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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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

11:00 AM

Rev. Bill Hawkins, Temporary Pastor

Clifford Badgley, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Office Manager

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Fantasy-Prelude on Amazing Grace

Charles Callahan

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: Gracious God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and exalt your Holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* Hymn No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/2 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has four measures with notes corresponding to the lyrics '1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with'. The second staff has eight measures with notes corresponding to the lyrics '2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and 4 And when our life of faith is done, in'. The third staff has six measures with notes corresponding to the lyrics 'gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise may our faith a - bound to call on you when realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here." we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!" you are near and seek where you are found. as you are, with full and end - less sight.'

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2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

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as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, honesty has us admit that we have in our way, been proud and rebellious, preferring our own will, choosing our own path, and persist in doing so. We risk losing ourselves, missing life's great truth, and laying up for ourselves a harvest of remorse in days to come. May your tender grace soften us, your love captivate us, and your strength to throw open the door at the knock of your pierced hand. Come into our midst and take your rightful place as the host of our waiting, lonely hearts.

We thank you for power so unimaginably great, that is greater than our failure, our sin and shame. We thank you for the love which all our foolishness has never tired; the love which makes all your dealing with us mercy; the love which never despairs; the love that thinks of us only for good; the love that will one day gather us home.

Silent Individual Confession

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 (Isaiah 44:22; 43:1)

One: The Lord God tells us: "I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a mist; Return to me, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

ALL: Let us believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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, 7 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, 7 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, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Sharing of God's Word

Conversation with the Children

Reverend William Hawkins

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:14-24 (pg. 1228)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Simple Gifts

arr. John Coates, Jr.

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:5-6 (pg. 1274)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sizing Up Faith

Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 175

Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

This system features a three-part setting of the first line of the hymn. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/2 time signature. It begins with a whole note 'Al' followed by a half note 'le', then a whole note 'lu' followed by a half note 'ia'. The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) consists of chords and moving lines in the right hand, and a steady bass line in the left hand. The piano part ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,
and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

The second system continues the hymn. The vocal line has a half note 'al', a half note 'le', a half note 'lu', and a half note 'ia'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The piano part ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

The third system continues the hymn. The vocal line has a half note 'al', a half note 'le', a half note 'lu', and a half note 'ia'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The piano part ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The vocal line has a half note 'al', a half note 'le', a half note 'lu', and a half note 'ia!'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The piano part ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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

My faith looks up to thee

Nancy M. Raabe

* 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 (The Apostles' Creed)

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and seated at the right hand of Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of E major (three sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is a descant, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note E, then a quarter note G# and a half note B, and finally a quarter note A and a half note G#. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below. The second system is the refrain, marked 'Refrain' and starting with a half note E, followed by quarter notes G# and B, then a half note A, and finally a quarter note G# and a half note E. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -' are written below. The third system is the final line, marked 'Fine' and starting with a half note E, followed by quarter notes G# and B, then a half note A, and finally a quarter note G# and a half note E. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.' are written below. Chord symbols E, C#m, F#m, B, and E are placed above the notes in the second and third systems.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -

Fine

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

* Benediction

* Postlude

Old Hundredth

David Cherwien



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CHURCH NOTES -- October 18, 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 by Susan Waldrop.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Vernon Cooper

Children's Sermon: Rev. Bill Hawkins

Acolyte: Nita Kate Shore

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey

Video: Joe Crane, Alicia Gonzalez

HPC's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sundays in Strudwick Hall. To provide a Sunday meal for our youth, please use sign-up genius: [Click Here](#). Interested in being an adult volunteer? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

The **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, October 19, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Josh Fernandez.

The **Christian Ed Committee** will meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

The **HPC "Church Mouse" deadline** will be on Thursday, October 22 at noon. Please get articles and calendar events to the church office. (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

The **Annual HPC Bonfire** will be at New Hope Camp on Sunday, November 1, at 5:00 pm (time change "Fall Back" date). The Congregational Care Committee will provide hot dogs, hot beverage, and fixings for S'Mores. Church members are welcome to bring side dishes. Bring your camp chair, blanket, roasting fork, and smile!. Questions? See Sam Nesbit.

Join us for a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship. We will be electing three Elders to the Class of 2030 and a Deacon to the Class of 2030.

If you have an interest in being a member of the **Community Connectors Committee**, please contact Stephanie Beckler. The mission of this committee is to make the community aware of HPC as a church with meeting and event facilities available for their use, and most importantly we are available as a church family for worship. Anyone interested may contact me at 919-699-0392 or stephaniebeckler01@gmail.com.

An invitation from Little River Presbyterian Church: On October 24, from 4 – 7 pm, join us for a "Breakfast for Supper" fundraiser. All proceeds will go to "Rebuilding Hollars Foundation" – working to rebuild homes and businesses in Mitchel and Yancy Counties in Western NC. Adults - \$12 and Children under 6 - \$6. Also, there will be two quilts for auction. Thank you for your support!

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year had their SNAP benefits cut and parents cut from Medicaid. New Hope Presbyterian Church started a fund to help with food costs until green cards are processed. Mail checks 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 25 and 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 to 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, Crackers, School snacks, Potato (flakes or cans), Rice, Bar soap.



Volunteer for CE Programs -
Nursery, Sunday School,
and Youth Group.

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!

In an emergency or to share a concern, please contact
the church office, 919-732-3131. You may also contact
the Temporary Pastor, Reverend Bill Hawkins,
at hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com.



Give

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THIS SUNDAY: October 18

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
I Thessalonians 1:10-10; Matthew 22:15-22

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick)

Mon - 7:00 PM Finance Meeting (#204/Zoom)

Tue - 7:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting (Zoom)

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

Thu - 12:00 Noon HPC Newsletter Deadline

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Vernon Cooper
Children's Sermon: Rev. William Hawkins
Acolyte: Nita Kate Shore
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
Flowers: Susan Waldrop
Video: Joe Crane, Alicia Gonzalez

NEXT SUNDAY: October 25

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Rich Erdosy
Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
Acolyte: Gabe Hall
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O'Connor
Flowers: TBD
Video: David and Karthy Remington