



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
May 18, 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

Ann Frost

Minute for Missions

Faye Gunn

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 24)

Ann Frost

Leader: Who can ascend the Lord's mountain? Who can stand in God's holy sanctuary?

People: Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart; the one who hasn't made false promises, the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly.

Leader: That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves.

People: And that's how things are with the generation that seeks him— that seeks the face of Jacob's God!

***Hymn #248: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**

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

We confess, O God, that sometimes we fail to see the ways we are hurting and disappointing you. Our shortcomings are silent and hidden from our notice. We refuse to risk caring for others because it's unpopular or inconvenient. We hesitate to speak up on another person's behalf because we are afraid of what it will cost us. Help us see clearly! Grant us grace to bring our living in line with your desires! 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: Leviticus 19:9-18

Ann Frost

When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God. You must not steal nor deceive nor lie to each other. You must not swear falsely by my name, desecrating your God's name in doing so; I am the Lord. You must not oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not withhold a hired laborer's pay overnight. You must not insult a deaf person or put some obstacle in front of a blind person that would cause them to trip. Instead, fear your God; I am the Lord. You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your fellow Israelites fairly. Do not go around slandering your people. Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed; I am the Lord. You must not hate your fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your fellow Israelite strongly, so you don't become responsible for his sin. You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

Second Scripture Reading: John 13:31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.' "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

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)

Ann Frost

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

***Hymn #300: "We Are One in the Spirit"**

***Benediction: Philippians 2:1-4**

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

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

Curtis Cook	Recovering from surgery (abscess in shoulder), MRSA
Albina Ivanova	Diagnosed with rare form of lymphoma (Leigh Anne's brother's mother-in-law)
Juliana	Broke her leg playing soccer!
Gene Meyers	Serious health issues (infection in stomach)
Search for Music Leader	God's help and guidance!
RAE Center Staff	Blessings for the end of the school year!
Victims of natural disasters	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

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

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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 248

**1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

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.
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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 300

**1 We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be
restored.**

*** Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians
by our Love, by our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our
love.**

**2. We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land. Refrain.**

**3 We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save human pride. Refrain.**

**4 All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one: Refrain.**