



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 22, 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

Leigh Anne Phillips

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 130)

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Leader: I cry out to you from the depths, Lord— my Lord, listen to my voice!

People: If you kept track of sins, Lord— my Lord, who would stand a chance?

Leader: But forgiveness is with you— that's why you are honored.

People: Lord, let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

***Hymn #41: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**

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

Leader: Almighty God, we know about the person of your Spirit, and we confess that we are somewhat unnerved by the power you unleash among us!

People: Your Spirit dismantles what was and evokes what is yet to be; your Spirit overcomes barriers and signals that your rule is present among us!

Leader: We admit that we resist your Spirit because we are far more comfortable with order and predictability and things we can manage.

People: Yet we acknowledge that we crave newness within us and in our world!

Leader: And so, with the breath you have given us, we pray for grace to trust you this day!

People: 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leigh Anne Phillips

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know." He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord." I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them. He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live." I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company. He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So, the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God. But you aren't self-centered. Instead, you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

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

God's Word Engaging Us: *"The In-Between"*

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*)

Leigh Anne Phillips

The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes, and nations to accept the good news of what God had done in Christ, repent of their sins, and enter the community of faith. We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all these things we are responsible for our decisions. But after we have trusted and repented, we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act. It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God. Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace and live by it.

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

***Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:19-24**

***Response #820: “Nothing Can Trouble”**

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

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Billy	Awaiting final approval for liver transplant
Pat Frost	Recovering from surgery after breaking left leg; right leg healing
Bill Hicks	Health concerns; undergoing cancer treatments
Noii Lanham	Undergoing tests after fall, possible seizure
Ima Lindsey	Grieving death of husband
Luke Murphy	Thirteen-year-old in need of kidney transplant
Jessica Otto	Recently diagnosed with several types of cancer
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Lind Reiss	Recovering from back surgery
Philip Shipman	Chemotherapy no longer effective; different treatment sought
Kathy Welch	Recovering from back surgery (nerve ablation)
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	Tim Gaskill	Elizabeth Porter
Lincoln Bolton	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Delores Brannock	Michael Howlett	Sonja Reiss
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Leigh Anne Johnson & father	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Virginia Collins	Bryon Joyce	Emma Viars
Alafair Combs	Annette McDermott	Bernice Wade
Melissa Doerschug	Anna Faye Martin	Marion Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Scott Mitchum	Dot Wagner
Ken Everham	Bill Mowery	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Ted Mowery	Dan Worrell
Betty Anne 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: Susan Randall (276) 733-1465

Hymn #41

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's
love:

our shield and defender, the Ancient of
Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with
praise.

2 O tell of God's might and sing of God's
grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space.
whose chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the
storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders
untold,
Almighty your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree.
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the
sea.

4. Your bountiful care, what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the
end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Hymn 288

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

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.

Hymn 437

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