



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 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

Brenda Collins

Minute for Missions – One Great Hour of Sharing

Russ McDaniel

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 32)

Brenda Collins

Leader: You, Lord, are my secret hideout! You protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of rescue!

**People: The Lord says, "I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you."**

Leader: All you who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad!

**People: Because the Lord has made our hearts right, we sing out in joy!**

**\*Hymn #649: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

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]

**We confess, O God, that we set out to be your faithful people and then we fall into unintended brokenness. Alienated from you and ashamed before our neighbors, we seek to hide as if we could become invisible. Yet we are here, raw in our honesty, knowing that you already know what we try to keep secret. Forgive us! As we take these timid steps toward you, touch us with your unfailing love and speak to us your gracious word of welcome! Be your full, generous self for us as we begin again, obeying and loving as we can. 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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Brenda Collins

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'" The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So, they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 5:15-18

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ. So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person.

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

God's Word Engaging Us: *"The Great Remodel"*

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* <sup>1</sup>)

Brenda Collins

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just.**

<sup>1</sup> 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 #757: “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”**

**\*Benediction: Colossians 2:6-10 [FNV]**

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

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

### **OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS**

Billy	Awaiting tests re: liver transplant
Bill Hicks	Health concerns
Luke Murphy	Twelve-year-old in need of kidney transplant
Elizabeth Porter	Recovering from knee replacement surgery
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Family/friends of Gail Richardson	Grieving her death yet celebrating her life [Nancy’s cousin]
Philip Shipman	Chemotherapy no longer effective; different treatment sought
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!
Family/friends of Melissa Worrell	Grieving her death yet celebrating her life

### **OUR HOMEBOUND**

Mary Helen Blair (home)  
Anita Edmonds (Commonwealth Senior Living, Hillsville)  
Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

### **OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS**

Abingdon Presbytery	Robert Gamble	Ted Mowery
Lincoln Bolton	Betty Anne Gaskill	Search for Music Leader
Ron Braith	Tim Gaskill	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Delores Brannock	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Sonja Reiss
Diane Brogan	Michael Howlett	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Leigh Anne Johnson	Emma Viars
Katrina Cole	Bryon Joyce	Bernice Wade
Virginia Collins	Annette McDermott	Marion Wade
Alafair Combs	Anna Faye Martin	Dot Wagner
Kay Ellington & family	Nicol Menards	Gray Williams
Ken Everham	Scott Mitchum	Dan Worrell
Ann Frost	Bill 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:** Susan Mowery (954) 983-8819

### Hymn 649

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand  
years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's  
praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

### Hymn 437

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

### Hymn 757

1. Today we are all called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free,  
Make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God  
Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

### 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.