

# Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

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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**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor*

*Beth Jordan, Music Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

### **Gathering of the People**

*All Are Welcome*

Prelude  
Welcome

Tate

# Praise of God

## Call to Worship

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us as children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts-- wisdom and understanding, counsel and fortitude, knowledge and piety, and fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

\* Hymn No. 388

## Come All You People

The musical score is for the hymn "Come All You People" and is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is marked "Ahom" at the beginning and end of each system. The lyrics are as follows:

*Leader*  
U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -  
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -  
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

### Confession of Sin

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Fill us with your Spirit, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom.**

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

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

A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Words of Forgiveness

One: Friends of God, receive this Good News spoken through the prophet Joel: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God for the power of the Spirit working in our lives. 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)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  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 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  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

Kathy Remington

Anthem

***The Lone Wild Bird in Lofty Flight***

Larkin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 1324)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

**Response to the Gospel**

\* Hymn No. 596

***You Are Holy***

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (G7)  
 Dm Gm C7

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways

(Cmaj7) (F) (Dm)  
 Fmaj7 B $\flat$  Gm

ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are

( Esus ) ( E7 ) ( Am ) ( Dm )  
 Asus A7 Dm Gm

al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.

( G7 ) ( Cmaj7 ) ( F )  
 C7 Fmaj7 B<sup>b</sup>

Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in

( Dm ) ( E7 ) ( Am )  
 Gm A7 Dm

wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

( Am ) ( Dm ) ( G7 ) ( Cmaj7 )  
 Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7

\* You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are

( F ) ( Dm ) ( Esus ) ( E7 )  
 B<sup>b</sup> Gm Asus A7

pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -

( Am ) ( Dm ) ( G7 ) ( Cmaj7 )  
 Dm Gm C7 Fmaj7

san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -

( F ) ( Dm ) ( E7 ) ( Am )  
 B<sup>b</sup> Gm A7 Dm

san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution, Sharing of the Meal

Hymn No. 591

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Refrain*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*

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

\* Hymn of Dedication No. 609 ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

*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 (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls many people to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

# Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

\* Hymn No. 692

## *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Refrain*      Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
    F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D) *Fine*  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup> *to Refrain*

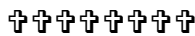
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

## *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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## CHURCH NOTES

May 24, 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.

Assisting in Worship today:

**Liturgist and Children’s Sermon:** Kathy Remington

**Acolyte:** Marley Salem

**Nursery:** TBD

**Lemonade on Lawn:** Jane Gaede

**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 – we have open dates in July.

**HPC’s Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will have a Youth Fun Day on May 31, details will be shared with Youth and Parents. The final Youth Group meeting (until the Fall) will be on Sunday, June 7, 5:00 – 6:30 PM in Strudwick Hall. Interested in being an adult volunteer next Fall? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

The **Knitting Group** will meet on Wednesday, May 27, at 12:30 in the HPC Parlor. Questions? See Sara Clay.

**Women’s Fellowship Breakfast** at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 30, in Strudwick Hall. Please join other women in the church for a time of food and fellowship. A breakfast table will be set up for children too! Questions, see Karoline Mathewson.

The Christian Education Committee is preparing for **Graduation Sunday**. Please let Katherine Cathey know if you or a family member is a recent or upcoming high school or college graduate. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating our graduates on June 7! Please include name, school, and degree achieved in your response.

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](#)

**New Hope Camp** invites you to participate In **Bystander CPR/AED Training** offered at the camp on Saturday, June 6, at 9:00am. No charge. While this short course does not cover the CPR certification required at some places of employment, it does provide a completion certificate, and you could save a life! **Register:** <https://www.compressandshock.org/event-details/new-hope-camp-conference-center>  
Goal: If there are 25 or more participants, New Hope Camp will receive a free AED. Let's keep our community safe and help the camp.

**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: May 31, June 7, 14, 28) ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto: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.

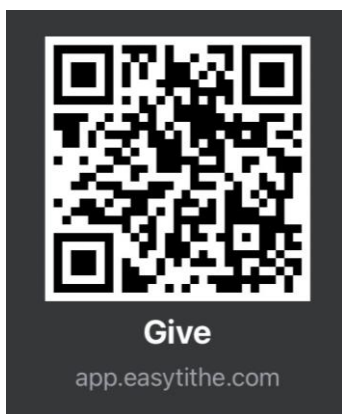
Many of you are aware of **OCIM** and its feeding of those in need. We are known as the “peanut butter church”. There is always a need for peanut butter --- creamy peanut butter, preferably. You may place peanut butter in the covered OCIM basket in the Narthex at any time. A jar can go in every bag given to a client. You can always see immediate needs in the weekly NewsFlash.

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Check out our **HPC WEBSITE** at [www.hillsboroughpres.org](http://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](mailto:hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com).



**THIS SUNDAY: May 24 Pentecost Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube) --  
Communion and OCIM Collection
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Jane Gaede)

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

**Sat** - 9:00 AM Women’s Fellowship Breakfast (Studwick Hall)

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist and Children’s Sermon:** Kathy Remington

**Acolyte:** Marley Salem

**Nursery:** TBD

**Flowers:** TBD

**Video:** Lisa Fischer, Hervey McIver

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**NEXT SUNDAY: May 31 Women-led Worship**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8;  
II Corinthians 13:11-13; Mattherw 28:16-20

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Joe and Gail Crane)
- TBD PM Youth Fun Day Event (TBD)

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist and Children’s Sermon:** Women’s Team

**Acolyte:** Nita Kate Shore

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O’Connor

**Flowers:** TBD

**Video:** Martin and Judy Brown