

# Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

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*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

Christ is Alive! Brian Wren

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Easter Sunday**

**April 5, 2026**

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor*

*Beth Jordan, Music Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

### Gathering of the People

*Crown Him With Many Crowns  
Glory to God on High*

Prelude  
Introit  
Welcome

Tambling  
Giardini/Ipson

## Praise of God

Call to Worship

(Prayers written and adapted by Rev. Sarah A. Speed |  
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One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

One: The good news is dancing!

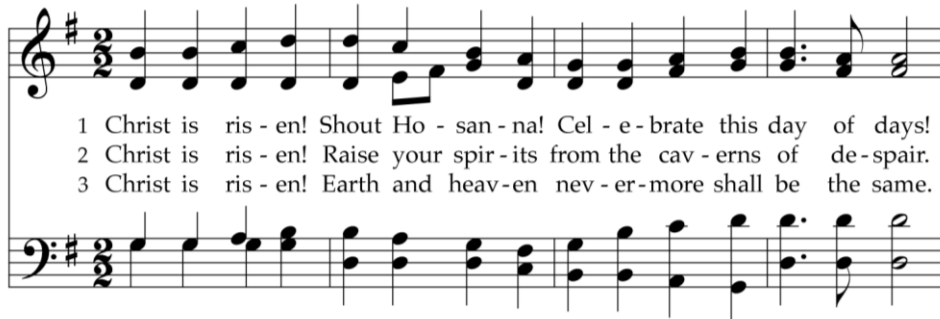
**All: The good news is on the loose!**

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

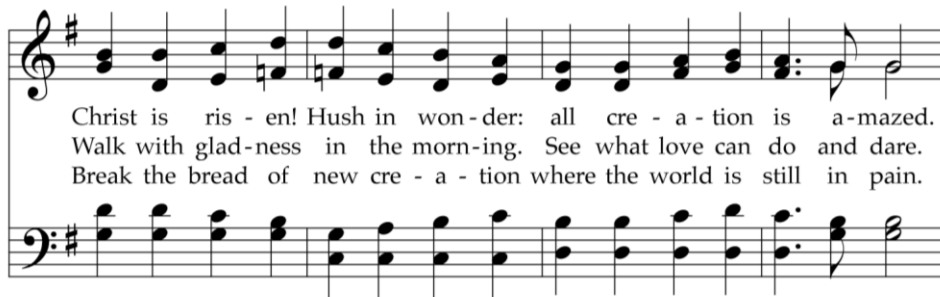
**All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting. Let us worship our good-news Christ.**

\* Hymn No. 248

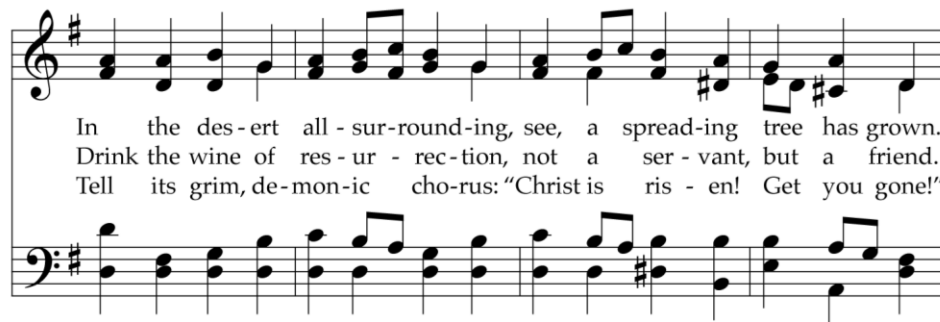
### *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*



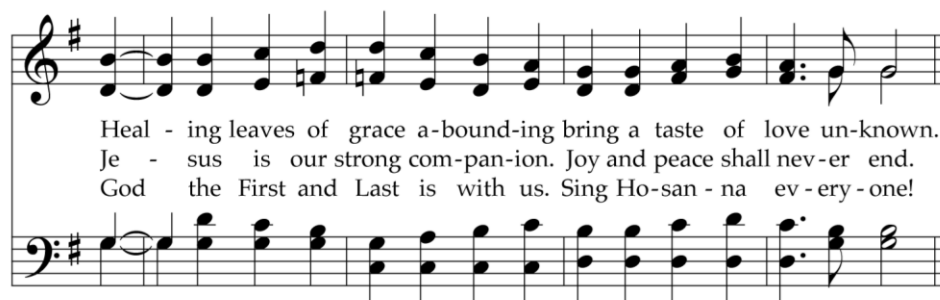
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - er - y - one!

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.**

**So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, 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:** Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**All:** Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! 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)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> Eb B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

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

Anthem

*Jesus Rose!*

Dilworth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 1213)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

## Response to the Gospel

\* Hymn No. 232

### *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

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

\* 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 (Book of Common Worship)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**Go Forth to Serve**

Invitation to Share and Serve

\* Hymn No. 157

***I Danced in the Morning***

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)  
Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)  
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm  
*Refrain*  
 Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the  
 (Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F  
 Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,  
 (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F  
 and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude

*Allegretto from Sonata No. 1 in D*

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## CHURCH NOTES - April 5, 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:** Vernon Cooper

**Children's Sermon:** Barbara Younger

**Trumpet:** Anabel Rattray

**Acolyte:** Marley Salem

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

**Video:** Alicia Gonzalez, Joe Crane

A warm welcome and many thanks to Anabel Rattray, our **trumpet player** this morning! Thank you for making our Easter celebration so special!

HPC will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday. The PCUSA participates in this special offering each year, and designates the funds received to disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees. **If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.** You can give your offering with cash (using an envelope stating it is for the OGHS offering), by check and putting OGHS in the memo line, or you can use the online link from our website. The dropdown list includes the OGHS Offering.

On **Easter Sunday, April 5**, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together! We will have a sunrise service with communion in the cemetery (7:30 AM). Following this service, Men's Fellowship invites us to share breakfast together in Strudwick Hall. (Don't worry if you aren't coming to the early service, you can still come for breakfast a little later in the morning!) Christian Education will then sponsor an Easter egg hunt for the children (10:00 AM) and then we will have a traditional worship service together in the sanctuary at 11am. As always, all are welcome to all these events!

**HPC's Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sundays, April 12, 19 and 26, at 5:00 PM in Strudwick Hall. Youth Lock-In on Friday, April 17, starting at 8 PM. To provide a Sunday meal for our youth, please use sign-up genius: [Click Here](#). Interested in being an adult volunteer? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

**Christian Education** meeting on Tuesday, April 7, on Zoom. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

**Circle #1** will meet on Monday, April 13, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

Join us for **Earth Care Sunday** on April 19, with an outdoor worship service at the Memorial Wall, celebrating Earth Day. Communion will be shared during the service. After worship, everyone is invited to stay for fellowship — please bring your own lunch, and the Stewardship Committee will provide tea, water, and lemonade. There will also be a fun learning activity for all ages during lunch.

The **HPC Book Club** will gather immediately following outdoor worship on April 19. The April selection is the non-fiction "Superbloom," by Nicholas Carr. Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

The Stewardship Committee would like to invite you to an **Earth Care Program** we are hosting as part of the Climate Challenge sponsored by the Hillsborough Green Team. Susannah Tuttle, M. Div, as a staff member of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will be giving a presentation at our church on April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, called *Our Power, Our Planet*. Her work connects climate justice, racial equality, economic dignity, immigrant rights, public health and peace as inseparable commitments. Please join us as we welcome Susannah Tuttle as a continuation of our Earth Day Celebration of HPC. Also, see the Climate Challenge that's happening in Hillsborough from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> (the actual Earth Day). See the full calendar of events and see detailed descriptions in the online Green Guide ([Click Here](#)). Please mark your calendars and participate in as many of these events as you can. Questions? See Linda Jaubert.

Through our **Faith in Hillsborough partnership with Habitat for Humanity** HPC can volunteer at the Weavers Grove housing project or Fairview. There is space for 10 volunteers (shared with St. Matthews). No skills are necessary but you must be 16 years or older for homebuilding and 14 for the landscaping. Sign up online. Look for the link to register in an HPC News email from Hervey McIver sent March 25. Any questions contact Jan McKelvey, Joe Crane or Hervey. The dates are:

- April 11, 8:30-noon Weavers Grove homebuilding
- April 25, Noon-4:00 Weavers Grove homebuilding
- May 2, 9:00-noon Natural landscaping at Odie St. in Fairview
- May 9, 8:30-noon Weavers Grove homebuilding
- May 23, 8:30-noon Weavers Grove homebuilding

An invitation to a **Community Lecture Series** offered by the Orange County Historical Museum as we celebrate 250 years of our country – all are welcome! Talks will be highlighting important historical documents. Join them on Saturdays, April 11 and 18, at 4:30 PM in Strudwick Hall.

**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 with a date! ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

**New Hope Camp** has long been a place where people of all ages grow in faith, fellowship and leadership. The camp is seeking volunteers to serve on committees: Finance, B&G, Strategic Growth & Marketing, Personnel. Camp staff and Board directors are working hard to re-vitalize the camp. We need your time and talents. Donations can be designated as part of your Sunday offering at HPC or donate directly to <https://newhopedonations.campbraingiving.com/>. Contact: Jan McKelvey, HPC representative to New Hope Camp.

**Cold Weather Shelter (828 MLK Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill):** Hillsborough residents needing transportation to the Chapel Hill cold weather shelter may contact the Street Outreach Team by 6 p.m. at (919) 886-3351 for assistance. Questions? Ask David Remington or Jan McKelvey.

### **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. And lastly, please no more cards or calendars until further notice. 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).



Today we have Easter Lilies filling the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you made an Easter flower donation, you are invited to take a plant home after worship.

In **MEMORY** of:

**Charlie Morgan**, by Brenda Morgan

**Elizabeth and George Gigioli**, Lisa's Grandparents, by Rev. Alex and Lisa Fischer

**Bill Vinson**, by Davelyn Vinson

**William, Bruce, and Terry Gaede**, by Jane Gaede

**Betty Carr**, by Jane Gaede

**Our Parents**, by Bonnie and Owen Maddux

**Elizabeth Perry**, by Christine Jackle and Jim Perry

**Harry and Claire Jackle**, by Christine Jackle and Jim Perry

**Joseph and Evelyn O'Connor**, by the O'Connor Family

**William and Nellie English**, by the O'Connor Family

**Grandma Donna Schminke**, by the Erickson Family

**Walter and Florence Perry**, my parents, by Jim Perry

**Elizabeth Marshal Perry**, my daughter, by Jim Perry

**Robert and Ruth Clark, and Anne Clark**, by Sara Clay and Ed Hailey and Celeste Clay

**Carl and Dell Hailey**, Ed's parents, by Sara Clay and Ed Hailey and Celeste Clay

**Diskin Clay**, Celeste's grandfather, by Sara Clay and Ed Hailey and Celeste Clay

**Jane Norris**, Carolyn's mother, by Marc Fowler and Carolyn Norris

**Carl Fowler**, Marc's father, by Marc Fowler and Carolyn Norris



In **HONOR** of:

**All New Members of HPC over the past several years**, by Vibeke and Joe Talley

**People of our Congregation**, by Phil Weber and Jane Ann Mogilski

**Beth Jordan**, by Christine Jackle and Jim Perry



**THIS SUNDAY: April 5 Easter Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26;  
John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12

- 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship (in Cemetery – weather permitting – or in Strudwick Hall) followed by Easter Breakfast (Strudwick Hall)  
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt for Children  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)  
**Tue -** 7:00 PM Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)  
**Wed -** 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Room #221)  
**Sat -** 8:30 AM HPC at Weavers Grove Habitat Build  
4:30 PM Museum Lecture Series (Strudwick)

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist:** Vernon Cooper  
**Children's Sermon:** Barbara Younger  
**Acolyte:** Marley Salem  
**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD  
**Flowers:** Easter Lilies  
**Video:** Alicia Gonzalez, Joe Crane

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**NEXT SUNDAY: April 12**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16;  
I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)  
12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn (Congregational Care)  
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist:** Sara Clay  
**Children's Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Salem  
**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall  
**Flowers:** Stephanie Beckler  
**Video:** Martin and Judy Brown