



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Day of Pentecost
 May 24, 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

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 104)

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Leader: All your creations wait for you, O Lord, to give them their food on time.

People: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

Leader: But when you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

People: When you let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the earth brand-new again.

***Hymn #291: "Spirit of Gentleness"**

Call to Confession (based on Galatians 5)

Because we are such capable people, we are tempted to fall away from grace by striving to earn God's favor through what we do. God wills that we be free – free from trying to save ourselves and free to accept God's generous grace in Jesus Christ. Aware that we tend to misuse our freedom and to misunderstand our relationship with the living God, let us ask for the forgiveness we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession [adapted from Prayers for a Privileged People by W.Brueggemann]

We confess, Holy God, that we're not so sure about the Pentecost story. It's an odd tale and it surges beyond our categories, and we expect you to be more orderly, less disruptive. We listen with only a little curiosity but no yielding, wondering about bending this unnerving power to our usefulness. Yet we admit that we yearn for new vision and an energy beyond our own which fails us. Forgive us! Grant us fresh understanding and deeper trust 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 Galatians 5)

Leader: Hear this Good News: we do not live as captives to the Law; we are free to be led by God's lively Spirit!

People: Praise God that the Spirit leads us in the ways of love!

Leader: Take heart: since we are free from selfish, destructive motives, we bear the fruit of the Spirit!

People: Thank God that we are forgiven and free to follow the Spirit's leading!

***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

Apart from your Spirit, O God, we would not know you or understand your Word. Help us here and now as we open ourselves to deeper awareness of your presence and your engaging Word as we worship today. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-18

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There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person. Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly, the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted.

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!" Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

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

God's Word Engaging Us: "*Gettin' Personal!*"

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Celebrating the Feast of Faith

Invitation

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*)

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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 #297: "In Christ Called to Baptize"**

***Benediction: John 14:25-26 [FNV]**

***Response #192: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	In car accident, needs new lung
Bruce Cummings	Suffered a stroke; loss of speech
Graham Fife	Recently diagnosed with leukemia, treatments started
Jim Spraker	In car accident, broken hand
Turman family	Struggling with COVID, hospitalization
Kathy Welch	Recovering from back procedure; broken toe
Wild Goose Community	Facing challenges
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Anita Edmonds (Commonwealth Senior Living, Hillsville)
Rachel Worrell (home)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Pat Frost	Anna Faye Martin	Emma Viars
Billy	Robert Gamble	Scott Mitchum	Bernice Wade
Lincoln Bolton	Betty Anne Gaskill	Bill Mowery	Marion Wade
Delores Brannock	Tim Gaskill	Ted Mowery	Dot Wagner
Austin Burns	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Music Leader search	Gray Williams
Virginia Collins	Bill Hicks	Jessica Otto	Matt Williams
Alafair Combs	Michael Howlett	Shining Orphanage	Dan Worrell
Melissa Doerschug	Neal Hylton	Philip Shipman	
Kay Ellington & family	Leigh Anne Johnson	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: Nancy McDaniel (540) 529-6610

Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**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**

**2 You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. REFRAIN**

**3 You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. 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 288

**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.**

Hymn 297

**1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to
grace
And gather a people from each land and
race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s
death,
Then, rising to new life, give thanks with
each breath.**

**2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we
share,
A haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one
bread.
One cup of thanksgiving, proclaims Christ
our head.**

**3 In Christ called to witness by grace we
will preach
The life-giving gospel; God’s love we will
teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our
praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ’s
ways.**

**4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we
grow.**

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.**

Response 192

**Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.**

