



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Trinity Sunday
 May 31, 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.

Assisted Listening and Hearing Devices (ALDs) are available to all in need. If you need an ALDs, please request one from the usher on duty.

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Welcome and Announcements

Susan Mowery

Call to Worship (verses adapted from Psalm 8)

Susan Mowery

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

People: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made— the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—

Leader: What are we human beings that you think about us; what are we human beings that you pay attention to us?

People: You've made us only slightly less than divine, crowning us with glory and grandeur. You've let us rule over your handiwork!

***Hymn #1: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

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

God of grace and Lord of all life, we open our hearts before you and confess that we easily lose sight of your hopes for us! We get distracted by all the voices clamoring for our attention and forget what is most important to you. We become obsessed over ourselves and neglect your instructions to serve others. Forgive us! May your love refocus our hearts as we worship you 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"**

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: II Corinthians 13:11-13

Susan Mowery

Finally, brothers and sisters, good-bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you. Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaging Us: *"Blessed Multitasking"*

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)

Susan Mowery

In the presence of the Holy Spirit the first Christians experienced God's own presence, not a power different from God or less than God. In Jesus Christ they met God personally, not a second God or one who is only like God. Yet they worshiped with the people of Israel one God alone. Reflecting on this mystery, the ancient church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. We affirm the unity of God's being and work. We may not separate the work of God as Creator from the work of God as Redeemer. We may not set the Son's love against the Father's justice. We may not value the Holy Spirit's work above the work of the Father and Son. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God. We affirm richness and variety in God's being and work. In God's eternal being and in all the Lord's activity, the one God is always and at the same time the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn #716: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

***Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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

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

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

Eddie Ayers	In car accident, needs new lung
Bruce Cummings	Suffered a stroke; loss of speech, recovering slowly
Melissa Doerschug	Struggling with seizures again
Graham Fife	Undergoing treatments for leukemia
Graduates	Celebrating this milestone in life
Family/friends of Darrell Goad	Grieving his death yet celebrating his life
Liz Ingersoll	Recovering from a fall
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Jim Spraker	In car accident, broken hand
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 (Blue Ridge Therapy Connection; Stuart, VA)
Rachel Worrell (home)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Shining Orphanage
Billy	Bill Hicks	Philip Shipman
Lincoln Bolton	Michael Howlett	Turman family
Delores Brannock	Neal Hylton	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Austin Burns	Leigh Anne Johnson	Emma Viars
Virginia Collins	Anna Faye Martin	Bernice Wade
Alafair Combs	Scott Mitchum	Marion Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Bill Mowery	Dot Wagner
Pat Frost	Ted Mowery	Kathy Welch
Robert Gamble	Music Leader search	Gray Williams
Betty Anne Gaskill	Jennifer Ransom-Smith	Matt Williams
Tim Gaskill	Jessica Otto	Dan Worrell

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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: Nancy McDaniel (540) 529-6610

Hymn 716

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace
conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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.

Hymn 1

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down
before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
Thee,
though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may
not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside
Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in
earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!