

# 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**

**Youth Sunday**

**May 17, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor*

*Beth Jordan, Music Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

### **Gathering of the People**

*Now We Offer*

Prelude  
Welcome  
Opening Prayer

Honore  
Emma Cathey  
Anna O'Connor

## Praise of God

Call to Worship

(taken from Micah 6:8)

Anna O'Connor

Leader: "God has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what the Lord requires of you; but to do Justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

**People: God, as we go through the wilderness and the seasons of our lives, send us your blessings.**

Leader: By your Word and presence with us, give us wisdom and strength to be the people you call us to be.

**People: We have set aside this time together to worship. We seek Your presence among us. We are listening for the voice of Your Spirit.**

Leader: Show us Your ways, lift up our hearts we pray.

**People: We desire to walk with You; humbly, closely, each day. Amen**

\* Hymn No. 203

### *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

*to Refrain*

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Anna O'Connor

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we know we are your beloved children. We know you invite us to approach you with the fullness of our lives: to admit our love and hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Even so, we still fail to trust in your justice. God of grace, help us to find contentment in our relationship to you. Guide us to your word and allow us to experience and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

Assurance of Pardon

(St. Francis of Assisi)

Anna O'Connor

One: Family of faith, together let us offer these words of forgiveness to one another.

**All: Lord, make us an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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  
 Prayer for Illumination

Emma Cathey  
 Hugh McGuire

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Interpretation

Micah 6:8 (pg. 1129)

Hugh McGuire

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Interpretation

Luke 4:22-30 (pg. 1249)

Emma Cathey

\* Hymn No. 741

*Guide My Feet*

The musical score for 'Guide My Feet' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '1 Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Interpretation

Matthew 25 (pg. 1206)

Ben Stephenson

## Response to the Gospel

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sam Stephenson

**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

Claire O'Connor

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

Claire O'Connor

\* Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)

Claire O'Connor

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern from the church's mission. Jesus' life as a human involves the church in the common life of humanity. Jesus' service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. Jesus' suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. Jesus' crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity towards one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal in human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

## Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

Sam Stephenson

\* Hymn No. 749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has three lines of lyrics, the second staff has three lines, and the third staff has three lines. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, D, G, C, D, Em, Em7, C, G, Am7.

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
vio - lence will be no more.  
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to  
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

\* Charge and Benediction

Ben Stephenson

\* Postlude

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Sedio



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## CHURCH NOTES

May 17, 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 honor of our granddaughter Kaia's birthday, by Jim and Karoline Mathewson.

Assisting in Worship today:

**Liturgist:** Youth

**Children's Sermon:** Youth

**Acolyte:** Boone Curtis

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

**Lemonade on Lawn:** Mathewson Family

**Video:** Cheryl Maxey, Joe Crane

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 May.

**HPC's Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will lead worship on Sunday, May 17. We will have a Youth Fun Day on May 31, details coming soon. Interested in being an adult volunteer? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

The **HPC Book Club** will gather immediately following worship on Sunday, May 17. The May selection is the non-fiction "Superbloom," by Nicholas Carr. Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

**Community Outreach** meeting will be on **Zoom** on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 PM. Questions? See Linda Jaubert.

**HPC Coffee & Tea Club** will gather on Thursday, May 21, at 9:00 AM at Antonia's. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** - Pardon our Mess! In May, there will be repairs on the exterior walls of the church near the Tryon Street entrance. Watch for signs to direct you for safe entry into the church. **We will likely have electrical shut-offs again next week (May 18 – 22)** – Duke Energy will not allow us to set these dates until after this bulletin is already printed.

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

**BEARD SCHOLARSHIP** - HPC invites local graduating high school seniors to apply for the L.E. and Mary Beard Memorial Scholarship. Stalwarts of the Hillsborough community and members of HPC, Mr. and Mrs. Beard valued education as a tool for future success. The amount of the scholarship depends on the endowment earnings, which this year total \$2102.76. The applicant must have been accepted as a member of the incoming class at an accredited college or university. **Completed applications are due in the HPC office by May 22, 2026.** Please contact the church office or Lisa Watts for further requirements and an application form.

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 24 and 31) ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

**WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities**

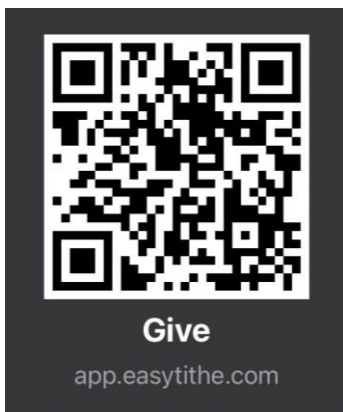
The residents of **Orange County Correctional** are in need of personal hygiene items this Spring. Regular size toothpaste; Arm and Hammer Deodorant, Suave 3 in 1 body wash and shampoo. These can be brought to the OCC basket in the Narthex. They will be picked up and delivered monthly. Thank you for 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 17 Youth Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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

**Tue** - 7:00 PM Community Outreach (Zoom)

**Thu** - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee and Tea Club (Antonia's)

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist and Children's Sermon:** Youth

**Acolyte:** Boone Curtis

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

**Flowers:** Jim and Karoline Mathewson

**Video:** Cheryl Maxey, Joe Crane

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**NEXT 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 (TBD)

**Volunteers:**

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

**Acolyte:** Dean Bernard

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

**Flowers:** TBD

**Video:** Lisa Fischer, Hervey McIver