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## Sunday Programming

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

John 18:33-38

The conversation that Jesus has with Pontius Pilate on the precipice of his death is a case study on how God lives into the full integrity of who God is. There is no weaseling for a pardon; there is no passive-aggressive demeaning to prove a point; there is no dismissive brooding; there is no fierce anger. God in the flesh engages. Certainly, Jesus knows all about Pilate’s behavior and how he has transacted business. For many of us, we would rationalize our own destructive behavior toward Pilate as “justified” if we were in Jesus’ shoes. Alas, Jesus responds to Pilate with a punctuated statement, which Pilate struggles to embrace. Jesus declares before Pilate he was born and entered the world to bear witness to the truth. It is a strong affirmation by Christ of the historicity of his own journey that began with a miracle initiated by the Holy Spirit and the willingness of Mary to love and nurture the child, which now culminates with Jesus’ greatest display of love for us. Come this Sunday as we look intently at the 3rd Article of the Apostles’ Creed.



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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.

**Sunday, October 5 Peace Offering** - will  
be collected on World Communion Sunday,  
October 5th.

**Congregational Meeting** on October 5th at  
9:35 a.m.

*GROUNDING IN FAITH AND GUIDED BY THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, WE ARE SENT AS FAITHFUL AMBASSADORS  
TO REFLECT*





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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.

**PRISM Open House** on October 3 at 5:30 pm. There is a signup at the Information desk where people can sign up to provide food even if they can't attend. If you are free on October 3 it is a wonderful way to meet some fascinating people from around the world.

**PRISM Annual Banquet** at the Monte Cello's on Babcock Blvd on October 16. There will be a buffet style Italian dinner followed by a presentation on **being more effective at crossing cultural barriers in communicating the gospel**. There is no charge for the meal although there will be an appeal at the end to support the work of PRISM. Preregistration is required as there is limited seating at Monte Cello's. Visit [prismpgh.org/donor](http://prismpgh.org/donor) to register.

**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](mailto: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.

**K2Kicks (for K-2nd Graders) and Club 345** (for 3rd-5th Graders) from 6-7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

**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](mailto:amyflanders@comcast.net).

**Friday Women's Bible Study from 10-11:30 a.m.** For more information email Sissy Molnar, [scmoln@zoominternet.net](mailto:scmoln@zoominternet.net).

**Friday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study @ 7:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**Adult Sunday Evening Discussion Group,** "The Art of Neighboring" What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors? Taking place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6-7:30.

**Adult Mission Trip** - New Bern, North Carolina October 19-25. C'mon out for this trip of hearts, hands and compassion as we help the community of New Bern regain its footing after a Hurricane, Severe Flooding and severe other weather-related challenges. We will be working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and they are looking forward to our arrival. Contact Jim Janovsky if you are interested in coming along for the fun and fellowship and service!

[JANOVSKYS@verizon.net](mailto:JANOVSKYS@verizon.net)

**Nursery Worker Position** - This is a paid position. Qualified applicants love Jesus, enjoy working with young children, possess excellent interpersonal skills, are a minimum of 18 years old, and are available to work at least 1 Sunday morning per month. Upon employment, PA Criminal, Child Abuse Clearances & FBI Clearance required. Contact Karen Shumaker at [karen@hamptonpresbyterian.net](mailto:karen@hamptonpresbyterian.net)

| Communion Servers |                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 10/5/2025 8:30    | K. Downey, E. Orkis, K. Sarlouis, G. Lamison |
| 10/5/2025 10:30   | W. Metcalf, M. Baumgartel                    |

| Counting Schedule for October 2025 |         |                                                  |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 5                             | Group 4 | K. Sarlouis, P. Scott, E. Orkis, N. Buzzelli     |
| Oct. 12                            | Group 5 | G. Lamison, A. Dawson, K. Downey, J. Mabold      |
| Oct. 19                            | Group 6 | A. Bennett, M. Cadarette, J. Kibler, B. Bailey   |
| Oct. 26                            | Group 7 | W. Metcalf, S. Downey, M. Zahorchak, P. Graebing |

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