



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 15, 2026 - 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

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Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 23)

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Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

People: The Lord lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps my soul alive.

Leader: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you, Lord, are with me.

People: Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live!

***Hymn #216: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

Call to Confession (based on Hebrews 4)

God's Word is living and active, able to judge our hearts' thoughts and intentions. We cannot hide from it! Aware that we are often tempted to follow examples of disobedience, let us ask God for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us if we take for granted the gifts you give us as we walk with you in faith! We easily forget that you provide for our every need and that you lead us by your Holy Spirit in ways that enable us to follow Jesus in this world! Help us see ourselves in the light of your love and accept your grace this day! 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 Hebrews 4)

Leader: Hear this Good News: Jesus understands our weakness and has compassion for us.

People: Praise God that we may draw near to God with confidence and find grace!

Leader: Take heart: Christ was tempted in every way but overcame the power of sin!

People: Thanks be to God that through our Lord we find favor and receive mercy!

***Response #437: "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, help us receive your word for us today! Remove from our hearts and minds anything that would hinder us from hearing and understanding you as you speak to us. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth. Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, *Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

Second Scripture Reading: John 9:1-7, 35-40

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". So, the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?" He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him." Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you." The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus. Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?"

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.

Welcoming A New Member *see insert*

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed*¹)

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #749: "Come! Live in the Light!"**

***Benediction: I Peter 2:9-10**

***Response #820: "Nothing Can Trouble"**

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

¹ Within the first two centuries of Christianity, this creed was formulated to defend the faith from heresy and misunderstanding. The statement underwent several revisions to further clarify the theology of the church and was adopted in its present form during the eighth century. It is the primary expression of Christian doctrine and is used not only in worship but also instruction.

Billy	Approved for liver transplant pending heart catheterization
Bill Hicks	Health concerns; undergoing cancer treatments
Luke Murphy	Twelve-year-old in need of kidney transplant
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Lind Reiss	Recovering from back surgery
Philip Shipman	Chemotherapy no longer effective; different treatment sought
Family & friends of Jean Talley	Grieving her death yet celebrating her life
Kathy Welch	Recovering from back surgery (nerve ablation)
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
 Anita Edmonds (Commonwealth Senior Living, Hillsville)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Bryon Joyce
Lincoln Bolton	Annette McDermott
Delores Brannock	Anna Faye Martin
Diane Brogan	Nicol Menards
Austin Burns	Scott Mitchum
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Bill Mowery
Virginia Collins	Ted Mowery
Alafair Combs	Search for Music Leader
Melissa Doerschug	Elizabeth Porter
Kay Ellington & family	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Ken Everham	Sonja Reiss
Pat Frost	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Robert Gamble	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Betty Anne Gaskill	Emma Viars
Tim Gaskill	Bernice Wade
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Marion Wade
Michael Howlett	Dot Wagner
Neal Hylton	Gray Williams
Leigh Anne Johnson & father	Dan Worrell

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Our Session: Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Sandy Porter, Sandy Worrell, Russ McDaniel, Reinhart Reiss, Susan Randall

Elder of the Month: Susan Randall (276) 733-1465

Hymn: #216

**1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.**

**2 Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered
there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.**

**3 I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
than the sunshine of his face; Content to let
the world go by,
to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.**

Hymn 437 - Response

**You are the Lord,
Giver of mercy!
You are the Christ,
Giver of mercy!
You are the Lord,
Giver of mercy!**

Hymn 749

**1. Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God
Refrain: We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God**

**2. Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more
Refrain.**

**3. Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each
other
As sisters and brothers united in love.
Refrain.**

Hymn 820 - Response

**Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.**

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Presentation

Elder: Friends, Cody Viars is presented by the Session as a new member of this congregation by profession of faith!

Affirmation of the Congregation

Minister: Because we are all members of one holy church, established by God through Jesus Christ and maintained by the power of God's Spirit, you do not come to us as a stranger, but as a member of the family of faith!

People: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all!

Minister: We rejoice that you desire to declare your faith and share more fully in our common ministry! In baptism you were joined to Christ and made a member of his church. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord and called to witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

People: We welcome you to the worship and work of this people of God!

Renunciations and Profession of Faith

Minister: Please respond to these questions which affirm your faith and confirm your intentions concerning membership in this community of believers.

Do you renounce all evil and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

Response: I do.

Minister: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Response: I do.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Response: I do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Affirmation of the New Member

Minister: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Response: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Let us all stand in body or in spirit and affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed: