



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Second Sunday of Eastertide
 April 12, 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

Prelude: *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

arr. Steve Martin

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 111)

Susan Randall

Leader: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

People: God remembers his covenant forever.

Leader: God sent redemption for his people; God commanded that his covenant last forever.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name!

***Hymn #246: "Christ Is Alive!"**

Call to Confession (based on II Corinthians 5)

It's easy for us to say that we live by faith and not by sight, but it's much more difficult to trust those words every day, especially when the challenges and heartaches of this life cause us to suffer. Knowing that we could not live for our Lord without mercy and forgiveness, let us ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we quickly forget how amazing it is that you raised Jesus from the dead. It happened so long ago and so much in our world seems to reject your life-giving love. We trust that you haven't given up on us... but we sometimes feel weird holding on to hope that you still work in amazing ways even today. Banish our fears! Bolster our faith! Forgive us that we might live more fully in 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 II Corinthians 5)

Leader: Hear this Good News: everything has changed by God's reconciling work in Christ!

People: Praise God that what is old is gone away; we are made new!

Leader: Take heart: being in Christ means that we are a new creation!

People: Thank God that in Christ our sin is not counted against us; we are forgiven!

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Good and gracious God, you alone bring life out of death and hope out of despair! Come to us in love and prepare our hearts to receive the gifts you long to give us through your word for us this day! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-28

Susan Randall

"Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this. In accordance with God's established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. David says about him, 'I foresaw that the Lord was always with me; because he is at my right hand I won't be shaken. Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my body will live in hope, because you won't abandon me to the grave, nor permit your holy one to experience decay. You have shown me the paths of life; your presence will fill me with happiness.'"

Special Music: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" - arr. Dick Reynolds

Offered by HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:3-9

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time. You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

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

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)

Susan Randall

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 #250: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"**

***Benediction: I Corinthians 15:57-58**

***Response #765: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

Postlude: "*And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*"

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Thank you, Jim Spraker, for sharing your musical gifts with the choir and congregation!

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](#).

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Billy	Recovering from liver transplant
Jessica Otto	Recently diagnosed with cancer; treatments underway
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Kathy Welch	Recovering from back procedure (nerve ablation)
Matt Williams	Heart issues, fatigue due to AFib
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Lincoln Bolton	Bill Hicks	Sonja Reiss
Delores Brannock	Barbara Howlett	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Austin Burns	Michael Howlett	Phillip Shipman
Virginia Collins	Neal Hylton	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Alafair Combs	Leigh Anne Johnson & father	Emma Viars
Melissa Doerschug	Bryon Joyce	Bernice Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Anna Faye Martin	Marion Wade
Ken Everham	Scott Mitchum	Dot Wagner
Pat Frost	Bill Mowery	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Ted Mowery	Dan Worrell
Betty Anne Gaskill	Luke Murphy	
Tim Gaskill	Search for Music Leader	

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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: Reinhart Reiss (804) 731-6150

Hymn 246

1 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing.
The Cross Stands Empty To The Sky.
Let Streets And Homes With Praises Ring.
Love, Drowned In Death, Shall Never Die.

2 Christ Is Alive! No Longer Bound
To Distant Years In Palestine,
But Saving, Healing, Here And Now
And Touching Every Place And Time.

3 In Every Insult, Rift, And War
Where Color, Scorn, Or Wealth Divide,
Christ Suffers Still, Yet Loves The More,
And Lives, Where Even Hope Has Died.

4 Women And Men, In Age And Youth,
Can Feel The Spirit, Hear The Call,
And Find The Way, The Life, The Truth,
Revealed In Jesus, Freed For All.

5 Christ Is Alive, And Comes To Bring
Good News To This And Every Age,
Till Earth And Sky And Ocean Ring
With Joy, With Justice, Love And Praise.

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 250

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Hymn 765

May the God of hope go with you every day,
Fill all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our
way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and
race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.