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Sunday Programming

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

Luke 6:37-38

Here is one of those passages that gets misapplied nearly on a daily basis. We use it to condemn others; we use it to excuse lack of responsibility. Ultimately, I would hope we would implement the latter portion of this text! This coming week, we will be looking at the portion of the Apostles’ Creed that speaks of judgement. It’s an uncomfortable word. No one wants to be in a judgmental relationship; let alone worship a judgmental God! And here it is in the middle of our creed that we recite across all of Christendom! What do we do with this? How do we understand the nature of Christ in this role? Is there any place where we can honestly be a judge? See you this Sunday as we unpack this one!

This Sunday at 10:30, we will welcome Rev. Ben Burkholder to the pulpit. As Ted and team will be leaving immediately after the team is commissioned at the 8:30 am service for their mission trip to New Bern, NC. Ben is a seasoned preacher, who has a deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ. He is eager to jump into our sermon series as he will tackle the issue of “judging the quick and the dead” at 10:30 am. As an added bonus, Ben’s wife, Jen, will be with us to share a bit of news regarding the ministry of the CCO. This campus ministry program has cracked 5 decades of ministry in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. Reaching the lives of college students for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The CCO is one of our mission partners! Be sure to carve out time to be in the presence of the Lord this Sunday even as you prep to carve your pumpkin!



Sunday October 26 - One service will take place at 9:30 a.m. followed by a reception in fellowship hall for Pastor Ted. Bibles will be presented to 2nd & 6th graders at this service.

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TO REFLECT
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HPC Worship

8:30 a.m.
Worship in
Sanctuary.

Nursery opens @ 8:15
a.m.

9:30 a.m.
Christian
Education.

10:30 a.m.
Worship in
Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church for
ages 4 yrs.-2nd grade.

Christmas Pageant Info & Sign-Up

All Kindergarten-5th graders are invited to participate in this year’s Christmas Pageant. We’ll rehearse on Mondays from 6:15 -7:15pm starting on Nov 3. The Christmas Pageant will occur on 12/14 during the 8:30 & 10:30am worship services.

For more info, contact Karen Shumaker at karen@hamptonpresbyterian.net.

Sign-Up here





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers - Please consider a Sunday (or two) when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or occasion with a gift of flowers. The cost of chancel flowers is \$32.00. You can add your name to the signup board located in the greeting area. Please contact Ginny Lamison (lamison@outlook.com) with any questions.

Men’s Shelter Meals - The 2025 sign-up sheet for Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter on the Information Desk in the Greeting Area. HPC serves the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Shaltes, evashaltes@gmail.com. We welcome this Mission Partner to our worship this morning.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) for Grades 6-8 and 9-12. Open Invitation to Middle and High School Students. 6-8:00 p.m.

College Care Packages - Let’s bless our college students this Fall! Please take a tag from the tree in the greeting area, purchase the item, and return it to the wooden bin by 4 pm on Sun, October 19. Any questions, please contact Amy Flanders at amyflanders@comcast.net.

Friday Women’s Bible Study from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information email Sissy Molnar, scmoln@zoominternet.net.

Friday Morning Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study @ 7:00 a.m. at Bill Newbrander’s house.
Adult & High School Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m. in the Library. The Study of the book “I believe the Apostles Creed” which a lines with the sermon series.



Counting Schedule for October 2025		
Oct. 19	Group 6	A. Bennett, M. Cadarette, J. Kibler, B. Bailey
Oct. 26	Group 7	W. Metcalf, S. Downey, M. Zahorchak, P. Graebing

November 2025 Counting Schedule	
11/2	Becky Parker, Kevin O'Donnell, M. Maccagnan, Amy Flanders
11/9	D. Kishur, D. Waybright, D. Knox, G. Waybright, A. Godlewski
11/16	Michele Baumgartel, Mike Samuels, Peleh Shaltes, Ricky Watenpool, Sue O'Donnell
11/23	Cathy Jones, Diane Donald, Dan Donald, Rich Packard
11/30	Craig Hasley, Michael Marro, Jill Fanuele, Joyce Zeigler

The Closing Hymn for Sunday: Revive Us Again

When William MacKay left home to study medicine in Edinburgh, his mother presented him with a Bible. However, at a low point in his life, he sold it to support his heavy drinking. After medical school, he worked in an emergency room. He once remarked on the difference in the life of a person who had faith in Jesus Christ, saying it was not strange for him to see the difference in his Christian patients, having been brought up by godly parents. Still, he was not committed. One day a young man came in serious condition. He had fallen from a scaffold, and little could be done for him. The man had no relatives, but asked to see his landlady so he might pay his rent and be brought the book he was reading. From the man’s calm expression when he talked with him, Dr. MacKay guessed that the young man was a Christian, but he did not want to talk about that with him. The landlady had brought the man his Bible, which he read constantly. When he no longer could read, he simply hugged it. After he passed and wondering what to do with his belongings, MacKay told the nurses he would dispose of the Bible. Looking at the first few pages, he was stunned to see his mother’s handwriting. This was the very Bible his mother inscribed and had given him as he left home.

Dr. MacKay thought about how this Bible brought comfort to this dying young man. It was the book that enabled him to die in peace and happiness. With a sense of shame, Dr. MacKay began to read some of the Bible verses that were underlined. He recounts, “Many verses I had heard in my younger years came back to me. The voice in my conscience could not be silenced any longer. With tears in my eyes, I prayed for God to forgive me and restore to me the joy of my salvation.” It was not long after in 1863 that Dr. MacKay wrote the words for the hymn “Revive Us Again.” We clearly see he was thinking about this incident as he penned the words, “may each soul be rekindled with fire from above”.

It became a passionate cry for God’s restoration, with the chorus “Hallelujah! Thine the glory” expressing thankfulness and praise for God’s saving power. He wrote the music himself. The tune, known as HALLELUJAH, is characterized by its simple harmonic structure, perfectly suiting the irregular meter of its text and the revival and gospel movements of the era.

We are sent as faithful ambassadors to reflect the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ.