



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Second Sunday after Pentecost
 June 11, 2023 - 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

Welcome and Announcements

Leigh Anne Philips

Prelude: "Walk Worthy of the Lord"

arr. Faye Lòpez

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 33)

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Leader: God loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.

People: **The skies were made by the Lord's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.**

Leader: All the earth honors the LORD; all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.

People: **The Lord's plan stands forever; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.**

***Hymn # 69: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

Call to Confession (based on Galatians 5)

Because we are such capable people, we are easily confused about God's desires for us. We fall away from grace when we strive to earn God's favor through what we do. God calls us to be free – free from trying to save ourselves and free to accept God's generous grace in Jesus Christ. Aware that we tend to misuse our freedom and to misunderstand our relationship with the living God, let us ask for the forgiveness we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we admit that we are not always as merciful as you are! We confess that we extend kindness only to those we choose, reach out only to those who are like us, and seek to relate only to those who meet with our approval. Your mercy is much more generous and much less discriminating! Forgive us for being small minded and close hearted. Grant us broader vision and wider love especially for all who need your healing presence! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

Assisted Listening and Hearing Devices (ALDs) are available to all in need. If you need an ALDs, please request one from the usher on duty.

The church has Wi-Fi for your use. Use "hpcguest" and enter password "hpcguest".

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (based on Galatians 5)

Leader: Hear this Good News: we do not live under the Law but are led by God's Spirit!

People: Praise God that the Spirit leads us in the ways of love!

Leader: Take heart: since we are free from selfish motives, we bear the fruit of the Spirit!

People: Thank God that we are forgiven and free to follow the Spirit's leading!

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Apart from your Spirit, O God, we would not know you or understand your Word. Help us here and now as we are open to deeper awareness of who you are and how you are engaging us as we worship today. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

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The LORD said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you."

Abram left just as the LORD told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I give this land to your descendants," so Abram built an altar there to the LORD who appeared to him. From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and worshipped in the LORD's name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

Anthem: "Presbyterian Guitar"

John Hartford
Offered by Russ McDaniel

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table. But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice*. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

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

God's Word Engaged: "The Difference Between a Concept and a Person" Rev. 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** (from *A Declaration of Faith*¹) Leigh Anne Philips

God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

¹ In 1985, the PCUSA adopted the *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](#)

***Hymn # 769: “For Everyone Born”**

***Benediction: Romans 12:9,13,16,18**

***Response # 748: “Go with Us, Lord”**

Postlude: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Anthony Giamanco

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Alexander – *Receiving treatments for breast cancer*
Alison Bolen & Family – *Grieving the death, yet celebrating the life of her father*
Larry Cofield - *Receiving treatments for cancer*
Phil Coulson – *Struggling with health issues*
Michelle Frank – *Preparing for second brain surgery*
Sandy Jones - *Recently diagnosed with cancer*
Jerry Mayberry - *Recovering from stroke*
Bill Mowery – *Struggling with health issues (respiratory, ambulatory)*
A.L. Noblett - *Struggling with health issues*
Elizabeth Porter – *Recovering from emergency surgery*
Iris Russo & mother, Dawn - *Supportive concern (mental/emotional health issues)*
Celeste Tsaklis - *Receiving treatments for cancer*
Rich Walters – *Recovering from open-heart surgery*
Kathy Welch - *Struggling with health issues*
Dan Worrell - *Receiving treatments for cancer*

FOR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS, PLEASE REFER TO THE NEWSLETTER.

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mildred “Millie” Tompkins (The Glebe, Daleville), Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke), Ron Doerschug (home), Ruthie Griggs (home), Mary Helen and Bill Blair (home).

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Jim Spraker, Interim Music Leader

Our Session: Nancy McDaniel, Leigh Anne Phillips, Susan Randall, Vickie Mills, Faye Gunn, Charles Collins,
Ted Westmoreland

Elder of the Month: Charles Collins (276) 733-7965

Hymn 69

1-I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2-I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send? Refrain

3-I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send? Refrain

Hymn 769

1.For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table,
For Everyone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Everyone Born, A Star Overhead.

REFRAIN: And God Will Delight When We Are
Creators
Of Justice And Joy, Compassion And Peace:
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators
Of Justice, Justice And Joy.

2.For Woman And Man, A Place At The Table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For woman and man, a system that's fair.
REFRAIN..

3. For Young And For Old, A Place At The
Table,
A Voice To Be Heard, A Part In The Song,
The Hands Of A Child In Hands That Are
Wrinkled,
For Young And For Old, The Right To
Belong.REFRAIN

4. For Just And Unjust, A Place At The Table,
Abuser, Abused, With Need To Forgive,
In Anger, In Hurt, A Mindset Of Mercy,
For Just And Unjust, A New Way To Live.
REFRAIN

5. For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table,
To Live Without Fear, And Simply To Be,
To Work, To Speak Out, To Witness And
Worship,
For Everyone Born, The Right To Be Free.
REFRAIN

**Hymn/Response 582 – Glory to God Whose
Goodness Shines on Me**

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/Response 748 – Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.