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Sunday

10:30 am Worship

Church Office

8:30 am - 3:30 pm M-F

Pastor's

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
9:00 am - 12:00 pm or call
757-912-2081

Preschool

8:30 am - 1:30 pm M-F

Giving Thanks — Longing for Light

Can you believe it? Fall is passing by so quickly. Thanksgiving is next week and then Christmas! Are you ready? At our house, being ready brings quite a list of things to do. At Thanksgiving, we decorate and bake. We will have a wonderful meal around the table with all our family, and then settle in for board games, football and maybe a nice long nap. For Christmas, we've presents to buy, cards to send, a tree to trim, a party to plan, concerts to see and more. I expect it's much the same for you. Oh so much! So much fun, and yes, much time, effort and expense. But let's not lose our way.

Before we get swept up in everything we "have" to do, let's remember what these holidays are really about. Thanksgiving is for giving thanks. Let's be all about that. With our family and friends, let's be sure to find good time and space for peace and quiet, for conversation and prayer. So then, without distraction, we can name our blessings one by one, giving thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. It is good to give thanks to the Lord. And Christmas is not about that perfect eggnog recipe, or getting a new iPhone, or a getaway splash to Bermuda. Christmas is about God's gift to us in Jesus Christ. In our lives we know darkness. Be honest. We see violence, hate, treachery, oppression, complacency and greed. There are too many things so far away from God that press upon the world. At Christmas we don't ignore the darkness. Nor do we fear. We believe. Christmas is about opening our lives to the coming of Christ, God's love, peace and justice to bear. Jesus is the light of the world that shatters the darkness. Let's be about that. Welcome God's light in Christ our Savior. Walk in the light each day.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9.2

Pastor Clark

Come and Worship!

Our Advent theme this year is “Longing for Light.” Reflect upon all the ways we long for the Light of Christ. He is our hope and joy!

Sunday Scriptures

December 1st

Isaiah 2.1-5: Swords into plowshares
Mark 13:24-37: When the fig tree puts forth its leaves

December 8th

Isaiah 11.1-20: The root of Jesse
Mark 1.1-8: Prepare the way



December 15th

Christmas Cantata! In Lessons and Carols our choir will share the story of our Savior’s birth. Read more on pages 6 and 7.

December 22nd

Isaiah 35.1-10: The desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus
Luke 1:47-55: Mary sings, “My soul magnifies the Lord”

December 24th, 6 pm

Christmas Eve! Receive the Light!
Luke 2:1-20: Christ is born!

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1:

Restaurant TBA
December 16th, 5:30 pm

Circle 2:

Barbara Blowe
December 12th, 10:30 am

Circle 3:

will not meet in
December

Elders of the Week

12/1:

Megan Thornton

12/8:

Paul Clear

12/15:

Dave Kluttz

12/22:

Dawn Ramirez

12/29:

Amy Burgener

Choirs Leading in Worship

12/1:

Adult Choir,
Ensemble

12/8:

Hilton Ringers,
Ensemble

12/15:

Adult Choir

12/22:

Adult Choir,
Ensemble

12/24:

Adult Choir,
Youth Jam

12/29:

Solo

Yoga Classes

*Try your first
class for free!*

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall
Carol Millspaw
instructor

cjrunner@gmail.com

Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall
Peggy Loughry
instructor

dftim@sbcglobal.net

The Keenagers

Who: 55+

When: December
5th, 11:30 am

Where:

Schlesinger’s, 1106
William Styron
Square S., Newport
News, VA 23601.

Please call Barbara
Savage at (757) 803-
6177 to reserve
your place.

announcements

FESTIVE POINSETTIAS (\$10 each) and **CHRISTMAS WREATHS** (\$35 each) are available for purchase. They will decorate the church during the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. The deadline for orders is November 27th.

The **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November, 29th. We'll see you on Monday, December 2nd!

YOU'RE INVITED! CHRISTMAS DESSERT OPEN HOUSE Pastor Clark, Donna, Josiah, Eli, and India welcome you to their home at 201 Hurley Avenue Sunday, December 8th, 1 - 5 pm. Come as you can, leave when you have to. Celebrate glad tidings of Christmas!

Did you miss a sermon, or just want to listen again? You can! Subscribe to our **SERMON PODCAST** at anchor.fm/hiltonpres, or by searching "Sunday Sermons at Hilton Pres" on your favorite podcasting apps (Apple/Google Podcasts, Spotify, Castbox, etc.). Still having trouble? Please let Megan-Drew know, she'd be happy to help!

Is the bulletin difficult to read? Would backlighting or larger font be helpful? **BRING YOUR TABLET TO WORSHIP!** Thanks to Kathryn Grayson's programming abilities, we have an adaptive bulletin available every week. Just open your web browser and type in hiltonpres.org/bulletin. You can change the font size as large as you need and adjust your screen's brightness too.

The next **NICKEL-A-MEAL OFFERING** is on December 8th. Please collect your change for local food ministries in Newport News and bring it to the church for donation during the service on December 8th.

EXAM SNACKS! It's that time of year again when we take goodies to the students at CNU during a stressful time for them. Our time to provide snacks is Tuesday, December 10th, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Davis Student Union. Students really appreciate homemade treats (in individual serving bags) and fruit such as oranges, bananas, and apples. Please bring snacks to the kitchen before noon on December 10th. If you'd like to help serve, please sign up in the Narthex.

We're **HOSTING PORT** (People Offering Resources Together) homeless shelter December 18 – 24. We have several volunteer spots awaiting someone to fill them. Please consider pitching in to help the homeless this holiday season. We currently need one or two volunteers in the morning on December 19, 20 and 23, and in the afternoon December 19 to 23. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex.

Our **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is December 22nd. This special offering provides for leadership development in communities of color and assistance for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Please write "Christmas Joy Offering" in the memo section of your donation check so that your gift is counted.

mission & outreach



ADVENT WORKSHOP

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019, 8:30 am-10:15 am

It's worth rising early, so come and bring a guest!

DON'T FORGET:

***SET UP** Saturday from 9:00 am - noon, lots of hands needed!

***GREENERY** needed for Advent Wreaths: small-leaved - boxwood, fir, cedar, holly, bring Saturday or early Sunday

*Bring a **BREAKFAST BREAD** or **FRUIT** to share if you are able.

***ADMISSION** – Men's or Women's underwear for homeless guests at PORT, or a PORT Hygiene Kit

*Bring your **CHECKBOOK** for

A DONATION as your **GIFT TO THE CHRIST CHILD** - Heifer Project animals, Presbyterian Gift Catalog lists contributions you can make that make a difference all over the world, PORT, LINK, THRIVE, Tom & Nancy Rach, our missionaries in Mexico. Donations make great gifts (cards will be available.)

GIFT BUYING – Fair Trade Crafts from S.E.R.R.V.

*Stay after worship to help **CLEAN UP!**

CRAFT STATIONS, WITH AGE APPROPRIATENESS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Volunteers coordinate, with each person working two 35 min. shifts and having one shift off.

- Preschool & up - Advent Chains: Lynne Peterson, Chip Shefelton
Baby Jesus on a Star: Carol Preston, Kathryn Dabbs, Desiree Foskey
Lion & Lamb pompom ornament: Nola Atkins, Betty Blackburn, Patty Gibbs
Layered Crocus Ornament: Ruth Wood, Barbara Savage, Debbie Barber
3-D Star to color & Bead Hanger: Diane Clear, Anna Chenoweth, Vicki Signorelli
- Elementary & up - Refrigerator Magnet: Joe Hogue, Francie Pearce, Megan-Drew Tiller
Twisted Paper Poinsettia: Debby Heatwole, Suzy Baker, Melissa Goodson
- Upper Elem. & up - 3-D Star with Beaded Hanger: Al Riutort, Susan Pongratz, George Pongratz
Joy to the World Ball: Lois Reese, Josiah Desarro-Raynal, Judi Riutort
HPC Centennial Ornament: Patti Grayson, India DeSarro-Raynal, Lisa Sullivan
Jesse Tree Ornaments for church: _____
- For all Ages - Advent Wreaths: Carole Taylor, Cindy Baker, JT Taylor
Paint the Window: Paul Clear, Doug Baker, _____
S.E.R.R.V Crafts: Beth Rivenbark, Sue Hogue, _____
Donations: Dawn Ramirez
Breakfast Food: Charles Slagle

We still need a few volunteers, so please contact Doris Slagle (scoutfox@aol.com, 595-9136) if you can help on Sunday morning!

remember in your prayers

Family, Friends and those Recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless an extension of time is requested. Please notify the church office of any changes.

The Huntington at The Newport: Margaret Hurt

Our Lady of Peace (Charlottesville): Steve Lanning

Warwick Forest: Edith Elliot

Millwood Adult Home: Mary Church

In Mourning: the family of Mary Anne Kellogg

Friends/Family: Keenan Clear; Shaina Joyce; Heather McHale; Dorothy Crute (Wanda Fletcher's mother); Claire Hubbard; Greg Raines; Gordon & Ruth Galow (Blythe Raines' parents); Larry Knight; Ron Bruce; Nancy Milton; Owen Hitch; David Turner; Docia (Lisa McKean's mother-in-law); Newland family (Desiree Foskey's friends); Kemper Kellogg; Anna Chenoweth's father; Dicky Smith (Bill Blowe's friend); Meredith Esson (Megan Thornton's friend); JaNae Bryant (Megan Thornton's friend)

Prayers from the Village (submitted in the Prayer Pot in the Little Free Library): for Captain Jack; for the immigration crisis; for a dog in heaven; for a buggie; for a mom

Our Community: For our neighbors in Hilton Village; for our schools; for team sports, scout troops; for LINK and PORT ministries; for CNU students and United Campus Ministries of CNU

Our Sister Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Brikin Church, Kinshasa

Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico; Tyler Caccavale in Ethiopia

Military: Karri Kypriandes (Patty & Aderon Gibbs); Casey Leser; Joey Doherty (Jessica Perry Doherty); Ted German (Kaitlin Clear German)

*Deployed

DECEMBER birthdays

1. Chuck Webb
3. Michelle DiPasquale, John Hubbard
13. Brittany Brown, Paul Clear
14. Larry Knight
15. Doug Chapman
17. Diane Clear
24. Amy Pearson
25. Myles Raines
27. Sarah McGinnis

If your name is *not listed*, please contact the church office so we can celebrate your birthday too!

December 15th is a day of celebration! The church was formally organized on December 21st, 1919, so we're celebrating with a day of worship, song, fellowship, and food! Join us at 10:30 for our Centennial Lessons and Carols (read more from Lois on the next page), followed by a Christmas finger food luncheon (below). Then come back at 4 pm that afternoon for a free festive concert by the Virginia Handbell Consort: "Hope, Experience, Believe."

We're celebrating 100 years together, and many more to come. Thanks be to God for Hilton Presbyterian Church!

You're Invited!

Who: Our whole Hilton Pres family!

Where: Here!

When: December 15th, right after worship

Why: Christmas!

How: Bring finger foods to share, the Congregational Care team will provide drinks and desserts

Join us for this casual Christmas Luncheon directly following our Centennial Lessons and Carols and celebrate the joy of the season with your church family.

Virginia Handbell Consort presents



Hope Experience Believe

Directed by Alan D. Reese

Handbell Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2019
4:00 PM

Hilton Presbyterian Church
34 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601



Virginia Handbell Consort - "Sharing the Joy of Ringing"
www.vhcbells.org - info@vhcbells.org

Centennial Lessons and Carols

Our Advent program this year is a traditional Lessons and Carols service with music that has been written or arranged during the century that our church has existed. One piece in particular that has been a part of our library, but has not been sung in a while is Paul Manz's, "E'en So Lord, Quickly Come." Composer Paul Manz was born in the same year as our church, 1919 and is well known for his organ music. Certain pieces need the right group of singers to perform it well, and the time has come. We are ready to join the ranks of such great choirs as the King's College Choir from England (home of the original Lessons and Carols service) in making this piece part of our repertoire. It was the King's College performance that made this piece popular amongst choirs.

The text for this piece was written in 1953 by Paul's wife Ruth, and is based on scripture found in Revelation 22:5. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." The Manz's three year old son had contracted a childhood disease that was threatening his life. They took turns keeping vigil by his bed and praying. Ruth brought the text to Paul and he wrote the music while at his son's bedside. While the doctors and staff had given up hope, the Manz's had not and their son survived.

Another favorite of the Adult Choir is "The Dream Isaiah Saw" by Glenn Rudolph. Lois first heard the piece performed at Montreat when Thomas Troegger, the author of the hymn text on which this is based, was the speaker for the Worship and Music Conference ten years ago. Rudolph was in the midst of writing the piece when 9-11 happened. He finished the piece 19 days later and dedicated it to all those who lost their lives in that tragedy.

Many congregational favorites have been included like, "Keep Your Lamps." "Angel's Carol," and "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child." Lois has also included a movement from the first cantata that she directed at HPC the "Magnificat" from John Leavitt's "What Child is This." We are all truly blessed to have a choral library rich in beautiful and meaningful music from so many genres. Spread the word and bring a friend on December 15th to worship to hear the story of salvation told through scripture and music.

Lois D

Our **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY-AGED KIDS** is studying Jonah and the Big Fish. One week, Debby Heatwole led the class in painting a mural for their classroom:
 “Our hands, God’s plan”



New Members

Are you interested in becoming a member of Hilton Presbyterian Church or would like to learn more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church, or programs and ministries of HPC? Please contact Pastor Clark, any Ruling Elder, or the church office.

Prayer & Meditation Hour

Tuesdays / 9:30 am
 Library Classroom

Every week we set aside time for spiritual refreshment. Our gatherings include centering time, meditative readings and responsive prayers. The leadership varies; each time is unique.

Solomon’s Porch Book Study

Sundays / 6:00-7:00 pm
Amazing Grace:

A Vocabulary of Faith
 by Kathleen Norris

Doris Slagle
 Narthex

We read books about spiritual life, the Bible, the church, faith, doubt with lively discussions each week.

Sunday Morning CHILD CARE provided for toddlers, infants and preschool ages in Rooms 103 and 104.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAYS / 9:15-10:10 AM

Pre-K

Kathryn Dabbs
Room 104

Grades K-2

Anna Chenoweth,
Megan Thornton
Room 205

Grades 3-5

Lisa McKean, Doug Baker
Room 204

Grades 6-12

Dan Chenoweth, John Krikorian
Room 202

Snacks and food are provided to many of the Sunday school classes and youth participation events. If anyone has specific dietary restrictions, needs, or allergy issues, please let the leader or teacher know.

Adult Discussion Class

Join us as we explore different subjects and discuss what they mean to us.

Dare to Hope: Living Intentionally
in an Unstable World by Melissa Spoelstra
Barbara Savage, J.T. Taylor
Fellowship Hall

Faithlink Class

This class provides a Christian perspective on contemporary issues that allows Scripture, Christian tradition, and open thinking to guide the discussion.

Sue Hogue, Lisa Schlickemeyer
Room 208

Men's Bible Class

Utilizing a six-year plan to cover major themes of the Bible, the Standard Bible Series is the guide for study, questions, and discussion for this men's group.

Charlie Slagle
Library Classroom

MUSIC

Junior Jam

Sundays / 9:15-9:30 am
Grades K-5 / Room 207

In Junior Jam we will learn the basics of leading in worship. Singing, movement and playing instruments all help us put our musical gifts into play.

Youth Jam

Sundays / 11:40-12:15 pm
Grades 6-12 / Room 207

Teamwork is what it is all about here. Singing, drumming, chimes, orff instruments, studying hymns old and new; you name it, we'll try it. We'll be exploring the many ways there are to lead worship.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays / 6:30-8:00 pm
Choir Room

The Adult Choir is responsible for leading our congregation in song as well as singing responses and anthems. We sing everything from Bach to Bernstein and Mendelssohn to Ray. We do two major musical works a year, at Christmas and in the spring.

Ensemble

Second and Fourth Tuesdays / 6:30-7:30 pm
Grade 9-adult / Sanctuary

These are the leaders of our contemporary music. We have 4-5 singers and a group of instrumentalists including congas, guitars and bass.

Hilton Ringers

Tuesdays / 7:30-8:30 pm
Grade 6-adult / Sanctuary

This is an intergenerational handbell choir for youth and adults. A basic knowledge of reading music notation is helpful to join this group. This choir adds to the worship experience through playing anthems, accompanying other choirs and hymns, and doing processions.

Sunshine Choir

First and Third Thursdays / 10:30-11:15 am
55+ / Sanctuary

Laity Assistant Schedule

If you are unable to be at church on a Sunday you're scheduled to serve, please arrange for a substitute, and if time allows, contact the church office. The full schedule can be found online at www.hiltonpres.org/what-we-do under the Worship heading.

	December 1	December 8
Building Security	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark
Greeters/Ushers	Susie Banning, Anna Chenoweth, Matt Sullivan, Carol Preston, Scott Hines	Susie Banning, Anna Chenoweth, Matt Sullivan, Carol Preston, Scott Hines
Counters	George Barber, Debbie Barber, Christine Maculley	Blythe Raines, Renee DiPasquale, Jym Newton
Nursery	Jada Patterson, Barbara Savage, Patty Gibbs	Jada Patterson, Amy Eubanks, Barbara Blowe
Children's Time	Pastor Clark	JeanAnn Burgener
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Sue Hogue	Kim Hines
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Sound	Paul Burgener	Matt Sullivan
Visitation	Megan Thornton	Paul Clear
Giving Flowers	Lisa McKean	
	December 15	December 22
Building Security	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark
Greeters/Ushers	Susie Banning, Anna Chenoweth, Matt Sullivan, Carol Preston, Scott Hines	Susie Banning, Anna Chenoweth, Matt Sullivan, Carol Preston, Scott Hines
Counters	Paul Clear, Andy Connor, Jackie Peters	Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning
Nursery	Jada Patterson, Shelly Simonds, Lisa Sullivan	Jada Patterson, Susan Pongratz, Amy Burgener
Children's Time	Chip Shefelton	Francie Pearce
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Dawn Ramirez	Dave Kluttz
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Sound	Dave Kluttz	Pax Goodson
Visitation	Dave Kluttz	Dawn Ramirez
Giving Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
	December 29	Calendar Key →
Building Security	Charlie Slagle	◆ AC: Adult Choir
Greeters/Ushers	Susie Banning, Anna Chenoweth, Matt Sullivan, Carol Preston, Scott Hines	◆ AF: Admin & Finance Committee
Counters	Jim Barnes, Julie Richter, Jane Day	◆ CC: Congregational Care Committee
Nursery	Jada Patterson, Emily Krikorian, Kim Hines	◆ CE: Christian Education Committee
Children's Time	Anna Chenoweth	◆ DUTF: Drumming Up the Fun
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Lisa McKean	◆ HPP: Hilton Presbyterian Preschool
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	◆ HR: Hilton Ringers
Sound	Matt Sullivan	◆ JJ: Junior Jam
Visitation	Amy Burgener	◆ M: Mission & Outreach Committee
Giving Flowers	Ruth Wood & Amy Burgener	◆ PW: Presbyterian Women
		◆ SC: Sunshine Choir
		◆ SP: Solomon's Porch
		◆ SS: Sunday School
		◆ W: Worship Committee
		◆ YG: Youth Group
		◆ YJ: Youth Jam

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am SS, JJ 10:00 am AC/E 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am YJ	2 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	3 9:30 am Prayer & Meditation (5:30 pm Yoga) 6:00 pm Session 6:30 pm E 7:30 pm HR	4 6:30 pm AC	5 10:30 am SC @ Riverside 11:30 am Keenagers @ Schlesinger's	6 9:30 am Soup Kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	7
8 Nickel-A-Meal Offering 9:15 am SS, JJ 9:45 am HR 10:00 am E 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am YJ 1:00 pm Pastor's Dessert Open House	9 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	10 9:30 am Prayer & Meditation (5:30 pm Yoga) 7:30 pm HR	11 6:30 pm AC	12 10:30 am Circle 2 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	13 9:00 am Soup Kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	14
15 9:15 am SS, JJ 10:00 am AC 10:30 am Centennial Lessons & Carols Worship 11:30 am Christmas Luncheon 4:00 pm VHC Concert	16 Newsletter Articles Due 9:30 am Soup Kitchen 5:30 pm Circle 1 6:30 pm AF	17 9:30 am Prayer & Meditation 11:30 am HPP Christmas Party (5:30 pm Yoga) 6:30 pm E 7:30 pm HR	18 11:30 am HPP Christmas Party 12:30 Prepare for PORT 6:30 pm AC	19 HPP Closed for Christmas Break until January 6th 10:30 am SC @ Coliseum Convalescent	20 9 am Soup Kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	21
				PORT @ Hilton Presbyterian Church		
22 10:00 am AC/E 10:30 am Worship with Communion 11:40 am YJ	23 Office Closed for Christmas Break until January 2nd 9 am Soup Kitchen	24 Christmas Eve 5:30 pm AC/YJ 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas	26 10:30 am SC 6:00 pm PORT @ Peninsula Korean Baptist Church	27 9 am Soup Kitchen (5:30 pm Yoga)	28
PORT @ Hilton Presbyterian Church						
29 10:30 am Worship with Carol Sing	30 9 am Soup Kitchen	31 New Year's Eve 9:30 am Prayer & Meditation				

(Activities in parenthesis are not HPC Activities)



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