



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

Brenda Collins

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 #462: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

Call to Confession

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

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: Matthew 28:16-20

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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."

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 10:11-15

The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.* There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.* So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

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: *"What's That in Your Back Pocket?"*

Peter Huber

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 #726: “Will You Come and Follow Me”**

***Benediction**

***Response #542: “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

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

Many thanks to Peter Huber for bringing the message to us this morning.

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

Hannah Alderman	Recently hospitalized [Nancy's niece]
Eddie Ayers	Undergoing pre-transplant tests at Duke (lung transplant)
Brian Burns	Suffering with Parkinson's [Elizabeth Porter's brother]
Lois Galyen	Recovering from procedure [Kristy Viars' mother]
Bill Hicks	Undergoing chemo treatments
Bryon Joyce	Struggling with Parkinson's [Russ' BIL]
Patsy Marshall	Recovering from a fall [Leigh Anne's neighbor]
Tommy Montang	Child with brittle bone disease
Jody Moore	Recent scan revealed new lesions on brain [related to Amy Anderson]
Lindsey Mowery	Struggling with health issues [Susan Mowery's SIL]
Elaine Noe	Struggling with medical issues
RAE Center Students and staff	Peace for learning
Rev Rebecca & Penny	Safe travels along the Camino de Santiago in Europe
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Philip Shipman	Seeking new treatment options (cancer)
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	Anna Faye Martin
Lincoln Bolton	Scott Mitchum
Marcia Borden	Bill Mowery
Delores Brannock	Ted Mowery
Austin Burns	Music Leader search
Bruce Cummings	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Bobby Dalton	Shining Orphanage
Kay Ellington & family	Rusty Porter
Fairview Congregation	Douglas Satterfield
Pat Frost	Turman family
Graham Fyfe	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Robert Gamble	Emma Viars
Betty Anne & Tim Gaskill	Bernice & Marion Wade
Sarah Griggs	Kathy Welch
Michael Howlett	Wild Goose Community
Neal Hylton	Gray Williams
Rev. Marc Jones	Dan Worrell
Carol Lanham	

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Elder of the Month: Reinhart Reiss (804) 731-6150

Hymn 462

**1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.**

**Refrain: I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.**

**2. I love to tell the story;
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story;
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word. Refrain.**

**3. I love to tell the story;
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story,
That I have loved so long. Refrain**

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 – Response 542

**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.**

Hymn 726

**1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

**3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?**

**4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.**