



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 Palm/Passion Sunday  
 March 29, 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 Ann Frost

Prelude: *"Prelude in D"* Rachmaninoff

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 118) Ann Frost

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**People: The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed!**

Leader: The Lord is God! He has shined a light on us!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.**

**\*Hymn #197: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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**

**Merciful God, we confess that we long for you to be a powerful superhero, wiping out our enemies and fixing everything that's wrong in our world. We admit that we're uncomfortable with a Lord who suffers and dies, especially because it is out of love for us! Forgive our misguided understanding of who you are and how you work! Grant us grace to accept and love you as we know you in the servant Lord Jesus! 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: Philippians 2:5-11

Ann Frost

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Special Music: "*Hosanna to the King*" - Eugene Butler

Offered by HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them. Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Word of God for the people of God!

**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** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*<sup>1</sup>)

Ann Frost

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*Hymn #209: "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

\*Benediction: John 3:14-16

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

Postlude: *"Improvisation for Lent"*

Joseph Martin

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

*Many thanks to Jim Spraker for sharing his musical gifts with the choir and congregation today.*

<sup>1</sup> When the PCUSA was formed in 1983, the Plan for Reunion called for the formulation of a new creed. The resulting document, *A Brief Statement of Faith*, "celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task" as it "lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time." (*Book of Confessions*)

## OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Billy	Awaiting insurance approval for liver transplant
CCHS Chorus	Preparing for spring trip to New York next week
Ken Everham	Hospitalized with heart issues, may need another procedure
Noii Lanham	All tests for seizures negative
Luke Murphy	Thirteen-year-old recovering from kidney transplant surgery
Jessica Otto	Recently diagnosed with several types of cancer
RAE Center Staff & Students	Blessings for the school year!
Kathy Welch	Recovering from back surgery (nerve ablation)
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	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Jennifer Ransom-Smith
Lincoln Bolton	Bill Hicks	Sonja Reiss
Delores Brannock	Michael Howlett	Shining Orphanage in Thailand
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Phillip Shipman
Sirinapa Chaocharoen [Fon]	Leigh Anne Johnson & father	Jerry & Shirley Varn
Virginia Collins	Bryon Joyce	Emma Viars
Alafair Combs	Annette McDermott	Bernice Wade
Melissa Doerschug	Anna Faye Martin	Marion Wade
Kay Ellington & family	Scott Mitchum	Dot Wagner
Pat Frost	Bill Mowery	Gray Williams
Robert Gamble	Ted Mowery	Dan Worrell
Betty Anne Gaskill	Search for Music Leader	
Tim Gaskill	Elizabeth Porter	

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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 Randall (276) 733-1465

## Hymn 197

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
'mid the exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in humble state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3 'Hosanna in the highest!'  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

## 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.

## Hymn 437

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

## Hymn 209

1-My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

2-He came from heaven's throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
The world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.  
But oh, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

3-Sometimes we strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to our King:  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all our breath,  
And for His death  
we thirst and cry.

4-Unheeding we will have  
Our dear Lord made away;  
A murderer to save,  
The Prince of life to slay.  
Yet steadfast He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

5-Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.