



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 July 12, 2026 - 11:00 AM



*Liturgy adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

*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

Ken Gunn

Call to Worship

Ken Gunn

Leader: O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

**People: we praise you!**

Leader: You made the earth and all that lives here; you give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to your people:

**People: we praise and thank you, O God!**

Leader: Your kingdom come and your will be done, O God;

**People: that the eyes of the blinded be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness, and the wealth of the world serve the good of all!**

Leader: Let us sing God a new song!

**People: With joy, let us honor our Maker!**

**\*Hymn #611: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

**Moments of Silence for Personal Confession**

Leader: Amen. Let us now confess together:

**Creator of this world and all its people, we are glad that all things are held in your hands. You do not leave us alone! But if we have offered to false gods the devotion you alone deserve and dismissed your Gospel as disconnected from this world, forgive us! And if we have seen the poor endangered, the sick neglected, and strangers among us mistreated and have not worked for what is right, forgive us! God of mercy, wherever in our world the lust for money undermines peace and the greed for power overrides justice, and we sit idly by in silence, forgive us! Come, Lord Jesus! Make us new!**

Leader: May God our Maker bless us and wrap us round in love and mercy!

**People: Amen!**

Leader: May Jesus our brother bless us and ask us the questions that lead us to change!

**People: Amen!**

Leader: May the Spirit bless us and fill our lives with wisdom and courage!

**People: May we live boldly in the grace of the Trinity! Amen!**

**\*Response #582: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

## **WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD**

Leader: Listen for God’s Word coming to us in Scripture!

**People: Our hearts and minds are open!**

First Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-6

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Keep loving each other like family. Don’t neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you*. This is why we can confidently say, *The Lord is my helper, and I won’t be afraid. What can people do to me?*

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-17

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don’t curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don’t think that you’re so smart. Don’t pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

God’s Word Engaging Us: *“Erosion Control”*

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Grateful that we are free to unite in prayer, we pray in words Jesus taught his friends: *(in this language or your preferred version)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil; for the kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Words Affirming Our Faith** (from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

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**We believe in God the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, and fashioned beauty beyond our imagining. We celebrate God's power that brings down walls of separation. We rejoice in God's love that embraces and cares for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in the shadows of an occupied land, a human being, vulnerable to hunger, persecution, and grief. We celebrate the truth he spoke, the forgiveness he offers, and the way he changes our lives. We rejoice in his living, dying, and rising again in which we know a love strong enough to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts, and empowers us. We celebrate the Spirit's work in opening our minds to Scripture. We rejoice in the Spirit's light that shines through the earth's darkness.**

**We believe that God inspires us, Christ encourages us, and the Spirit enables us to live as God's people in the world!**

**\*Hymn #300: "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**\*Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:14-24**

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

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

## OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Accepted for evaluation @ Duke for possible lung transplant
Bruce Cummings	Suffered a stroke; loss of speech, recovering slowly
Graham Fyfe	Undergoing treatments for leukemia
Lois Galyen	Undergoing invasive treatments [Kristy Viars' mother]
Liz Ingersoll	Recovering from a fall
Carol Lanham	Starting treatment plan for cancer
Nicole Menard	New tumors discovered (brain cancer)
Lindsay Mowery	Struggling with health issues
Rusty Porter	Advancing Parkinson's [Sandy Porter's brother]
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Georgie Webb	Nearing the end of this life [Ann Largin's sister]
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	Michael Howlett	Jim Spraker
Delores Brannock	Neal Hylton	Turman family
Austin Burns	Leigh Anne Johnson	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Virginia Collins	Anna Faye Martin	Emma Viars
Melissa Doerschug	Scott Mitchum	Bernice Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Bill Mowery	Marion Wade
Pat Frost	Ted Mowery	Dot Wagner
Robert Gamble	Music Leader search	Kathy Welch
Betty Anne Gaskill	Jennifer Ransom-Smith	Gray Williams
Tim Gaskill	Jessica Otto	Matt Williams
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Shining Orphanage	Dan Worrell
Bill Hicks	Philip Shipman	

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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

## 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 611

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before  
Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## 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 300

1 We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be  
restored.

\* Refrain: And they'll know we are  
Christians by our Love, by our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our  
love.

2. We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
that God is in our land. Refrain.

3 We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save human pride. Refrain.

4 All praise to the Father,  
From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who makes us one: Refrain.



