



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 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

Susan Randall

Call to Worship (Micah 6:8)

Susan Randall

Leader: What does God require of us?

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #15: "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

Call to Confession and Pardon

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

Loving God, through Jesus Christ, you taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,' Hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Set us free from greed and fear.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you; in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you close to his heart.

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit. May your message of Love come through clearly that Love is the source of transformation. Settle us down, open our hearts that we may take into our lives what you are saying to your people at Hillsville this morning; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Susan Randall

Let me sing for my loved one a love song for his vineyard. My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it, cleared away its stones, planted it with excellent vines, built a tower inside it, and dug out a wine vat in it. He expected it to grow good grapes— but it grew rotten grapes. So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I haven't done for it? When I expected it to grow good grapes, why did it grow rotten grapes? Now let me tell you what I'm doing to my vineyard. I'm removing its hedge, so it will be destroyed. I'm breaking down its walls, so it will be trampled. I'll turn it into a ruin; it won't be pruned or hoed, and thorns and thistles will grow up. I will command the clouds not to rain on it. The vineyard of the Lord of heavenly forces is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are the plantings in which God delighted. God expected justice, but there was bloodshed; righteousness, but there was a cry of distress!

Second Scripture Reading: Mathew 21: 33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.' They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?" They said, "He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it's ready." Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it's amazing in our eyes?* Therefore, I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on." Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaging Us: "*Provisions & Expectation*" Patricia Neel, Lay Pastor PCUSA

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #288: "Spirit of the Living God"** (*sing 2 times*)

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (Confession of 1967)

Susan Randall

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared all their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won victory over sin and death for all people.

Celebrating the Feast of Faith

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord and God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore, we praise you, joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving as we share this feast of love and grace.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

***Benediction**

***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, Patricia Neel, for leading us in worship today.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Undergoing pre-transplant tests at Duke (lung transplant)
Brian Burns	Suffering with Parkinson’s [Elizabeth Porter’s brother]
Gretchen Everham	Recovering from an accident; sprained ankle, broken wrist
Lois Galyen	Recovering from procedure [Kristy Viars’ mother]
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
Rev Rebecca & Penny	Safe travels along the Camino de Santiago in Europe
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Philip Shipman	Seeking new treatment options (cancer)
Family & friends of Kay Collier Tickle	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering
Family & friends of Susan Worrell	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life [Rachel Worrell’s DIL]

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Anita Edmonds (Blue Ridge Therapy Connection; Stuart, VA)
Rachel Worrell (home)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Graham Fyfe	Scott Mitchum	Emma Viars
Hannah Alderman	Robert Gamble	Bill Mowery	Bernice & Marion
Lincoln Bolton	Betty Anne & Tim	Ted Mowery	Wade
Marcia Borden	Gaskill	Music Leader search	Kathy Welch
Delores Brannock	Sarah Griggs	Jennifer Ransom-	Wild Goose
Austin Burns	Michael Howlett	Smith	Community
Bruce Cummings	Neal Hylton	Shining Orphanage	Gray Williams
Bobby Dalton	Rev. Marc Jones	Rusty Porter	Dan Worrel
Kay Ellington & family	Carol Lanham	Douglas Satterfield	
Fairview Congregation	Anna Faye Martin	Turman family	
Pat Frost	Nicole Menard	Jerry & Shirley Varn	

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Our Session: Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Sandy Porter, Sandy Worrell, Russ McDaniel, Reinhart Reiss, Susan Randall

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 15

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Refrain: O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
Refrain.**

**3. And all ye saints of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
Refrain.**

**4. Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
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.**

Response Hymn 542

**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.**

Hymn 288 (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
Fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

