

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

102 West Tryon Street
Hillsborough, N. C. 27278
919-732-3131

Post Office Box 717

www.hillsboroughpres.org [YouTube Channel](#)



ORGANIZED 1816

*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
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026
11:00 AM

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
Beth Jordan, Music Director *JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Praise of God

Call to Worship (from Matthew 10:29-31)

One: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

All: God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

One: God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

All: We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

* Hymn No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.
deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples.

Open My Eyes That I May See (vs. 1 & 2)

Please join in singing this response.

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

Words of Forgiveness

One: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God, amen!

* Response No. 451

Open My Eyes That I May See (vs. 3, see words above)

Please join in singing this response.

Sharing of God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:28-31 (pg. 1182)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:8-21 (pg. 22)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon


Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 324

For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



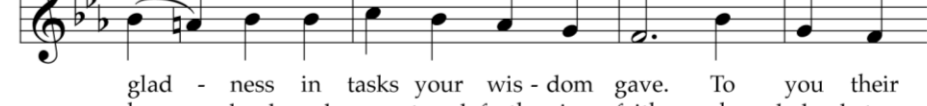
days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm



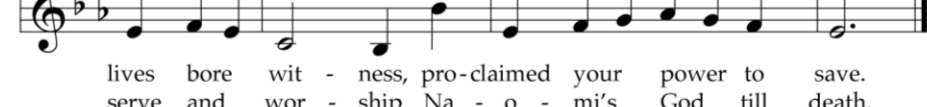
all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution, Sharing of the Meal

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. 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (vs. 3)*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude



“The God of Abraham Praise”, Text: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c. 1770, alt; stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. Music: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

“Open My Eyes That I May See”, Text and Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

“For All the Faithful Women”, Text © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press. Used by permission.

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”, Music Harm. © 1927 from the Revised Church Hymnary. Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

“Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said”, Music Harm. © 1984 John Leon Hooker. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-731198.

CHURCH NOTES

June 21, 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 by Carol Childers in Honor of her late father, Donald Guy Childers, whose 90th birthday would have been yesterday.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Ann Sebesan

Children's Sermon: Ann Sebesan

Acolyte: Mary Jeanne Magill

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

Lemonade on Lawn: Harrell / Magill Family

Video: Martin and Judy Brown

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: July 19; and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

The Newsletter deadline for the July edition of "**The Church Mouse**" will be Tuesday, June 23. Please get articles and calendar events to the church office (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 27, 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 **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, June 29, at 7:00 PM in Room #204. Questions? See Josh Fernandez.

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: July 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23 30) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

The Newsletter deadline for the July edition of "**The Church Mouse**" will be Tuesday, June 23. Please get articles and calendar events to the church office (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).

Mark your calendar – **Vacation Bible School** will be Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26. Additional details coming soon! Questions or want to volunteer? See Katherine Cathey.

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.

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.



Give

app.easytithes.com

THIS SUNDAY: June 21

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

- 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 (Harrell / Magill Family)

Tue – 1:00 PM July Newsletter Deadline

Fri - 9:00 AM HPC Women’s Fellowship Breakfast (Strudwick Hall)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist and Children’s Sermon:** Ann Sebesan
- Acolyte:** Mary Jeanne Magill
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
- Flowers:** Carol Childers
- Video:** Martin and Judy Brown

NEXT SUNDAY: June 28

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Sam Nesbit
- Children’s Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer
- Acolyte:** Gabe Hall
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
- Flowers:** Rev. Alex and Lisa Fischer
- Video:** Alicia Gonzalez, Lisa Fischer