



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Resurrection of the Lord
 April 5, 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

Lind Reiss

Prelude: *"Happy Land"*

arr. Joseph Martin

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 118)

Lind Reiss

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

People: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

***Hymn #232: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

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

Forgive us, O God, if we struggle to trust and believe in your life-giving presence in our lives today! Forgive us if we hesitate to wholeheartedly embrace the good news of your power over sin and death because it just seems too good to be true! Forgive us if we plod through our days only half-alive even though you desire that we be fully alive in you! Grant us your grace that we may be awakened by your love and revived in your life 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 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"**

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

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: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Lind Reiss

At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people. The Lord proclaims: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness. As Israel searched for a place of rest, the Lord appeared to them from a distance: I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. And so with unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself. Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel. Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy. Again, you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests. The time will come when the watchmen shout from the highlands of Ephraim: "Get ready! We're going up to Zion to the Lord our God!"

Special Music: "See, What a Morning"

-Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend
Offered by the HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb.

Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaging Us: "*Finder's Keepers ...*"

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #238: "Thine Is the Glory"**

Celebrating the Feast of Faith

Invitation to the Table

Words from Scripture concerning the meal – *I Corinthians 11:23-26*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lind Reiss

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 #240: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

*Benediction: Isaiah 25:6-9

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

Postlude: "*Prelude in B*"

Rachmaninoff

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Billy | Awaiting insurance approval for liver transplant |
| CCHS Chorus | Prayers for safe trip to New York this weekend |
| Ken Everham | Recovering from procedure for AFib |
| Barbara Howlett | Recently hospitalized with sepsis |
| Jessica Otto | Recently diagnosed with cancer; treatments underway |
| RAE Center Staff & Students | Blessings for the school year! |
| Bernice Wade | Recovering from a fall |
| Kathy Welch | Recovering from back procedure (nerve ablation) |
| Matt Williams | Heart issues, fatigue due to AFib |
| 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

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

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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: Reinhart Reiss (804) 731-6150

Hymn 232

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Hymn 238

1. Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring
Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death
hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the
stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy
body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, Risen from the
tomb!
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and
gloom;
Let the church with gladness, Hymns of
triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost
its sting!

Refrain

Hymn 240

Refrain:
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *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 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.

