



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 7, 2024 - 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 Mowery

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 123) Susan Mowery  
 Leader: We raise our eyes to you, O God – you who rule heaven.  
**People: Just as the eyes of servants attend to their master's hand, that's how our eyes attend to the Lord our God.**  
 Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord! We've had more than enough mockery from the self-confident!  
**People: We've had more than enough shame from the proud!**

**\*Hymn #288: "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice)**

Call to Confession (based on Galatians 5)  
 Among the many gifts from God we enjoy, we know that our freedom in Christ is one we tend to misuse. At times, we are more like animals that bite and chew on each other. Acting out of our selfish impulses, we set ourselves against the Spirit of God. Recognizing our need to be forgiven by the One we grieve, let us turn to God and confess together:

**Prayer of Confession** (adapted from *Satan's Rocks versus God's Shields* by Mattie Stepanek, age 6)

**Dear God, please protect us from mean words and evil powers and attacks and threats. Help us see the badness so we won't use the rocks of Satan by throwing them at other people in anger and hurt. Forgive us if we do and help us use the shields of love you give us like courage and respect and wisdom and loyalty. Forgive us if we think like some people that power and meanness are the strongest forces in the world. Thank you for sharing your Words and for all the good people you give us. Strengthen us so we can understand and use the shields of love your provide for us! 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 Galatians 5)

Leader: Friends, God gives us the Spirit to lead and guide us as we walk in faith.

**People: We praise the God who frees us from trying to live under the Law!**

Leader: Filled with the Spirit we bear the fruit of love which keeps us from making each other angry or jealous.

**People: We praise the Christ through whom we are forgiven and made new!**

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

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

**Help us, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to hear and understand your word for us today! Inspire us, fill us, strengthen us so that we might bear witness to you in all we say and do! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Ezekial 2:1-5

Susan Mowery

The voice said to me: Human one, stand on your feet, and I'll speak to you. As he spoke to me, a wind came to me and stood me on my feet, and I heard someone addressing me. He said to me: Human one, I'm sending you to the Israelites, a traitorous and rebellious people. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. I'm sending you to their hardheaded and hard-hearted descendants, and you will say to them: The LORD God proclaims. Whether they listen or whether they refuse, since they are a household of rebels, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Second Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 12: 6-10

If I did want to brag, I wouldn't make a fool of myself because I'd tell the truth. I'm holding back from bragging so that no one will give me any more credit than what anyone sees or hears about me. I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited. I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

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

Reflecting on God's Word: *"An Emoji Life"*

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** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith* <sup>1</sup>)

Susan Mowery

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Hymn #647: "Give Thanks"**

**\*Benediction: Matthew 5:11-12**

**\*Response #606: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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

<sup>1</sup> When the PCUSA was formed in 1983, the *Plan for Reunion* called for the formulation of a new creed. The resulting document, *A Brief Statement of Faith*, "celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task" as it "lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time." ([Book of Confessions](#))

## OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Anderson	Struggling with health issues, awaiting test results
Janet Rae Banks	Recovering from successful kidney transplant surgery – praise God!
Hallie Bea Barnard	Receiving treatments for recently discovered cancer
Prawitt Chaosan	Home and awaiting tests (Paul Lanham’s father-in-law)
Gayle Daugherty	Recovering from a fall, broken shoulder
Carol Lanham	Recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
Debi Myers	Struggling with heart issues; preparing for procedure on July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Jamie Sunderland	Serious health concerns – rejecting transplanted kidney
Rev. Michael Weller	Facing end-of-life options (brain cancer)
Shelly Williams	Lost everything in an apartment fire, waiting for disability ruling
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

## OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)  
Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

## OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Michelle Frank	Debbie McCraw	Peggy Tolbert
Susan Alexander	Robert Gamble	John McCurdy	Celeste Tsaklis
Carolyn Anderson	Betty Anne Gaskill	Scott Mitchem	Ron Wagner
Janet Rae Banks	Tim Gaskill	Rob Moser	Janie Walters
Stephanie Baron	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	William “Bill” Mowery	Teresa Webb
Delores Brannock	Bill Hicks	Debi Myers	Kathy Welch
Austin Burns	Shirley Hurst	Jenny Nester	Lauren Whorley
College Friend of Jim’s	Parker Hysell	A.L. Noblett	Gray Williams
John Collins	Neal Hylton	Elizabeth Porter	Dan Worrell
Alafair Combs	Liz Ingersoll	Karen Sexton	Betty Semones Wyrick
Ralph Ellison	Deb Linton	Samuel Terry	

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Lacy Griffith, Accompanist

**Our Session:** Nancy McDaniel, Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Vickie Mills, Faye Gunn, Charles Collins,  
Ted Westmoreland

**Elder of the Month:** Faye Gunn (276) 733-9002 (cell)

### **Hymn 288**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me;  
Fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

### **Hymn 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

### **Hymn 647**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...**

### **Hymn 582**

**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.**