



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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.

Assisted Listening and Hearing Devices (ALDs) are available to all in need. If you need an ALDs, please request one from the usher on duty.

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Welcome and Announcements

Sue Collins

Call to Worship

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(Derived from William Bright, Ancient Collects and Other Prayers - 1862)

Leader: Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it.

People: **Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn #630: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

Call to Confession (1 Timothy 1:14–15)

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (John 13:34)

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22–33

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. This is the account of Jacob’s descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn’t even talk nicely to him.

Joseph’s brothers went to tend their father’s flocks near Shechem. Israel said to Joseph, “Aren’t your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I’ll send you to them.” And he said, “I’m ready.” Jacob said to him, “Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me.” So, Jacob sent him from the Hebron Valley. When he approached Shechem, a man found him wandering in the field and asked him, “What are you looking for?” Joseph said, “I’m looking for my brothers. Tell me, where are they tending the sheep?” The man said, “They left here. I heard them saying, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him.

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!

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** (*the Apostles' Creed*¹)

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #463: "How Firm a Foundation"**

***Benediction:**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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

Thank you, Nancy McDaniel, for leading us in worship today.

¹ Within the first two centuries of Christianity, this creed was formulated to defend the faith from heresy and misunderstanding. The statement underwent several revisions to further clarify the theology of the church and was adopted in its present form during the eighth century. It is the primary expression of Christian doctrine and is used not only in worship but also instruction.

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Eddie Ayers	Undergoing pre-transplants tests at Duke (lung transplant)
Lincoln Bolton	Struggling with health issues [Kathy Welch's grandson]
Virginia Collins	Nearing the end of this life [Charles Collins' SIL]
Lois Galyen	Recovering from procedure [Kristy Viars' mother]
Bill Hicks	Starting monthly chemo treatments
Rev. Marc Jones [Fairview]	Diagnosed with Parkinson's
Nicole Menard	New tumors discovered (brain cancer)
Jody Moore	Recent scan revealed new lesions on brain [related to Amy Anderson]
Jessica Otto	Now in hospice care [Kathy Welch's niece]
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for a new school year!
Rev. Rebecca	Blessings and best wishes on her retirement!
Douglas Satterfield	Home from recent hospitalization [Sandy Worrell's BIL]
Session Members	Support during search for Interim Pastor
Family & friends of Georgia Webb	Grieving her death, yet celebrating her life [Ann Largin's sister]
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	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Rusty Porter
Delores Brannock	Michael Howlett	Philip Shipman
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Turman family
Bruce Cummings	Paul Johnson	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Bobby Dalton	Carol Lanham	Emma Viars
Melissa Doerschug	Anna Faye Martin	Bernice Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Scott Mitchum	Marion Wade
Fairview Congregation	Bill Mowery	Kathy Welch
Pat Frost	Lindsey Mowery	Wild Goose Community
Graham Fyfe	Ted Mowery	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Music Leader search	Matt Williams
Betty Anne Gaskill	Jennifer Ransom-Smith	Marlin Wilson
Tim Gaskill	Shining Orphanage	Dan Worrell

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Mon- Men's Group, Contenders Restaurant, 12pm
Tues- Session mtg, Fellowship Hall, 5:30 pm
Wed- Prayer group, Church Parlor, 1pm
Ministry Team mtg, Fellowship Hall, 2pm
Fri- Food Pantry open, 9-noon

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Our Session: Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Sandy Porter, Sandy Worrell, Russ McDaniel, Reinhart Reiss, Susan Randall

Elder of the Month: Susan Randall (276) 733-1465

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 630

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior!
Ruler of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Hymn 463 – How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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.

