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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
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026
11:00 AM

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
Beth Jordan, Music Director *JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. P. Manz

Praise of God

Call to Worship (adapted from Bruce Prewer)

One: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

All: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

One: We arrive as those who are weighed down, to leave as those who are freed. We arrive as petitioners, to depart as those who are already heard.

All: The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.

One: We are all invited guests. We are all beloved children of God. So be joyful and give thanks, as we receive the amazing grace of God!

All: The love of God overflows our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits. The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

* Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and our own devices. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Open My Eyes That I May See (vs. 1)

Please join in singing this response.



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

Words of Forgiveness (John 3:17)

One: God did not send Jesus to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God, amen.

* Response No. 451 *Open My Eyes That I May See (vs. 2 & 3, see words above)*

Please join in singing this response.

Sharing of God's Word

Conversation with the Children

Barbara Younger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 33:1-12 (pg. 687)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13 (pg. 1179)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 432

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b



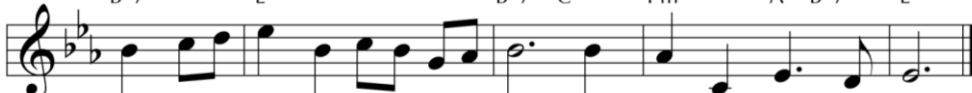
1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F[#]m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

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

God Leads Us Along

Traditional

* Hymn of Dedication No. 609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Affirmation of Faith (1 Peter 3:13-22)

We believe in God, our source of hope, which though fragile and often dashed, is surprisingly strong and resilient. We believe that hope is given so that we can wake each morning with a sense of wonder and live each in light of the joy that is promised. We believe that hope is woven with faith and love to form a tapestry of beauty and possibility. We believe that out of suffering and destruction emerge something new, a new earth with the mark of God upon it. We believe our efforts make a difference and transform hope into bread for the hungry, clothes for the poor, love for the forgotten. We believe the church is a community of hope, living the love of Jesus for all creation, continually renewed by the fresh winds of the Spirit.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -
3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -
4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.
joyce, will re-joyce. When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Refrain
we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce.
we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our



* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. C. Mueller



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CHURCH NOTES

June 7, 2026

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this worship 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 Nathan Marzen by Jane Ann Mogilski and Phil Weber.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Phil Weber

Children’s Sermon: Barbara Younger

Acolyte: Boone Curtis

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey

Video: Kenneth Stephenson and Ben Stephenson

We welcome our **guest musician** today, Carol Hux Burnett. Carol is originally from Durham, is an organist, voice teacher, conductor, music professor, and performer. She was educated at UNC (keyboard and voice), UNC-G (conducting and vocal pedagogy), and the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music (choral conducting). She has cognates in music theory and sacred music and sang for many years with the professional ensemble Bel Canto Company. Welcome!

Please join us after today's worship service for a reception in Strudwick Hall honoring our 2026 graduates:

Isabella Roberson, granddaughter of Sara Clay, Orange High School. She will attend Appalachian State University.

Ximena Zarahi Ceja-Reyes, Durham Technical Community College, Associate of Arts. She will attend the University of North Carolina in the Fall to study economics and entrepreneurship. In addition, she will continue serving as HPC's nursery attendant!

Nathan Marzen, son of Jane Ann Mogilski, Elizabeth City State University, Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honors, posthumously.

Session meeting on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 PM in Strudwick Hall. Questions? See Jane McIver, Clerk of Session, or Pastor Alex.

“Heaven Practice” Worship will gather on Sunday, June 7th at 6:00 PM. We will be worshipping at St. Matthew’s with Rev. Myers from Bethsada Baptist Church offering the sermon. All are welcome!

HPC Work Trip to western North Carolina will be June 7 – 13. Keep our volunteers in your prayers.

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, June 8, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship on upcoming Sunday mornings. To host, please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the church office.

Congregational Care will meet on Sunday, June 14, at 12:15 PM in Room #204. All are welcome! Questions? See Sam Nesbit or Jan McKelvey.

HPC Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 14, at 12:15 PM in Strudwick Hall. Our book selection is “Why I’m Still a Christian” by Justin Brierley. All are welcome! Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

Through our **Faith in Hillsborough partnership with Habitat for Humanity** HPC can volunteer at the Fairview Community Garden Work Day. No skills are necessary but you must be 14 years or older for the garden/landscaping. For more details, please sign up online – use registration link below or look for the link to register in email from Hervey McIver sent April 21. Questions? Contact Jan McKelvey, Joe Crane or Hervey. **Date is:** June 13, 9:00-noon, [Click Here to Register](#)

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: June 14, July 12, 19, 26) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

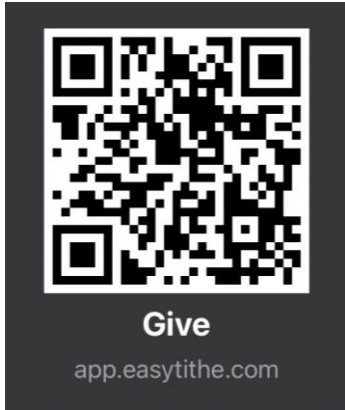
WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities

The residents of **Orange County Correctional** are in need of personal hygiene items this Spring. 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 its 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 peanut butter in the covered OCIM basket in the Narthex at any time. A jar can go in every bag given to a client. You can always see immediate needs in the weekly NewsFlash.

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 Pastor, Reverend Alex Fischer, at hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com.



THIS SUNDAY: June 7 Graduation Sunday

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;
Romans 4:13-25; Mattherw 9:9-13, 18-26

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Reception for Graduates (Strudwick Hall)
- 12:30 PM Session Meeting (#204)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick)
- 6:00 PM “Heaven Practice” Worship (St. Matthew’s)

HPC Work Trip to Western North Carolina, June 7 - 13

Tue - 11:00 AM Circle #1 (#204)

Thu - 9:00 AM Fairview Community Garden Workday

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Phil Weber
- Children’s Sermon:** Barbara Younger
- Acolyte:** Boone Curtis
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
- Flowers:** Jane Ann Mogilski and Phil Weber
- Video:** Kenneth and Ben Stephenson

NEXT SUNDAY: June 14

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Mattherw 9:35-10:23

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Hall Family)
- 12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
- 12:15 PM Congregational Care (#204)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Jane Gaede
- Children’s Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer
- Acolyte:** Dean Bernard
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
- Flowers:** TBD
- Video:** Hervey McIver, Joe Crane