



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026 - 11:00 AM



Welcome to the Hillsville Presbyterian Church
"To live God's grace and show God's love through worship, fellowship and service."

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

Lind Reiss

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5

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Leader: You are the Lord's people. Obey him and celebrate! He deserves your praise.

People: Praise the Lord with harps! Use harps with ten strings to make music for him. Sing a new song. Shout! Play beautiful music.

Leader: The Lord is truthful and he can be trusted. He loves justice and fairness, and he is kind to everyone everywhere on earth.

***Hymn #450: "Be Thou My Vision"**

Call to Confession

God has told you what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? In our Christian walk of faith, let us approach God in confession:

Prayer of Confession

The highest form of service, O Lord, as Christian folk, is to serve two commandments – loving you with our whole self and loving our neighbor as much as we value and serve our own well-being. How well have we lived out these two highest principles? Did we get bogged down in hunting around for more specific rules to do and then feel good about ourselves? Or to see how others have failed and we take a victory lap? How well have we defined and lived as servant people? Or have we been hooked into serving our own needs or people just like ourselves? Forgive us, O Lord. You have told us what to do and let's do! Today! And always! Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! Jesus' teaching guides us to humility and kindness. The Spirit brings goodness and mercy without limit. We are saved by these highest of virtues lived out in the life of our crucified and risen Christ. Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

In your mercy, O God, open our hearts and our minds so we may receive your word for us today. Quiet any distractions within us and focus our attention on you alone as we worship you today. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 105:1-11

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Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-53

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there.

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**

Lind Reiss

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

***Hymn #694: "Great God of Every Blessing"**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response #542: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

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

Thank you, Rev. Hugh Matlack, for leading us in worship today.

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 450

**1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**3 Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**4 High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heavens Joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Hymn 542 - Response

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

Hymn 694

**1 Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

**2 Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

**3 Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**