



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Second Sunday in Lent
 March 1, 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

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Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 121)

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Leader: God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

People: The Lord is our protector; the Lord is our shade right beside us.

Leader: The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.

People: The Lord will protect us on our journeys—whether going or coming—from now until forever from now!

***Hymn #441: "Hear the Good News of Salvation"**

Call to Confession (based on Hebrews 4)

God's Word is living and active, able to judge our hearts' thoughts and intentions. We cannot hide from it! Aware that we are often tempted to follow examples of disobedience, let us ask God for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us if we give in to despair and discouragement as we seek to live for you in this world! Forgive us if we complain about your ways which you summon us to follow! Forgive us if we lose sight of your promises and blessings! Rekindle our faith this day as we worship you! 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 Hebrews 4)

Leader: Hear this Good News: Jesus understands our weakness and has compassion for us.

People: Praise God that we may draw near to God with confidence and find grace!

Leader: Take heart: Christ was tempted in every way but overcame the power of sin!

People: Thanks be to God that through our Lord we find favor and receive mercy!

***Response #437: "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, help us receive your word for us today! Remove from our hearts and minds anything that would hinder us from hearing and understanding you as you speak to us. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

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The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you." Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him.

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-5

So, what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to brag, but not in front of God. What does the scripture say? *Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.* Workers' salaries aren't credited to them on the basis of an employer's grace but rather on the basis of what they deserve. But faith is credited as righteousness to those who don't work, because they have faith in God who makes the ungodly righteous.

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

God's Word Engaging Us: *"Looking Right"*

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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Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

***Hymn #215: "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

***Benediction: Hebrews 12:1-3**

***Response #820: "Nothing Can Trouble"**

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Billy	Awaiting test results re: liver transplant
Pat Frost	Recovering from surgery on broken leg [Jennifer's mother]
Bill Hicks	Health concerns
Luke Murphy	Twelve-year-old in need of kidney transplant
Elizabeth Porter	Recovering from knee replacement surgery
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Philip Shipman	Chemotherapy no longer effective; different treatment sought
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

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	Robert Gamble	Ted Mowery
Lincoln Bolton	Betty Anne Gaskill	Search for Music Leader
Ron Braith	Tim Gaskill	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Delores Brannock	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Sonja Reiss
Diane Brogan	Michael Howlett	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Leigh Anne Johnson	Emma Viars
Katrina Cole	Bryon Joyce	Bernice Wade
Virginia Collins	Annette McDermott	Marion Wade
Alafair Combs	Anna Faye Martin	Dot Wagner
Kay Ellington & family	Nicol Menards	Gray Williams
Ken Everham	Scott Mitchum	Dan Worrell
Ann Frost	Bill Mowery	

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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: Susan Randall (276) 733-1465

Hymn 441

1.Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

2.All the sins I have committed,
To my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing: Refrain.

Hymn 437

You are the Lord,
Giver of mercy!
You are the Christ,
Giver of mercy!
You are the Lord,
Giver of mercy!

Hymn #215

1-What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2-When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid
aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3-To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4-And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Hymn 820

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.