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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 **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **August 30, 2026** **11:00 AM**

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

All Are Welcome

Prelude
Welcome

David Maxwell

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

All: Seek God in the sanctuary.

One: Seek God in the burning bush.

All: Seek God in the burning heart.

One: Whenever and wherever we are gathered as God's people, we stand on holy ground.

All: Indeed, the Lord is here with us. Let us worship Holy God!

* Hymn No. 301

Let Us Build a House (1, 2, 4, 5)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Silent Individual Confession

Sung Response No. 414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Please join in singing this response.



Words of Forgiveness

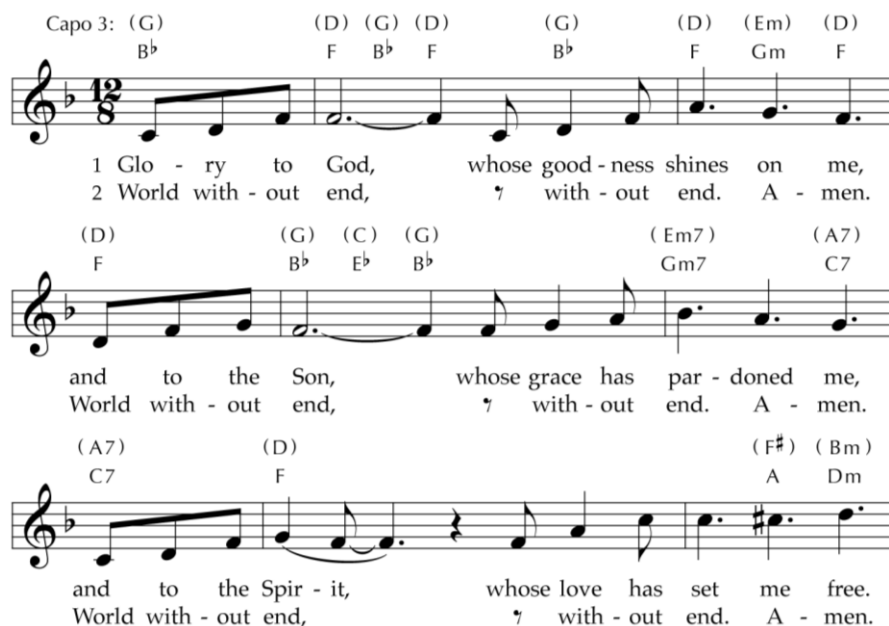
One: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, our sins are dead and we are alive to all that is good.

All: In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* Response No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Please join in singing this response.



(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

Hervey McIver

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28 (pg. 1193)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

You, the Christ

Ian Callanan

Linda Jaubert, flute

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15 (pg. 68)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Robert A. Hobby

* 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 The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march-ing
 Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
 Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march-ing
 Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
 Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
 We are dancing...
 We are praying...
 We are singing...

* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

J. G. Walther



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CHURCH NOTES

August 30, 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 in gratitude for God and this congregation of caring, spiritual and compassionate people, by Carol Childers.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist and Children’s Sermon: Hervey McIver

Guest Musician: Clifford Badgley

Acolyte: Morgan Salem

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

Video: Martin and Judy Brown

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship on Sundays, August 30 and September 13 and 20. Lemonade on the Lawn will resume in the Spring.

The **Session** will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Pastor Alex or Jane McIver, Clerk of Session.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 AM at The Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? See Martin Brown. If you're interested in helping shape the future of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church through faithful stewardship, we'd love to have you join us. New members are especially encouraged to attend. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to share your time, ideas, and gifts in service to our church community.

Join us at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 12, at 4:00pm for an **Orange County Historical Museum** fundraiser event. "LiberTea" with the ladies of Hillsborough 1776! Fundraiser tickets are available on the OCHM website: orangehistorync.org/events

HPC FALL WORKDAY - Saturday, September 19th, from 9:00am-12:00 Noon. All are welcome – there will be tasks for all! Our quarterly B&G Committee meeting will be at 11:00am in Strudwick Hall on 9/19. The Agenda: Request for 2nd AED at the Sanctuary, wait until 2027 to do further Stucco repairs, do B&G Policies updates. Questions? See Jan McKelvey.

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year are encountering challenges. Their SNAP benefits were cut in July, and they were informed that the father and mother will be cut from Medicaid in October. In response to that hurdle, New Hope Presbyterian Church has started a fund to help the family with food costs. The plan is to assist on a monthly basis through this fund until their green cards are processed, which will then qualify them for SNAP again. Donations for this fund can be sent by check to New Hope Presbyterian Church, with "Welcome House Refugee Fund" on the memo line. The address is: New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4701 NC 86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. 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: September 13, October 11, 18, 25) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

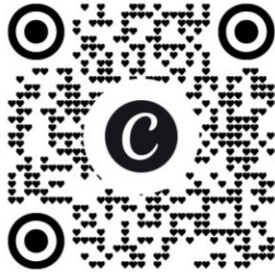
WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities

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:** Ketchup, Mustard, Toothbrushes (singles), Toothpaste, Crackers, Oatmeal packets..

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.



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



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THIS SUNDAY: August 30

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship - (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Elizabeth & Forrest Heinze)

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

Thu - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee & Tea Club (Village Diner)
7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (#204 and/or Zoom)

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Hervey McIver
Guest Musician: Clifford Badgley
Acolyte: Morgan Salem
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall
Video: Martin and Judy Brown

NEXT SUNDAY: September 6 Communion / OCIM Collection

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship – Communion / OCIM Collection
(Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM Farewell Potluck for Pastor Alex and Lisa, and Margot
in Strudwick Hall

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Ann Sebesan
Guest Musician: Pastor Alex Fischer, guitar
Acolyte: Gabe Hall
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
Flowers: O'Connor Family
Video: Alicia Gonzalez, Hervey McIver