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*To those who seek the joy of sharing
in worship and praise; to those
who seek to know and serve the Lord,
our Church opens wide its doors.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

11:00 AM

Rev. William Hawkins, Guest Minister

Clifford Badgley, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us remember God's presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

All: Our ancestors have told us about God's might. They have celebrated God's wondrous deeds.

One: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.

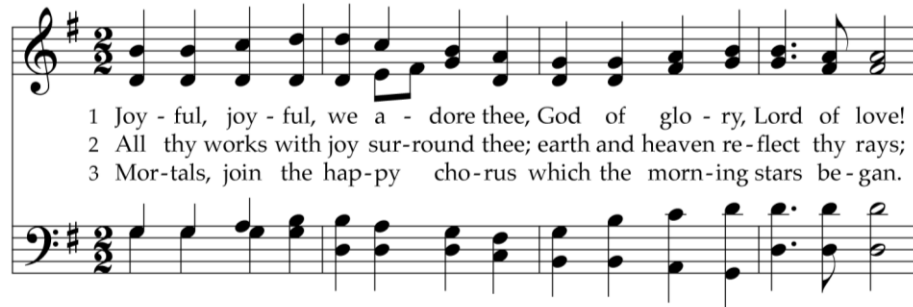
All: Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.

One: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

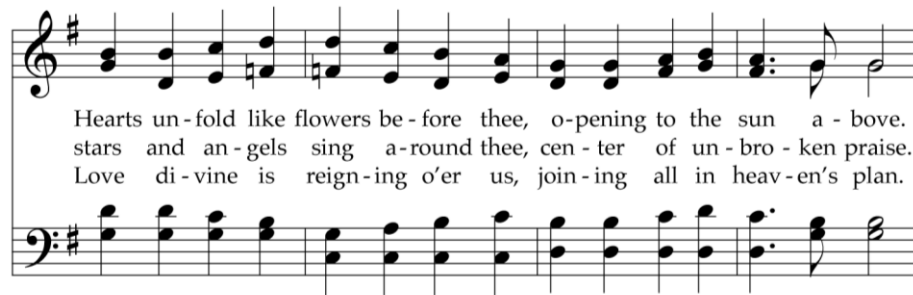
All: We want to see God's larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

* Hymn No. 611

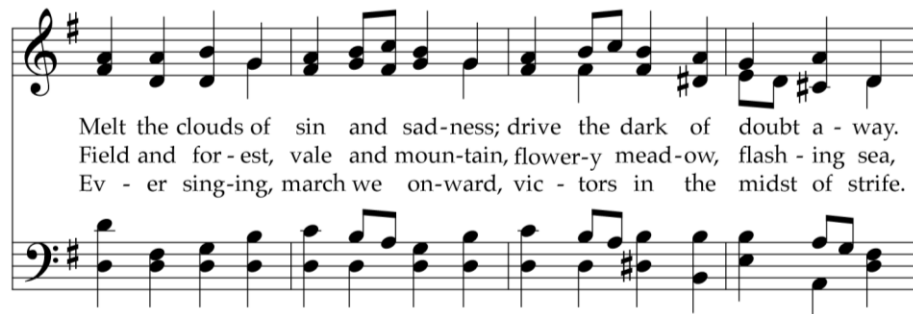
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



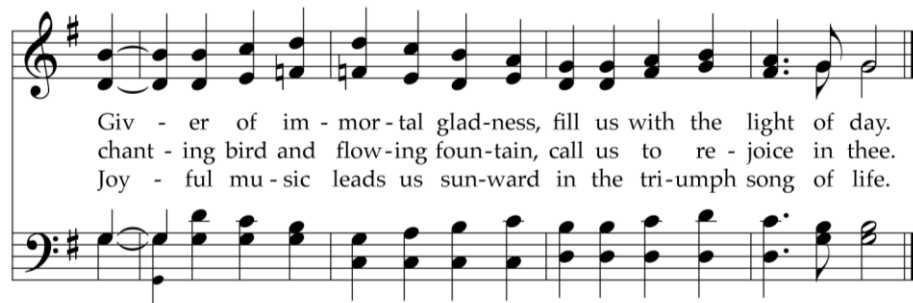
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, whose care for us knows no limits, whose love passes all understanding, whose mercy takes away our despair; we turn to you because apart from you we have neither light, nor rest, nor strength. We are ashamed for our failures, we chafe at our limitations, we fret within the chains of destructive habits. We know there is more to us than the evil to which we often submit, and we want to be free. We know there is something higher, and we want to be lifted there. Come near to us as we have ever known. May your voice startle us from sleep, rousing us from all lesser things. If we are living for ourselves, flash before us a vision of the Cross. If we are living carelessly and in sin, may Christ call to us in this very moment, with an answer each has need to hear.

Silent Individual Confession

Sung Response No. 414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Please join in singing this response.

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)

E C#m E7 C#m

Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)

A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

Words of Forgiveness

One: Our story is far from over. There is so much more left to learn; so much more left to be received.

All: God's grace keeps leading us into the next chapter. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our story is still unfolding! Thanks be to God, amen!

* Response No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Please join in singing this response.

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

Bb F Bb F Bb F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)

F Bb Eb Bb Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)

C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



Sharing of God's Word

Conversation with the Children

Barbara Younger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13 (pg. 1430)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:23-27 (pg. 1200)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Kind of Authority?

Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 702

Christ Be Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

Am G C G Am G7 C

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on
hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that
low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

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.

The Offering

Offertory

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

arr. Paul Manz

* Hymn of Dedication No. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old One Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith, 4:49-72, P.C.U.S. 1977)

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude

Toccata in G

Dieterich Buxtehude



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CHURCH NOTES

September 27, 2026

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this worship and this live-stream service. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God’s guest. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

The **FLOWERS** are shared today to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Whittington Crawford and Caddy Whittington Lynch in accordance with the wishes of Edwin M. Lynch as stated in his last will and testament.

Assisting in Worship today:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Hawkins

Liturgist: Linda Jaubert

Children’s Sermon: Barbara Younger

Acolyte: Marley Salem

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O’Connor

Video: Joe Crane, Hervey McIver

HPC’s 210th Anniversary will be on **Sunday, September 27!** Join us following worship for a potluck celebration in Strudwick Hall – Bring a **covered dish** of your choice (main dish, side dish, or dessert) to our Potluck Luncheon in Strudwick Hall following our worship service. Congregational Care Committee will provide beverages.

We will be collecting the World Communion Offering on September 27 and October 4th, which is World Communion Sunday. All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering. You can give your offering with cash (using an envelope stating it is for the World Communion offering), by check and putting World Communion in the memo line, or you can use the online link from our website (on the dropdown list select "PC-USA Outreach").

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, October 1, at 9:00 AM at The Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

Learn more about **Homelessness in Orange County** and how you can help. Plan to attend an informational session titled "Beyond the Surface: Root Causes of Homelessness, Current Realities, and System Responses in Orange County" on Monday, September 28, 6:00 - 7:30pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 210 St. Mary's Rd, Hillsborough.

Heaven Practice Housing Launch on Sunday, October 11, 6:00 pm, at Mount Zion AME Church, 5124 NC-86 North, Hillsborough. Join Justice United and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County to publicly launch our "Heaven Practice Housing" campaign for deeply affordable homeownership. The Heaven Practice housing initiative's goal is to ensure households earning income levels like those of CNA's, bus drivers, and daycare workers have the opportunity for homeownership – starting with Habitat's upcoming Auman Village development. Learn about the affordable housing crisis – and how the community can unite to create new and bold solutions. Please register here:

<https://www.ocjusticeunited.org/heavenpractice>

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year are encountering challenges. Their SNAP benefits were cut, and they were informed that the father and mother will be cut from Medicaid. In response, New Hope Presbyterian Church has started a fund to help the family with food costs until their green cards are processed. Donations can be sent by check to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4701 NC 86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, with "Welcome House Refugee Fund" on the memo line. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

2026 Flower Chart – Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you! Sign up on the sheet outside the church office or drop us an email! (Open dates: October 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities

The residents of **Orange County Correctional** are in need of personal hygiene items. Regular size toothpaste; Arm and Hammer Deodorant, Suave 3 in 1 body wash and shampoo. These can be brought to the OCC basket in the Narthex. They will be picked up and delivered monthly. Thank you for any items and prayers for our neighbors. Questions? See Robin Barnhill.

Many of you are aware of **OCIM** and it's feeding of those in need. We are known as the "peanut butter church". There is always a need for peanut butter --- creamy peanut butter, preferably. You may place donations in the covered OCIM basket in the Narthex at any time. **Right now they are also in need of:** Canned fruit, Soups, Oatmeal packets, Mac and cheese, Toothbrushes (singles).

Check out our **HPC WEBSITE** at www.hillsboroughpres.org – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletin posted on this website! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!

To share a prayer request or a concern, please contact:
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Sam Nesbit, Congregational Care, sam.nesbit.dds@gmail.com,
or the Church Office, 919-732-3131



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Nursery, Sunday School,
and Youth Group.



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THIS SUNDAY: September 27 210th HPC Anniversary

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- World Communion Offering
12:15 PM 210th Anniversary Potluck (Strudwick)
1:00 PM Called Session Meeting (#204)

Mon - 6:00 PM Homelessness in Orange County (St. Matthews)

Wed - 7:00 PM HPC Choir Rehearsal (#221)

Thu - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee and Tea Club (Village Diner)

Sat - 4:00 PM Historical Museum Lecture (Strudwick)
-- George W. Tate and his 1891 Map of Orange County --

Volunteers:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Hawkins
Liturgist: Linda Jaubert
Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
Acolyte: Marley Salem
Musician: Clifford Badgley
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O'Connor
Flowers: Lynch Flowers
Video: Joe Crane, Hervey McIver

NEXT SUNDAY: October 4 World Communion Offering

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Communion and OCIM Collection

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Sam Nesbit
Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
Acolyte: TBD
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
Flowers: World Communion
Video: TBD