



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Second Sunday after Epiphany
 January 18, 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

Leigh Anne Phillips

Call to Worship (based on verses from Psalm 40) Leigh Anne Phillips

Leader: I put all my hope in the Lord. The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God!

People: Those who put their trust in the Lord, who pay no attention to the proud or to those who follow lies, are truly happy!

Leader: You, Lord my God! You've done so many things— your wonderful deeds and your plans for us— no one can compare with you!

People: I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself. I declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness!

***Hymn #451: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

Call to Confession (based on Isaiah 55)

The prophet encourages us to seek God while God is yet near and return to God so that God may have mercy on us! We are aware that we squander the gifts we receive from the Lord and are often dissatisfied with our lives because of the choices we make. Trusting that God is indeed generous with forgiveness, let us turn to the Lord and ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are sometimes afraid of sharing our faith with others who may not yet know you. We easily justify ourselves by saying that our beliefs are a private matter, but truthfully, we are uncomfortable. Yet we are aware that you call us to be followers of our Lord and to bear witness to your amazing grace at work in our lives! Forgive us! Grant us courage and renewed conviction as we worship you 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 Isaiah 55)

Leader: Hear this Good News: as we abandon our wicked ways and our self-serving schemes, we are met by the abundant mercy of God!

People: Praise God that the ways of our Lord are higher than our human ways!

Leader: Take heart: the word of grace that God speaks to us is as refreshing as the rain that brings life to the earth!

People: Thanks be to God that we may join in celebration, forgiven and renewed in Christ our Lord!

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Merciful God, we are ready to hear your word for us today! By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to understand what we hear as you speak through Scripture to reveal yourself and to guide us in your ways! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:2-9

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To God's church that is in Corinth: To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people. Together with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place—he's their Lord and ours! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son." The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said, “Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and see.” So, they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated *Christ*). He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated *Peter*).

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

God’s Word Engaging Us: “*Having Skin in the Game*”

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

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 *A Declaration of Faith* ¹)

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God sent the Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God’s promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ’s commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ’s name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

¹ In 1985, the PCUSA adopted *A Declaration of Faith* as “a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration” even though it is not formally included in the [Book of Confessions](#).

***Hymn #838: "Standing on the Promises"**

***Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (FNV)**

***Response #126: "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"**

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Anderson	Recovering from sinus surgery, reaction to medications
Billy	Awaiting more tests, final determination re: liver transplant
Stacy Boyd	Recently hospitalized with health issues (hydrocephalus, epilepsy)
Dickie Epperly	Recently diagnosed with spots on lung
Ken Everham	Recovering from open heart surgery; HOME!
Ann Frost	Preparing for knee replacement surgery on Jan 27
Nicol Menards	Recovering from brain surgery; preparing for radiation
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Family & friends of Heidi Shorter	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life (relative of Kathy Welch)
Jennifer Ransom-Smith	Recently hospitalized with a subdural hematoma
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!
Melissa Worrell	Recently diagnosed with Stage 4 liver cancer

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Anita Edmonds (Commonwealth Senior Living, Hillsville)
Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Betty Anne Gaskill	Susan Mowery
Lincoln Bolton	Tim Gaskill	Ted Mowery
Delores Brannock	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Search for Music Leader
Austin Burns	Michael Howlett	Sonja Reiss
Charlie Burns	Neal Hylton	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Albina Ivanova	Philip Shipman
Katrina Cole	Leigh Anne Johnson	Emma Viars
Brenda Collins	Bryon Joyce	Bernice Wade
Virginia Collins	Annette McDermott	Marion Wade
Alafair Combs	Anna Faye Martin	Kathy Welch
Kay Ellington & family	Scott Mitchum	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Bill Mowery	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: Sandy Worrell (276) 233-2233

Hymn 451

1 Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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 838

1. Standing on the promises of Christ
my King
Through eternal ages let his praises
ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and
sing
Standing on the promises of God
*Refrain: Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God
my Savior
Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God
2. Standing on the promises that cannot
fail
When the howling storms of doubt
and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall
prevail
Standing on the promises of God
Refrain.
3. Standing on the promises of Christ
the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's
strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's
sword
Standing on the promises of God
Refrain.
4. Standing on the promises I cannot
fall
Listening every moment to the
Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in all
Standing on the promises of God
Refrain.

Hymn 126

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing:
Glory, glory, glory!
Let the heavens ring.