



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 The Resurrection of the Lord!  
 March 31, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Randall

Prelude: "In dir ist Freude"

Bach-Busoni

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 118)

Susan Randall

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**People: I thank you, Lord, because you were my saving help.**

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!

**People: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

**\*Hymn #232: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 103)

We know that our days on earth are brief, like a flower that blooms but is quickly forgotten. We are aware that while we live, we need forgiveness, healing, and salvation which are the wondrous works of God. Let us then turn to our God and ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession [adapted from *The Dust of God* by Mattie Stepanek, age 4]

**Loving God, like a leaf on a tree that needs the rain in the spring and the sun in the summer, we need all you give us every day! Like that leaf, we know we fall season after season, and die, buried in the ground and turning to dust. Even now, O Lord, we know that we are just dust in your hands, living by your grace! We are dust yet we are life, *your* dust spread throughout the earth. We need you so please hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

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".

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (based on Psalm 103)

Leader: Hear this good news: the Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love!

**People: Thanks be to God that as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for us!**

Leader: Take heart: as far as east is from west, that's how far God has removed our sin from us!

**People: Praise God that God feels compassion for us and forgives us in Jesus Christ!**

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

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.**

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

**Prayer for Understanding**

**You, O God, are the only living source of the words that bring new life – why would we go anywhere else to receive what we need? May your presence be felt and your truth be heard as we worship you today! Receive our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

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On this mountain, the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken. They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and he has saved us! This is the LORD, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Anthem: "Canon of Praise" (from Pachelbel's "Kanon")

arr. Hal Hopson  
Offered by the HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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

God's Word Engaged: "Shattered!"

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn #526: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

Celebrating the Feast of Faith

Invitation

Words from Scripture Concerning the Meal (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Words Affirming Our Faith** (from *A Declaration of Faith* <sup>1</sup>)

Susan Randall

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord!**

**\*Hymn #240: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

\*Benediction: I Corinthians 15:57-58

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

Postlude: "Praise Ye the Triune God"

arr. Larry Shackley

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

### OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Kevin Campbell	Recently diagnosed with cancer
Charles Collins	Recovering from back procedure
Ken Everham	Recovering from shoulder surgery
Liz Ingersoll	Recovering from a fall, fractured pelvis - HOME
Carol Lanham	Struggling with RSV
John Lintecum	Struggling with health issues (blood cancer)
Eli McDaniel/crew of Harvey Milk	Maiden voyage from San Diego to Norfolk
Phylis Oakley	Recovering from surgery
Elizabeth Porter	Preparing for another surgery April 5th
RAE Center Teachers/Staff	Needing support for the school year!
Kathy Welch	Recently hospitalized for infection, inflammation
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war and suffering!

### OUR HOMEBOUND

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

### OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Debbie McCraw
Susan Alexander	John McCurdy
Carolyn Anderson	Scott Mitchum
Janet Rae Banks	Rob Moser
Stephanie Baron	William "Bill" Mowery
Delores Brannock	Debi Myers
Austin Burns	Jenny Nester
Anna Childress	A.L. Noblett
Alafair Combs	Peggy Tolbert
Michelle Frank	Celeste Tsaklis
Robert Gamble	Ron Wagner
Betty Anne Gaskill	Janie Walters
Tim Gaskill	Teresa Webb
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Rev. Michael Weller
Shirley Hurst	Aaron Whitmire
Parker Hysell	Gray Williams
Neal Hylton	Dan Worrell
Deb Linton	

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Jim Spraker, Interim Music Director

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

Elder of the Month: Susan Mowery (954) 983-8819

### Hymn 232

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### Hymn 240

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

3. We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

4. Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

### Hymn 526

1, Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Refrain - Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

**Refrain.**

**3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Refrain.**

**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.**

**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.**