



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Fourth Sunday of Eastertide
 May 11, 2025 - 11:00 AM



Welcome to the Hillsville Presbyterian Church

"To live God's love and show God's grace through worship, fellowship and outreach."

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Throughout the Order of Worship, any words or phrases that are highlighted by **BOLD** print are to be spoken in unison by the congregation.

*Please stand if able

The Hymns are projected on the screen for your convenience.

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Welcome and Announcements

Susan Randall

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 23)

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Leader: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no because you, O Lord, are with me.

People: You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

Leader: Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life,

People: and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live!

***Hymn #267: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

Call to Confession (based on Romans 6)

We need to regularly ask ourselves: have we truly died to sin? Do we truly live out of our baptism into Christ? Or do we assume that God will continue to forgive us no matter how we live? So that we do not abuse the Lord's grace, let us admit our failings before God as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

How are we to live as you desire, O God, but by your grace! We often close our hearts and hands when you call us to open them. Forgive us! We limit our associations with others to those who are like us when you long for all people to be gathered up in your love. Forgive us! We fail to live freely and fully in the joy of knowing you when you hope that we will thrive in your irrepressible life. Forgive us! Pour out your grace upon us and breathe your newness into us we pray! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (based on Romans 6)

Leader: Hear this good news: for our sakes, God in Christ has broken the power of sin and death!

People: Thank God that we are made alive by the grace we receive through Jesus Christ!

Leader: Take heart: we have been set free so that we may live as servants of love!

People: Praise God for the gift of eternal life we receive in Christ Jesus our Lord!

***Response #582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of life and Lord of love, give us ears to hear and eyes to see and hearts to respond as we encounter you through your word this day! May our lives be shaped by our experience of your presence in ways that reflect your glory! Receive our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43

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In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive. Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Second Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are

before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

Reflecting on God's Word: "*Connecting the Dots*"

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

Moments of Silence for Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed*¹)

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #295: "Go to the World"**

***Benediction: John 10:7-10 (FNV)**

***Response #192: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (refrain only)**

WE DEPART- OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES IN SERVICE TO GOD

¹ Within the first two centuries of Christianity, this creed was formulated to defend the faith from heresy and misunderstanding. The statement underwent several revisions to further clarify the theology of the church and was adopted in its present form during the eighth century. It is the primary expression of Christian doctrine and is used not only in worship but also instruction.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Albina Inovana | Diagnosed with cancer (awaiting treatment plan) |
| Gene Meyers | Serious health issues (testing for cancer) |
| Search for Music Leader | God's help and guidance! |
| RAE Center Staff | Blessings for the end of the school year! |
| Victims of storms, flooding, fires, earthquakes | Praying for comfort, strength as work continues |
| Marion Wade | Diagnosed with cancer, awaiting next steps |
| The World | Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering! |

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Anita Edmonds (Commonwealth Senior Living, Hillsville)
Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Abingdon Presbytery | Jerry Mayberry |
| Carolyn Anderson | Scott Mitchem |
| Delores Brannock | Jody Moore |
| Austin Burns | Ted Mowery |
| Alafair Combs | William "Bill" Mowery |
| Dale Coulson | Debi Myers |
| John Frost | Sonja Reiss |
| Robert Gamble | Shining Orphanage in Thailand |
| Betty Anne Gaskill | Gary Surratt |
| Tim Gaskill | Peggy Tolbert |
| Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks | Jerry Varn |
| Michael Howlett | Janie Walters |
| Neal Hylton | Kathy Welch |
| Ima Lindsey | Matt White |
| Rev. David Lovelace | Gray Williams |
| Rev. Dr. Gordon Mapes | Dan Worrell |
| Donna Mayberry | |

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Sue Marshall, Accompanist

Our Session: Nancy McDaniel, Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Sandy Porter, Sandy Worrell, Charles Collins,
Ted Westmoreland

Elder of the Month: Charles Collins 276.733.7965

Hymn 267

1. Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Hymn 582 -response

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on
me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned
me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Hymn 192 – response

Refrain – Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Hymn 295

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth;
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's
worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the host of glory cry, "Amen."
Alleluia. Alleluia.