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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
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026
11:00 AM

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

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. C. Paxton

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: Loving God, you care for the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our hearts, that we may care with you.

One: Compassionate God, you heal the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our eyes, that we may heal and repair with you.

One: Merciful God, you forgive the world, calling us back to you, day in and day out.

All: Open our minds, that we may forgive ourselves and each other with you.

One: You made us in your image: caring, compassionate, forgiving.

All: Let us become who we are, walking with you, day in and day out.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fine

Leader/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)

1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a-lone have the
 2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they

words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
 fol - low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace-ful

to Refrain

sing: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 streams: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (written by Rev. Mindi)

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in the right paths and lead us in the ways of righteousness. But we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray.

Silent Individual Confession

Sung Response No. 451

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: The Good Shepherd does not forsake the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live.

All: We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ, we find wholeness and restoration. 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

Conversation with the Children

Reverend Alex Fischer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (pg. 680)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-16 (pg. 1305)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

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

The Lost Sheep

John Horman

* Hymn of Dedication No. 609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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 (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 833

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not
wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and
in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German



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CHURCH NOTES

June 14, 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: Jane Gaede

Children's Sermon: Rev. Alex Fischer

Acolyte: Dean Bernard

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

Lemonade on Lawn: Hall Family

Video: Hervey McIver, Joe Crane

We welcome our **guest musician** today, Carol Hux Burnett. Carol is originally from Durham, is an organist, voice teacher, conductor, music professor, and performer. She was educated at UNC (keyboard and voice), UNC-G (conducting and vocal pedagogy), and the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music (choral conducting). She has cognates in music theory and sacred music and sang for many years with the professional ensemble Bel Canto Company. Welcome!

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: June 21; July 5, 19, 26; and August.

Congregational Care Committee will meet on Sunday June 14, following the worship service in Room #204. We will plan for the All-Church Fellowship Gathering at New Hope Camp and Conference Center on Saturday August 1. Please join us! Questions? See Sam Nesbit or Jan McKelvey.

HPC Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 14, at 12:15 PM in Strudwick Hall. Our book selection is "Why I'm Still a Christian" by Justin Brierley. All are welcome! Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

The **Knitting Group** will meet on Wednesday, June 17, at 12:30 in the HPC Parlor. Questions? See Sara Clay.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, June 18, at 9:00 AM at Antonia's. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

The **Finish-It-Friday** group will meet on Friday, June 19th. Bring any craft project and work on it in Strudwick with friends (knitting, crochet, painting, sewing, quilting, etc). We start at 6:00 PM and end at 11:00 PM. Come any time during that period. We will order pizza, or you can bring your dinner. There is plenty of room to spread out to work and visit. 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: July 12, 19, 26) (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

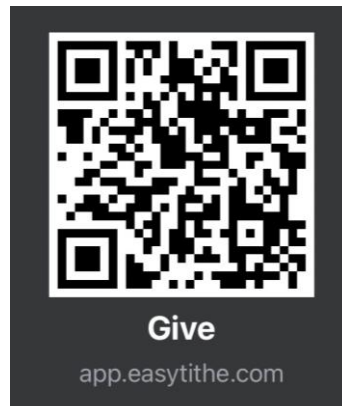
The residents of **Orange County Correctional** are in need of personal hygiene items this Spring. Regular size toothpaste; Arm and Hammer Deodorant, Suave 3 in 1 body wash and shampoo. These can be brought to the OCC basket in the Narthex. They will be picked up and delivered monthly. Thank you for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



THIS SUNDAY: June 14

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Mattherw 9:35-10:23

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Hall Family)
- 12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
- 12:15 PM Congregational Care (#204)

Wed –12:30 PM HPC Knitting Group (Parlor)

Thu - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee & Tea Club (Antonia’s)

Fri - 6:00 PM Finish-It-Friday Group (Strudwick Hall)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Jane Gaede
- Children’s Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer
- Acolyte:** Dean Bernard
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
- Flowers:** TBD
- Video:** Hervey McIver, Joe Crane

NEXT 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 (Hall Family)

Volunteers:

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