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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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

11:00 AM

Rev. Bill Hawkins, Temporary Pastor

Clifford Badgley, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Office Manager

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

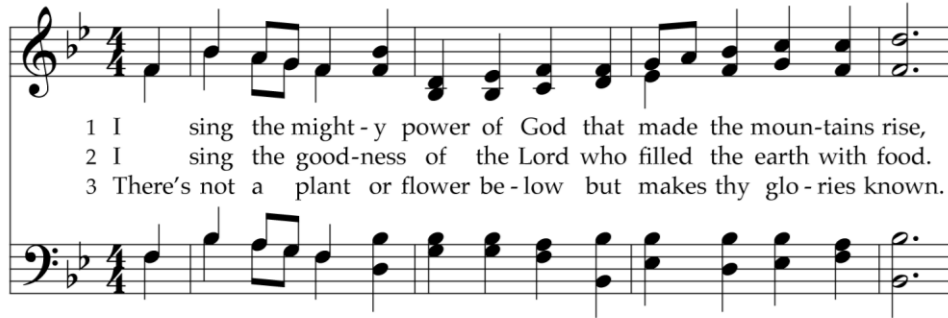
All: Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

One: God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

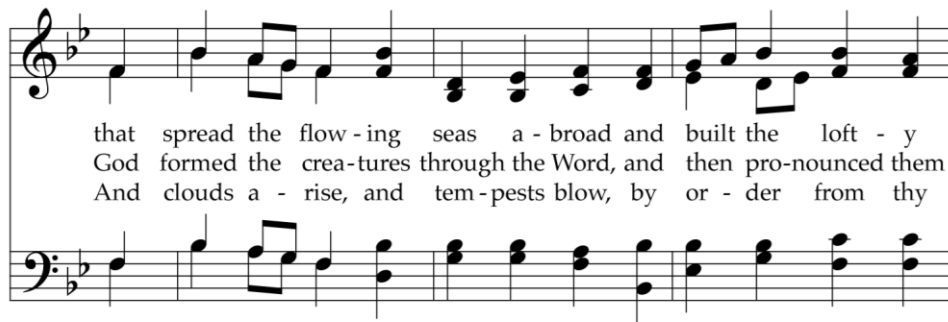
All: Blessed be God's holy name!

* Hymn No. 32

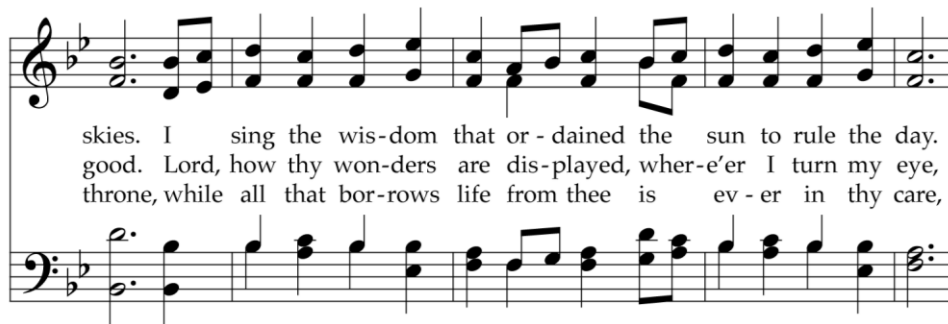
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



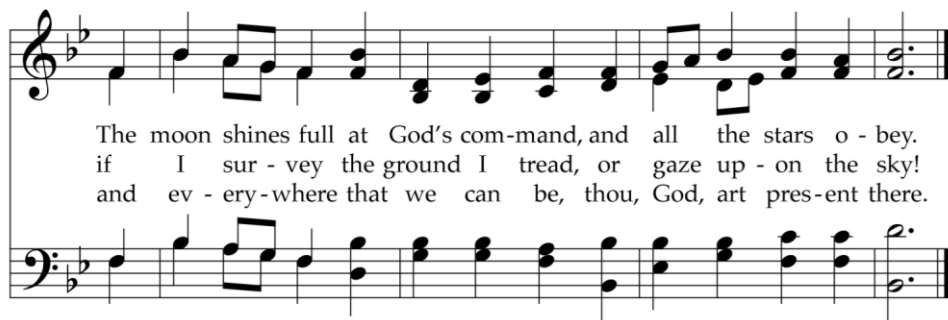
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy One, creator of all things including emptiness. We come to you full of much that clutters and distracts, stifles and blames, and makes us a burden to others. Empty us of all gnawing dissatisfactions, of anxious imaginings, of fretful preoccupations, of old scores to settle, and of the need to be right. Empty us of any sense we consider ourselves powerless, or a victim, or as being less than we are, or as belonging to someone other than you. Empty us of the disguises and we wear to hide from each other and avoid our calling to neighbors near and far. Help us trust that space within where you wait for each of us. There we will claim our inheritance: a whole heart, a profound reverence, a forgiving spirit, the springs of laughter, and the will to reach for the abundant life shared by the whole human family. In your mercy, bring consolation to the struggles unique to each of us.

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: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over our transgressions?

All: Where is a God like you to be found, who turns from anger and delights to forgive us?

One: Why does this God always and again, show us compassion, forever eager to tread our transgressions underfoot.

All: This is the great God of rest and mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Thanks be to God, who has in Jesus Christ given us our Savior, 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.

(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

Barbara Younger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133 (pg. 770)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 (pg. 1425)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Swinging Together

Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

C Am G C Am

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of

C G C G Am Em F

brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous

C G D7 G C

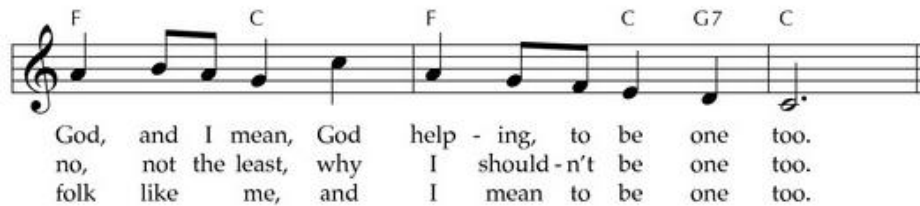
died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

F Dm G C Am

doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in

F G7 Am Em

on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution, Sharing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion 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

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. Lisa Krentz Organ

* 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 NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED** 323, 381, 529 A.D.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial to the father
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet
 south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are
 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Prelude in C

J.S. Bach



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CHURCH NOTES

October 4, 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.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Sam Nesbit

Children’s Sermon: Barbara Younger

Acolyte: Morgan Salem

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

Video: Martin and Judy Brown

We will be collecting the World Communion Offering on 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”).

Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 PM. We’ll gather in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Jane McIver, Clerk of Session.

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, October 12, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

The **Community Outreach Committee** will meet on Monday, October 12, at 5:30 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Linda Jaubert.

The **Knitting Group** will meet on Wednesday, October 14, at 12:30 in the HPC Parlor. Questions? See Sara Clay.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, October 15, at 9:00 AM at Weaver Street. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

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 the parents 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. Checks can be sent 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:** Green beans, Canned fruits, Applesauce, Potato flakes, Mayo, Toilet paper..

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.



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



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THIS 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 and
 World Communion Offering
12:15 PM Community Outreach Meeting (#204)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

Tue - 7:00 PM Session Meeting (#204/Zoom)

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

Thu - 1:00 PM Museum Lecture (Strudwick)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Sam Nesbit
Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
Acolyte: Morgan Salem
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
Flowers: World Communion
Video: Martin and Judy Brown

NEXT SUNDAY: October 11

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
6:00 PM “Heaven Practice” Housing Campaign Launch and
 Fundraising (Mt. Zion AME, 5124 NC-86 North)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Jane McIver
Children's Sermon: Jane McIver
Acolyte: Boone Curtis
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall
Flowers: TBD
Video: TBD