



Hillsville Presbyterian Church

Vespers Service

Sunday, September 6 – 7:00 pm

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

We Gather in God's Presence

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: and the day is almost over.

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine your church

***Opening Hymn #291: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"** (verses 1,4)

Confession and Pardon

Leader: Almighty God, maker of all,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, giver of life,

People: have mercy on us.

Moments of silence for personal self-examination.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and pray God Almighty to have mercy on me.

May Almighty God have mercy on you all, pardon and deliver you from all of your sins and give you time to amend your life. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Romans 13:8-12

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself*. Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law. As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So, let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light.

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won't be tempted too. Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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

God's Word Engaging Us

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.

***Closing Hymn #418: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (verses 1,3)**

**Charge*

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

The worship has ended; now the service begins

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 291 (verses 1,4)

**REFRAIN - Spirit, Spirit of
gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling
and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind
on the sea.**

1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.” **REFRAIN**

4 You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. **REFRAIN**

Hymn 765 - Response

**May the God of hope go with you every day,
Fill all our live 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.**

Hymn 418 (verses 1,3)

1.Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and
watching
Watching for you and for me

**Refrain: Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"**

3.O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and
pardon
Pardon for you and for me. **Refrain.**