



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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

Sandy Worrell

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 103)

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Leader: Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all his good deeds!

People: The Lord works righteousness and does justice for all who are oppressed.

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.

People: The Lord doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him!

***Hymn #301: "Let Us Build a House"**

Call to Confession (based on Ephesians 2)

There are times we live as if we are dead to the Lord's goodness, following a spirit of disobedience to God. And sometimes we live like so many in our world do, as children headed for punishment. In our better moments, we know that God is merciful, wanting to bring us to life in Christ! Trusting God's great love for us, let us ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Do we get in your way, Lord, when you want to bring about healing and reconciliation to a broken and hurting world? Do we hinder the spread of your good news when you desire to bring the least, the last, and the lost to you? Do we do more harm than good wearing your name when you hope that we will join you in your work of mending creation? Forgive our waywardness and set us aright once more! 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 Ephesians 2)

Leader: Hear this Good News: God raises us up to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

People: Praise God that we are saved by God's grace!

Leader: Take heart: this gift of salvation remakes us as God's handiwork!

People: Thank God that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Come now, Holy Spirit, and open our hearts that we may receive a life-giving word today! Come here, Holy Spirit, and enliven our faith that we may understand your ways more fully! Come to us, Holy Spirit, and stir our spirits that we may more deeply praise! Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Numbers 20:1-13

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In the first month, the entire Israelite community entered the Zin desert and the people stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died and was buried there. Now there was no water for the community, and they assembled against Moses and Aaron. Then the people confronted Moses and said to him, "If only we too had died when our brothers perished in the Lord's presence! Why have you brought the Lord's assembly into this desert to kill us and our animals here? Why have you led us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place without grain, figs, vines, or pomegranates? And there's no water to drink!" Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the meeting tent and they fell on their faces. Then the Lord's glory appeared to them. The Lord spoke to Moses: "You and Aaron your brother, take the staff and assemble the community. In their presence, tell the rock to provide water. You will produce water from the rock for them and allow the community and their animals to drink." Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, as the Lord had commanded him. Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. He said to them, "Listen, you rebels! Should we produce water from the rock for you?" Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice. Out flooded water so that the community and their animals could drink. The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you didn't trust me to show my holiness before the Israelites, you will not bring this assembly into the land that I am giving them." These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites confronted the Lord with controversy and he showed his holiness to them.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:18-22

"I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again, I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them." Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy times seven."

For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaging Us: "70 x 7"

Susan Mowery, Ruling Elder

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** (*the Apostles' Creed*)

Sandy Worrell

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 #465: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response #765: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

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

Thank you, Susan Mowery, for leading us in worship today.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Undergoing pre-transplant tests at Duke (lung transplant)
Brian Burns	Suffering with Parkinson's [Elizabeth Porter's brother]
Delia Burns	Traveling in Kenya [Linda D's granddaughter]
Lois Galyen	Recovering from procedure [Kristy Viars' mother]
Family & friends of Roger Carpenter	Grieving his death, yet celebrating his life [Chris Beck's brother]
Bill Hicks	Undergoing chemo treatments
Bryon Joyce	Struggling with Parkinson's [Russ' BIL]
Nicole Menard	New tumors discovered (brain cancer)
Jody Moore	Recent scan revealed new lesions on brain [related to Amy Anderson]
Lindsey Mowery	Struggling with health issues [Susan Mowery's SIL]
RAE Center Students and staff	Blessings for the new school year
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Philip Shipman	Seeking new treatment options (cancer)
Marlin Wilson	Recovering from a fall
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Anita Edmonds (Blue Ridge Therapy Connection; Stuart, VA)
Rachel Worrell (home)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Graham Fyfe	Anna Faye Martin	Turman family
Lincoln Bolton	Robert Gamble	Scott Mitchum	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Delores Brannock	Betty Anne Gaskill	Bill Mowery	Emma Viars
Austin Burns	Tim Gaskill	Lindsey Mowery	Bernice Wade
Bruce Cummings	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Ted Mowery	Marion Wade
Bobby Dalton	Michael Howlett	Music Leader search	Kathy Welch
Melissa Doerschug	Neal Hylton	Jennifer Ransom-Smith	Wild Goose Community
Kay Ellington & family	Rev. Marc Jones	Shining Orphanage	Gray Williams
Fairview Congregation	Paul Johnson	Rusty Porter	Matt Williams
Pat Frost	Carol Lanham	Douglas Satterfield	Dan Worrell

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

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.
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 465

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**

Hymn 301

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

Chorus-

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one, we claim the faith of Jesus:
*Chorus.***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine, and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees
us: *Chorus.***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will
reach
Beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen serve and teach
And live the word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*Chorus.***

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and
claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*Chorus.***

Hymn 765 - Response

**May the God of hope go with you every day,
Fill all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**