 2026: Colton Ferraro, grandson of Melissa Ferraro

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

Sept	13 Christian Ed
	20 Personnel
	27 Adult Bell Choir
Oct	4 Church Life and Worship & Music
	11 Presbyterian Women

Christian Ed. Sept. 20th; Sunday School program for children ages 5-12 at 9am in the CE classroom upstairs followed by 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 will go toward 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.

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Undie Sunday is coming!!!! For the month of 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



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.



- 3) Drop items into the marked bin in the Narthex

- 4) Group order or pick up from WalMart or Target

Flower sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

Mon. AUG 7 7:30 pm AlAnon (FH)

Tues. SEPT 8 11am Worship Planning (Z)

Wed. SEPT 9 7:30pm AA (FH)

Thurs. SEPT 10 7pm YogaFaith (FH)
9:30 Elizabeth Circle (Janie's home)

Fri. SEPT 11

Sat. SEPT 12 9:30am UCG (FH)

We welcome Mark Aquino to our pulpit this morning. A lifelong Presbyterian, Mark is finalizing his status as a Commissioned Pastor to the Presbytery of Western New York. He is passionate about youth empowerment, having spent years nurturing young people through the Presbytery and active involvement in the Montreat Youth Conference and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In the pulpit, Mark is committed to preaching that utilizes simple, accessible language and relatable storytelling to bring scripture to life.

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, September 07, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17;

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17;

Tuesday, September 08, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7;

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7;

Wednesday, September 09, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22;

Complementary: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22;

Thursday, September 10, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16;

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16;

Friday, September 11, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16;

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16;

Saturday, September 12, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15;

Complementary: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15;

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

