



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Third Sunday of Eastertide
 April 19, 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

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Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 116)

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Leader: I'll call out to the Lord as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.

People: The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is compassionate!

Leader: What can I give back to the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

People: I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you, Lord! Oh, yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant! You've freed me from my chains!

***Hymn #267: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

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

O Lord, most of the time we think we're doing the best we can with this slippery business of faith... but then – when we're overwhelmed or burned out, we realize we've been depending too much on our own abilities and resources and not at all on you. We're sorry. We recognize it's not best to try to cover up our weaknesses and shortcomings rather than lift them into the light of your healing grace. Help us and forgive us! 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 2:36-41

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"Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-27

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

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

God’s Word Engaging Us: “*Heart Conditions*”

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)

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We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith, we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. Relying on the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes and hearts, we affirm our freedom to interpret Scripture responsibly.

***Hymn #694: “Great God of Every Blessing”**

***Benediction: Romans 10:9, 12-13**

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

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

Billy	Still hospitalized with complications after liver transplant surgery
Jessica Otto	Recently diagnosed with cancer; treatments underway
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Family & friends of Sonja Reiss	Grieving her death yet celebrating her life
Phillip Shipman	Uncertainly re: effectiveness of radiation
Kathy Welch	Struggling with back pain; additional procedure planned
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	Tim Gaskill	Luke Murphy
Lincoln Bolton	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Search for Music Leader
Delores Brannock	Bill Hicks	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Austin Burns	Barbara Howlett	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Virginia Collins	Michael Howlett	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Alafair Combs	Neal Hylton	Emma Viars
Melissa Doerschug	Leigh Anne Johnson & father	Bernice Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Bryon Joyce	Marion Wade
Ken Everham	Anna Faye Martin	Dot Wagner
Pat Frost	Scott Mitchum	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Bill Mowery	Dan Worrell
Betty Anne Gaskill	Ted Mowery	

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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 267

1. Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

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 694

1 Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

2 Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

3 Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

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.