



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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

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Welcome and Announcements

Susan Mowery

Call to Worship

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Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #406: "We are Standing on Holy Ground" (sing twice)**

Psalm 133: *The Blessedness of Unity - A Song of Ascents, this psalm was sung while climbing the hill to the Temple, in Jerusalem on Mt. Zion.*

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

Leader: On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, We are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

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.

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Lord God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you breathed Holy Scripture into your people. Grant us grace to understand it. Plant it in our heart. Recall it to mind, as we lie down, when we rise up, and when we are on the way. Through your Word, form us into your holy people that we might be for the world signs of your gracious love. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

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Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Glory to You, O Lord

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Praise to you, O Christ

God’s Word Engaging Us: “*God is With You*”

Rev. Marty Wagner

Moments of Silence for Reflection

***Hymn #39: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

We Welcome Our New Member – (see *insert*)

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (*the Apostles’ Creed*)

Susan Mowery

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 #321: “The Church’s One Foundation”**

***Benediction**

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

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

Thank you, Rev. Marty Wagner for leading us in worship today.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Undergoing pre-transplant tests at Duke (lung transplant)
Lincoln Bolton	Struggling with health issues [Kathy Welch's grandson]
Brian Burns	Suffering with Parkinson's [Elizabeth Porter's brother]
Family & friends of Virginia Collins	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life [Charles Collins' SIL]
Lois Galyen	Recovering from procedure [Kristy Viars' mother]
Bill Hicks	Starting monthly chemo treatments
Rev. Marc Jones [Fairview]	Diagnosed with Parkinson's
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]
Family & friends of Jessica Otto	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life [Kathy Welch's niece]
RAE Center Students and staff	Blessings for the new school year
Douglas Satterfield	Home from recent hospitalization [Sandy Worrell's BIL]
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
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	Robert Gamble	Bill Mowery	Emma Viars
Delores Brannock	Betty Anne Gaskill	Ted Mowery	Bernice Wade
Austin Burns	Tim Gaskill	Music Leader search	Marion Wade
Bruce Cummings	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Jennifer Ransom-	Kathy Welch
Bobby Dalton	Michael Howlett	Smith	Wild Goose
Melissa Doerschug	Neal Hylton	Shining Orphanage	Community
Kay Ellington & family	Paul Johnson	Rusty Porter	Gray Williams
Fairview Congregation	Carol Lanham	Philip Shipman	Matt Williams
Pat Frost	Anna Faye Martin	Turman family	Dan Worrell
Graham Fyfe	Scott Mitchum	Jerry & Shirley Varn	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Today- HUG practice, Fellowship Hall, 3pm
Tues - Session mtg, Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm
Wed - Prayer group, Church parlor, 1pm

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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

We Welcome Our New Member

****Presentation****

Elder: Friends – Today, John Viars is presented by the Session as a new member of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

****Affirmation of the Congregation****

Clerk: 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!

Clerk: 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****

Clerk: 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.

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

Response: I do.

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

Response: I do.

Clerk: 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 Members****

Clerk: 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.

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

Response 192

**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 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 406

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in His presence on holy
ground.**

Hymn 39

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my
Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I
see
All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
me**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand
beside. Refrain**

Hymn 321

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping:
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.