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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

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

11:00 AM

Rev. Bill Hawkins, Temporary Pastor

Clifford Badgley, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Office Manager

Gathering of the People

Voluntary in A Minor

Prelude
Welcome

John Stanley

Praise of God

Call to Worship Psalm 9:1-2 (adapt.)

One: We will thank you, LORD, with all our heart; we will tell all about your wonderful deeds.

All: We will celebrate and rejoice in you; we will sing praises to your name, Most High.

* Hymn No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of life and eternity, we confess to our need of less than more, of denial over indulgence, humility in place of ostentation, simplicity in the face of opulence, the genuine rather than the insincere, and to forsake all that fades like the grass and take hold of that which partakes of eternity. May we hear anew your offer of forgiveness and answer your call, that with all we are and have, we will also rally to your side remaining faithful unto our life's end. Amen.

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 Psalm 103:8-14

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

All: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

* 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

Barbara Younger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 62:6-8 (pg. 711)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

arr. Dan Forrest

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-10 (pg. 1264)

James 5:15-16 (pg. 1473)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Don't Quit!

Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round 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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

arr. David Cherwien

* 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

One: What is prayer?

All: Prayer is offering up our desires to God, in the name of Christ, and through the help of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by confessing our sins and thankfully acknowledging God's mercies.

One: Are we to pray to God only?

All: Because God alone searches the heart, hears requests, pardons sins, and fulfills all needs—and is alone to be worshiped with religious devotion—prayer must be made to God alone and to no other.

One: What does it mean to pray in the name of Christ?

All: Praying in Christ's name involves obeying Christ's command, trusting Christ's promises, and asking for mercy for Christ's sake. This means drawing our encouragement, boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance directly from Christ and Christ's mediation rather than merely mentioning the name.

One: Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

All: Human sinfulness creates a distance from God that prevents any direct access to God's presence without a mediator. Since Christ alone is appointed and fitted for this work in heaven and on earth, we are to pray in no other name.

One: How does the Spirit help us to pray?

All: The Spirit helps us in our weakness because we do not know how to pray as we ought, enabling us to understand for whom, for what, and how to pray. The Spirit works within our hearts to awaken the necessary awareness, affections, and graces to perform this duty, though in varying measures and times.

Go Forth to Serve

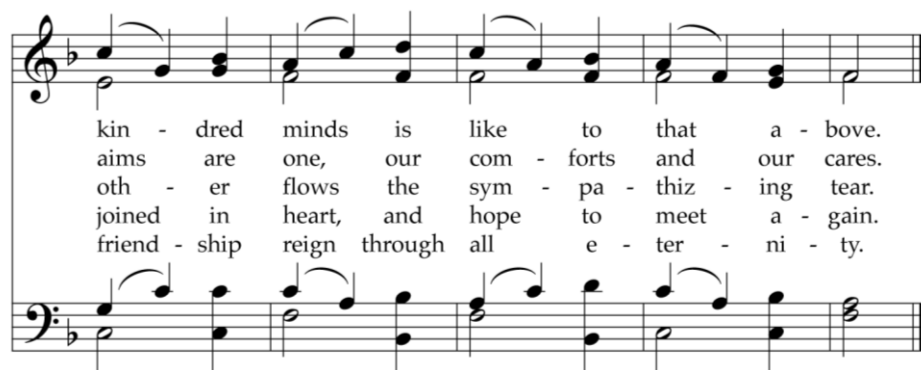
Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, of
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



Benediction
* Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

J. G. Walther



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CHURCH NOTES -- October 25, 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 **rose in the bud vase** is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of David Anson Corbin-McAllister, son of Mags and Joshua. David Anson was born on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Rich Erdosy

Children’s Sermon: Barbara Younger

Acolyte: Gabe Hall

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O’Connor

Video: David and Kathy Remington

HPC's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will be leaving worship on Sunday, October 25, to attend the NC State Fair. On Sunday, November 1 we will not have Youth Group – but will attend the HPC Bonfire. We will resume gathering at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, in Strudwick Hall. 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.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 31, 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 **Annual HPC Bonfire** will be at New Hope Camp on Sunday, November 1, at 5:00 pm (time change "Fall Back" date). The Congregational Care Committee will provide hot dogs, hot beverage, and fixings for S'Mores. Church members are welcome to bring side dishes (chips, coleslaw, chili, salad). Bring your camp chair, blanket, roasting fork, musical instrument, and your smile! Questions? See Sam Nesbit.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Questions? See Cheryl Maxey.

The **Session** will meet on Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Pastor Bill or Jane McIver.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, November 5, at 9:00 AM at The Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

Join us for a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship. We will be electing three Elders to the Class of 2030 and a Deacon to the Class of 2030.

Pledge Dedication Sunday will be **November 22**. Pledge forms were mailed out last week, but you can pick them up in the narthex or church office and bring them with you to worship on November 22. You may also place pledge forms in the offering plate, or mail or email your pledge form to the church office. (P.O. Box 717, Hillsborough or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).

If you have an interest in being a member of the **Community Connectors Committee**, please contact Stephanie Beckler. The mission of this committee is to make the community aware of HPC as a church with meeting and event facilities available for their use, and most importantly we are available as a church family for worship. If interested call 919-699-0392 or stephaniebeckler01@gmail.com.

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year had their SNAP benefits cut and parents cut from Medicaid. New Hope Presbyterian Church started a fund to help with food costs until green cards are processed. Mail checks to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4701 NC 86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, with "Welcome House Refugee Fund" on the memo line. 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! (Final open 2026 dates: November 8, 15) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

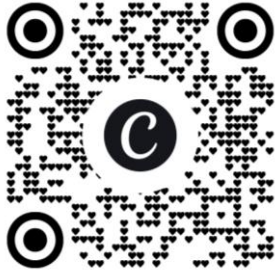
WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities

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 to 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:** Canned green beans, Pork and beans, Saltines, Mac and cheese, Beef stew, Laundry pods.

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 our Temporary Pastor, Reverend Bill Hawkins, at hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com.



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



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THIS SUNDAY: October 25

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM Youth Group (Going to NC State Fair)

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

Sat - 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast (Strudwick)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Rich Erdosy
Children's Sermon: Barbara Younger
Acolyte: Gabe Hall
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O'Connor
Flowers: TBD
Video: David and Kathy Remington

NEXT SUNDAY: November 1 All Saints' Day

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
I Thess. 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
5:00 PM HPC Annual Bonfire (New Hope Camp)

2027 Stewardship Campaign Begins!

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Alicia Gonzalez
Children's Sermon: Alicia Gonzalez
Acolyte: TBD
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
Video: Hervey McIver, Joe Crane