

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Welcome to the Hillsville Presbyterian Church
"To live God's grace and show God's love through worship, fellowship and service."

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 Mowery

Call to Worship (Psalm 90:1,2) — Susan Mowery

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
People: you have been our home throughout all the ages.
Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

***Hymn #803: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

Call to Confession

God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save:

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-7 Susan Mowery

After Ehud died, the people of Israel sinned against the Lord again. So the Lord let them be conquered by Jabin, a Canaanite king who ruled in the city of Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived at Harosheth-of-the-Gentiles. Jabin had nine hundred iron chariots, and he ruled the people of Israel with cruelty and violence for twenty years. Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help. Now Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet, and she was serving as a judge for the Israelites at that time. She would sit under a certain palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel would go there for her decisions. One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam from the city of Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, has given you this command: 'Take ten thousand men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them to Mount Tabor. I will bring Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, to fight you at the Kishon River. He will have his chariots and soldiers, but I will give you victory over him.'"

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 123

Lord, I look up to you, up to heaven, where you rule. As a servant depends on his master, as a maid depends on her mistress, so we will keep looking to you, O Lord our God, until you have mercy on us. Be merciful to us, Lord, be merciful; we have been treated with so much contempt. We have been mocked too long by the rich and scorned by proud oppressors.

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

The Message: *"Lift Up Your Eyes: Trusting God When the Way is Uncertain"*
Cathy Parker, Lay Pastor

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

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God with us.

***Hymn #837: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

*Prayer and Benediction

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

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

Thank you, Cathy Parker, for leading us in worship today.

[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.

Hymn 803

1. **My Shepherd will supply my need;**
   Jehovah is His Name;
   In pastures fresh He makes me feed
   beside the living stream.
   He brings my wand'ring spirit back
   when I forsake His ways,
   And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
   in paths of truth and grace.

2. **When I walk thru the shades of death,**
   your presence is my stay;
   One word of your supporting breath
   drives all my fears away.
   Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
   does still my table spread;
   My cup with blessings overflows;
   your oil anoints my head.

3. **The sure provisions of my God**
   attend me all my days;
   O may your house be my abode,
   and all my work be praise!
   There would I find a settled rest,
   while others go and come,
   No more a stranger or a guest,
   but like a child at home.

Hymn 582 - Response

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 837

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Hymn 542 - Response

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.