



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
 May 3, 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

Brenda Collins

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 31)

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Leader: I take refuge in you, Lord. Deliver me quickly; be a rock that protects me; be a strong fortress that saves me!

People: You are my rock and my fortress. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!

Leader: I entrust my spirit into your hands; you, Lord, have saved me.

People: I trust you, Lord! I affirm, "You are my God." My future is in your hands!

***Hymn #408: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

Call to Confession (based on II Corinthians 5)

It's easy for us to say that we live by faith and not by sight, but it's much more difficult to trust those words every day, especially when the challenges and heartaches of this life cause us to suffer. Knowing that we could not live for our Lord without mercy and forgiveness, let us ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Only by your grace, O God, are we able to stand up to the temptations that would pull us away from you! Only as we draw strength from you can we be bold in our witness to your love! Forgive us if we fail to ask you for what we need as we face challenges to our faith among people who do not believe in you as we do! Grant us grace so that we may remain steady as we walk with you! 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 II Corinthians 5)

Leader: Hear this Good News: everything has changed by God's reconciling work in Christ!

People: Praise God that what is old is gone away; we are made new!

Leader: Take heart: being in Christ means that we are a new creation!

People: Thank God that in Christ our sin is not counted against us; we are forgiven!

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Good and gracious God, you alone bring life out of death and hope out of despair! Come to us in love and prepare our hearts to receive the gifts you long to give us through your word for us this day! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 4:10-18

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Listen, my son, and take in my speech, then the years of your life will be many. I teach you the path of wisdom. I lead you in straight courses. When you walk, you won't be hindered; when you run, you won't stumble. Hold on to instruction; don't slack off; protect it, for it is your life. Don't go on the way of the wicked; don't walk on the path of evil people. Avoid it! Don't turn onto it; stay off of it and keep going! They don't sleep unless they do evil; they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble. They eat the bread of evil, and they drink the wine of violence. The way of the righteous is like morning light that gets brighter and brighter till it is full day.

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going." Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us." Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it."

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 *The Confession of Belhar*¹)

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We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***Hymn #361: "O Christ, the Great Foundation"**

***Benediction: Luke 6:47-48**

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

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

¹ The newest addition to the Book of Confessions, this statement was originally crafted in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in response to the injustices of apartheid. In the mid-nineties, the successor denomination offered the creed to the global Reformed family "believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church." (Book of Confessions)

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Billy	Recovering liver transplant surgery; out of the hospital
Charles Collins	Recovering from back surgery
Bruce Cummings	Recovering from a recent stroke
Jessica Otto	Recently diagnosed with cancer; treatments underway
Susan Randall	Celebrating the birth of a new grandson!
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Phillip Shipman	Uncertainly re: effectiveness of radiation
Kathy Welch	Struggling with back pain; additional procedure planned
Wild Goose Community	Facing some challenges
Matt Williams	Heart issues, fatigue due to AFib
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!
Aubrey Worrell	Preparing for heart surgery

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Leigh Anne Johnson & father
Lincoln Bolton	Bryon Joyce
Delores Brannock	Anna Faye Martin
Austin Burns	Scott Mitchum
Virginia Collins	Bill Mowery
Alafair Combs	Ted Mowery
Melissa Doerschug	Luke Murphy
Kay Ellington & family	Search for Music Leader
Pat Frost	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Robert Gamble	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Betty Anne Gaskill	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Tim Gaskill	Emma Viars
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Bernice Wade
Bill Hicks	Marion Wade
Barbara Howlett	Dot Wagner
Michael Howlett	Gray Williams
Neal Hylton	Dan Worrell

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Sue Marshall, Accompanist

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

Elder of the Month: Nancy McDaniel (540) 529-6610

Hymn 408

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
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 361

1 O Christ, the great foundation
On which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvation
In every age and land:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit
To make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken
As long as words endure.

2 Baptized in one confession,
One church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression,
The sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered
In love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited,
By grace we make You known.

3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
Where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened,
The righteous fear to speak,
There let Your church awaking
Attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking,
With You the victory win.

4 This is the moment glorious
When He who once was dead
Shall lead His church victorious,
Their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
His heavenly kingdom brings,
The final consummation,
The glory of all things

Hymn 765

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.