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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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

11:00 AM

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Duo

Jean-François Dandrius

Praise of God

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 14:13-21, Isaiah 55:1-3)

One: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

All: "Come and eat! There's more than enough for all!"

One: To those who are thirsty, Jesus says:

All: "Come and drink! Grace and mercy overflow for you!"

One: Nevermind the things that do not truly satisfy.

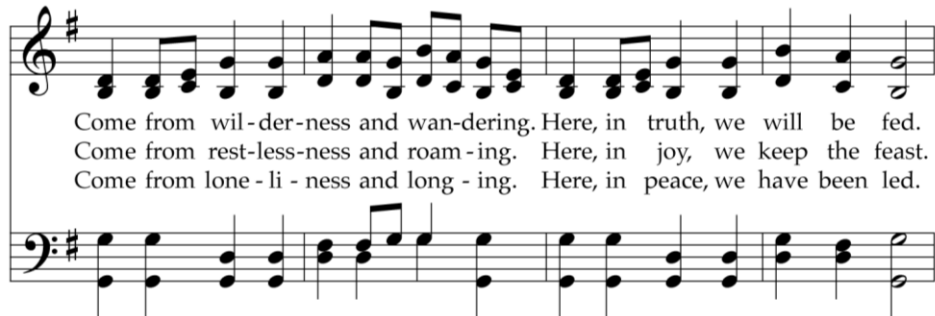
All: "Come to me, and you will find everything you need!"

* Hymn No. 509

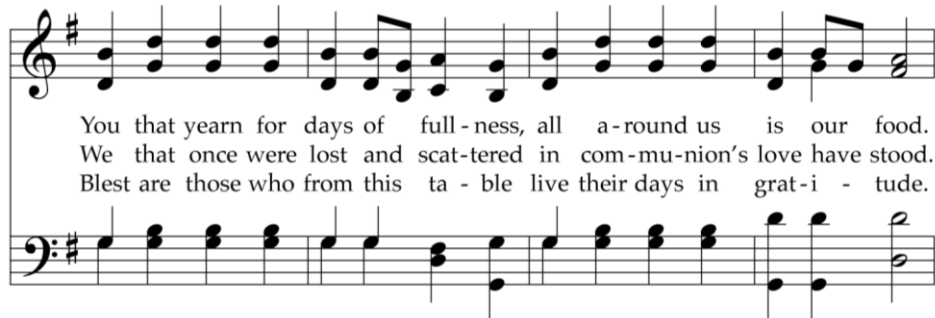
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. In Christ, your goodness, mercy, and healing are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the holy in our midst. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand one another. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the sense of knowing your presence. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, so that we may gladly participate in the abundant life you graciously offer. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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: The apostle Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new."

All: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

All: 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

Kathy Remington

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 1183)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan-dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

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

Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* 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 (from A Declaration of Faith, 1977)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you:
round you:
fore you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Thanks Be to God

John Dunstable

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CHURCH NOTES

August 2, 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 to the Glory of God and in glorious appreciation of rain by Carol Childers.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist and Children’s Sermon: Kathy Remington

Guest Musician: Thomas Bloom

Acolyte: Gabe Hall

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey

Video: Lisa Fischer, Hervey McIver

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship on Sunday mornings. To host, please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the church office – open dates: August 23 and 30.

Session will meet on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Rev. Alex, or Clerk of Session, Jane McIver.

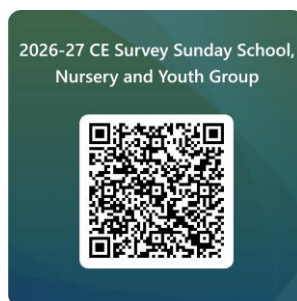
HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, August 6, at 9:00 AM at the Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

HPC Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 9th, in Strudwick Hall. Bring your lunch. We will be discussing “1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History,” by Andrew Ross Sorkin. Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, August 10, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

The **Christian Education (CE) Committee** would like to find out who plans to attend Sunday school and who is willing to volunteer to teach, work in the nursery, and help with the youth group during the new school year. In addition, we welcome suggestions to improve our CE programs. Please complete the survey ([Click Here](#)) or Scan QR Code or contact Katherine Cathey for a paper copy. Youth who are interested in volunteering to help with children (in the nursery, Sunday school, VBS, and other activities) should complete a survey as well.



Save the date! We will hold a volunteer orientation session on **Saturday, August 15 from 9-11 a.m. in Strudwick Hall**. It will include breakfast, annual required safety training, an overview of the Sunday School curriculum, and plenty of time for questions and discussion. At the end, we'll have some time for classroom and nursery prep. Please join us to learn more, even if you aren't yet sure about volunteering. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

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: August 9, 30) (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 peanut butter in the covered OCIM basket in the Narthex at any time. A jar can go in every bag given to a client. For immediate needs, see 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.



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THIS SUNDAY: August 2

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)

12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Sebesan Family)

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

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

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Kathy Remington

Guest Musician: Thomas Bloom

Acolyte: Gabe Hall

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey

Flowers: Carol Childers

Video: Lisa Fischer, Hervey McIver

NEXT SUNDAY: August 9

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)

12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (James and Lisa Watts)

12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick Hall)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Phil Weber

Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger

Acolyte: Dean Bernard

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O'Connor

Flowers: TBD

Video: Alicia Gonzalez, Joe Crane