



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 First Sunday in Lent: *Broken Will*
 March 9, 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

David Welch

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 91)

David Welch

Leader: God says: "Because you are devoted to me, I'll protect you; you know my name."

People: God says: "Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times."

Leader: God says: "I'll save you and glorify you. I'll show you my salvation."

People: We say: We will worship the God of our salvation today!

***Hymn #847: "Our Hope, Our Life"**

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 51)

We know that we are to blame for our wrongdoings. We are aware that God is justified in rendering a guilty verdict against us. We acknowledge that we need God to create a clean heart for us by wiping away our sinfulness. Trusting that God is eager to purify and deliver us, let us ask God for the mercy we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

How often do we bend to fit in and go along with the culture around us, O God? How many times do we find ourselves giving in to what draws us away from you because it is easier, O Lord? How much of our life is near the breaking point because our will has been compromised? Forgive us! Strengthen us, your beloved children, that we may live to your glory! 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 Psalm 51)

Leader: Hear this good news: God does not withhold what we need to be made new this day!

People: Thanks be to God for the joy of salvation that comes to us in Jesus Christ!

Leader: Take heart: God does not despise our crushed and broken hearts but lovingly works to heal them!

People: Praise God for the grace we receive from the Lord of our salvation!

***Response #441: "Hear the Good News of Salvation" (verse 1 only)**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Gracious God, out of your unfailing love for us, send your Holy Spirit to help us as your word is heard and explored. Engage us with your truth and enable us to take in all that you long to reveal to us today! Receive our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 5-8

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Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God: "My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So, we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors' God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders."

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread.*" Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; for it's written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*" Jesus answered, "It's been said, *Don't test the Lord your God.*" After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

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

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 (from *A Declaration of Faith* ¹)**

David Welch

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

***Hymn #465: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***Benediction: Isaiah 42:1, 3-4a**

***Response #695: "Change My Heart, O God"**

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

¹ In 1985, the PCUSA adopted *A Declaration of Faith* as "a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration" even though it is not formally included in the [Book of Confessions](#).

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Ceasefire in Gaza	Prayers that peace will continue!
Michael Howlett	Undergoing cancer treatments
Jody Moore	Undergoing cancer treatments
Search for Music Leader	God's help and guidance!
Jeanne Moser	Spot on liver growing; surgery scheduled for March 18 th
RAE Center Staff	Blessings for the school year!
Victims of storms, flooding, fires	Praying for comfort, strength as work continue
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!
Aaron Whitmire	Recently hospitalized with transplanted heart issues

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

Abingdon Presbytery	Jerry Mayberry
Carolyn Anderson	Scott Mitchem
Shonda Blevins	Lindsay Mowery
Delores Brannock	Ted Mowery
Stacey Bullion	William "Bill" Mowery
Austin Burns	Debi Myers
Alafair Combs	A.L. Noblett
Dale Coulson	Phyllis Oakley
John Frost	Gary Quesinberry
Robert Gamble	Gary Surratt
Betty Anne Gaskill	Peggy Tolbert
Tim Gaskill	Janie Walters
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Teresa Webb
Neal Hylton	Kathy Welch
Ima Lindsey	Gray Williams
Debbie McCraw	Dan Worrell
Donna Mayberry	

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Sue Marshall, Accompanist

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Ted Westmoreland

Elder of the Month: Ted Westmoreland (276) 733-6461

Hymn 847

1-Our hope, our life are in the Lord,
The God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence?
They fade, those things we now possess.

2- Some flaunt their gold; some trust its
power,
But what they cherish will decay;
And still the ransom for a soul
Remains a price too great to pay.

3- Though wealth or learning may be ours,
Or fame that spread throughout the land,
The shackles of mortality
Prevent so much that we have planned.

4- Beyond this age of shame and sham
We glimpse a better destiny;
The Lord will lift us free from death
To dwell in praise eternally.

Hymn 465

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Hymn 441 – v.1

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

Hymn 695

Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like you.