

# Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

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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**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor*

*Beth Jordan, Music Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

### **Gathering of the People**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Introit

Joyful Noise Choir

## Praise of God

Call to Worship (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

One: Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,

**All: lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,**

One: unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

**All: you are present among us.**

One: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls,

**All: in all we touch, in all we meet, you are present among us.**

One: As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;

**All: dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.**

\* Hymn No. 475

### *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

One: For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share;

**All: for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love;**

One: God, by your grace,

**All: forgive us.**

One: For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept;

**All: For the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made;**

One: God, by your grace,

**All: forgive us.**

One: for all we should be and all we can amend. God, in your love,

**All: renew us.**

One: For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us. God, in your love,

**All: prepare us.**

One: For the life of the world and the love of its people. God, in your love,

**All: commit us.**

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: Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me.

**All: Glory to the Creator who gives us life, Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us, Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey. 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)  
 Bb F Bb F Bb 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 Bb Eb Bb Gm7 C7

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

Will Lang

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 66:8-20 (pg. 713)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*A Song of Peace*

Horman

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21 (pg. 1313)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reverend Amanda Chamblee-Hill

### Response to the Gospel

\* Hymn No. 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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 (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

**We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life: of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people everywhere. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh: born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended to the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life.**

**Go Forth to Serve**

Invitation to Share and Serve

\* Hymn No. 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude



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## CHURCH NOTES

May 10, 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:

**Liturgists and Children's Sermon:** Will Lang

**Acolyte:** Mary Jeanne Magill

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

**Lemonade on Lawn:** Nesbit Family

**Video:** David and Kathy Remington

We're pleased to welcome **Reverend Amanda Chamblee-Hill** (She/They) into our pulpit this morning. Amanda is a close friend of Alex's from seminary and currently serves as a chaplain at WakeMed hospital. Amanda is a fan of women's sports, her wife Mary and their two cats named Tuffy and Slinky. As you can tell by one of her cat's names, Amanda is also a loyal NC State fan. Go Pack!

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 in May.

**HPC's Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 10, in Strudwick Hall. To provide a Sunday meal for our youth, please use sign-up genius: [Click Here](#). Youth Sunday is Sunday, May 17 – our Youth will lead worship. We will have a Youth Fun Day on May 31, details coming soon. Interested in being an adult volunteer? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

**Joyful Noise Children's Choir** will meet on Sunday, May 10, at 9:45 AM in Room #221 for rehearsal. They will sing in worship on May 10. Questions? See Beth Jordan.

**Pastor Alex** will be away May 8 – 15. In case of a pastoral emergency, please be in touch with our on-call Deacon, Karoline Mathewson ([karoline\\_mathewson@yahoo.com](mailto:karoline_mathewson@yahoo.com), 919-260-0870).

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

The **Finish-It-Friday** group will meet on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The **HPC Book Club** will gather immediately following worship on May 17. The May selection is the non-fiction "Superbloom," by Nicholas Carr. Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

**HPC Coffee & Tea Club** will gather on Thursday, May 21, at 9:00 AM at Antonia's. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** - Pardon our Mess! In May, there will be repairs on the exterior walls of the church near the Tryon Street entrance. Watch for signs to direct you for safe entry into the church. We'll keep you updated in case electrical shut-offs are necessary.

**BEARD SCHOLARSHIP** - HPC invites local graduating high school seniors to apply for the L.E. and Mary Beard Memorial Scholarship. Stalwarts of the Hillsborough community and members of HPC, Mr. and Mrs. Beard valued education as a tool for future success. The amount of the scholarship depends on the endowment earnings, which this year total \$2102.76. The applicant must have been accepted as a member of the incoming class at an accredited college or university. **Completed applications are due in the HPC office by May 22, 2026.** Please contact the church office or Lisa Watts for further requirements and an application form.

Through our **Faith in Hillsborough partnership with Habitat for Humanity** HPC can volunteer at the Fairview Community Garden Work Day. No skills are necessary but you must be 14 years or older for the garden/landscaping. For more details, please sign up online – use registration link below or look for the link to register in email from Hervey McIver sent April 21. Questions? Contact Jan McKelvey, Joe Crane or Hervey. **Date is:** June 13, 9:00-noon, [Click Here to Register](#)

**New Hope Camp** invites you to participate In **Bystander CPR/AED Training** offered at the camp on Saturday, June 6, at 9:00am. No charge. While this short course does not cover the CPR certification required at some places of employment, it does provide a completion certificate, and you could save a life! Register: <https://www.compressandshock.org/event-details/new-hope-camp-conference-center>

**Goal:** If there are 25 or more participants, New Hope Camp will receive a free AED. Let's keep our community safe and help the camp.

**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: May 24, 31) ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

### **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.

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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, or this week, contact our on-call Deacon, Karoline Mathewson (919-260-0870, [karoline\\_mathewson@yahoo.com](mailto:karoline_mathewson@yahoo.com)),



**THIS SUNDAY: May 10**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;  
I Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 9:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal (#221)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Nesbit Family)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

Pastor Alex away May 8 - 15

**Mon** - 11:00 AM Circle #1 (Room #204)

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

**Thu** - 1:00 PM June Newsletter Deadline

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

**Volunteers:**

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Amanda Chamblee-Hill

**Liturgist and Children's Sermon:** Will Lang

**Acolyte:** Mary Jeanne Magill

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

**Flowers:** TBD

**Video:** David and Kathy Remington

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**NEXT SUNDAY: May 17 Youth Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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

**Volunteers:**

**Liturgist and Children's Sermon:** Youth

**Acolyte:** Boone Curtis

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

**Flowers:** Jim and Karoline Mathewson

**Video:** Cheryl Maxey, Joe Crane