



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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 (Psalm 106)

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Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

People: for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Leader: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People: that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

People: Amen. Praise the Lord!

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

Call to Confession

With great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. By grace we have been saved. With that assurance of the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace

Leader: Hear the good news The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Dear God, your Word itself tells us that you inspire all Scripture, that everyone who belongs to you may be equipped for every good work. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, inspire us through your Holy Spirit that we may be ready to worship you and serve others with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

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When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So, all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." So, the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaging Us: *"Practice, Practice"*

Nancy McDaniel, Elder

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)

Brenda Collins

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***Hymn #375: "Shall We Gather at the River"**

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.

*Charge and Benediction

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith; be courageous; be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

*Response #542: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (verse 1 only)

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

Thank you, Nancy McDaniel, for leading us in worship today.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Successful lung transplant, making good progress
Larry Campbell	Suffered a severe heart attack [Cathy Parker's brother]
Gretchen Everham	Recovering from surgery on Thursday to set her broken wrist
Bill Hicks	Undergoing chemo treatments
Bryon Joyce	Struggling with Parkinson's [Russ' BIL]
Patsy Marshall	Recovering from a fall [Leigh Anne's neighbor]
Jody Moore	Recent scan revealed new lesions on brain [related to Amy Anderson]
Lindsey Mowery	Struggling with health issues [Susan Mowery's SIL]
Elaine Noe	Struggling with medical issues
RAE Center Students and staff	Peace for learning
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Philip Shipman	Receiving a new treatment (cancer)
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	Shining Orphanage
Debbie Baker	Betty Anne & Tim Gaskill	Rusty Porter
Marcia Borden	Sarah Griggs	Douglas Satterfield
Delores Brannock	Michael Howlett	Turman family
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Brian Burns	Rev. Marc Jones	Emma Viars
Bruce Cummings	Carol Lanham	Bernice & Marion Wade
Bobby Dalton	Anna Faye Martin	Kathy Welch
Kay Ellington & family	Scott Mitchum	Wild Goose Community
Fairview Congregation	Bill Mowery	Gray Williams
Pat Frost	Ted Mowery	Dan Worrell
Graham Fyfe	Music Leader search	
Lois Galyen	Jennifer Ransom-Smith	

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Elder of the Month: Charles Collins (276) 733-7965

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 375

**1. Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God**

**2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. Refrain.**

**3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. Refrain.**

**4. Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. Refrain.**

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 542 - Response

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**