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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

11:00 AM

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor

Beth Jordan, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Prelude
Welcome

Schmoltze

Praise of God

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

One: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with celebration! Approach God with shouts of joy!

One: Know that the Lord is God -- God made us, we belong to God.

All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's own pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanks; enter the divine courtyards with praise!

All: Thanks be to God! Bless God's holy name!

One: Because the Lord is good; God's loyal love lasts forever.

All: God's faithfulness lasts generation after generation. Let us worship our steadfast and loving God!

* Hymn No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Silent Individual Confession

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 (from 1 Timothy and 1 Peter)

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

Hervey McIver

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (pg. 680)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

As the Deer

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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 the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. Jesus' life as a human involves the church in the common life of humanity. Jesus' service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. Jesus' suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. Jesus' crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity towards one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal in human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* 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.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Holy Manna

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CHURCH NOTES

April 26, 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 and Children’s Sermon: Hervey McIver

Acolyte: Luke Bernard

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

Lemonade on Lawn: Harrell / Magill Family

Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

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 Sundays 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.

Session meeting on Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM in Room #204/Zoom. Questions? See Clerk of Session, Jane McIver, or Rev. Alex Fischer.

The children’s choir, **Joyful Noise**, will rehearse on Sundays, May 3 and 10, at 9:45 AM in room #221. Any children that want to participate (ages 4 and up) are invited to come to the choir room to sing. We will begin at 9:45 and end music at 10:20. The children will then go to their classroom for the week’s lesson. Joyful Noise will also be singing as part of the worship service on Sunday, May 10th. See Beth Jordan for more information.

Christian Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 PM. Join us on Zoom. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, May 7, at 9:00 AM at The Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! We'll also meet on Thursday, May 21, at 9:00 AM at Antonia's. Questions? See Joe Crane.

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. For more details, please sign up online – use registration links below or look for the link to register in email from Hervey McIver sent April 21. Questions? Contact Jan McKelvey, Joe Crane or Hervey. Dates are:

May 2, 9:00-noon	Riparian Restoration in Fairview	Click Here to Register
May 9, 8:30-noon	Weavers Grove homebuilding	Click Here to Register
June 13, 9:00-noon	Natural landscaping in Fairview	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: [Click Here](#). 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 3, 10, 24, 31) (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

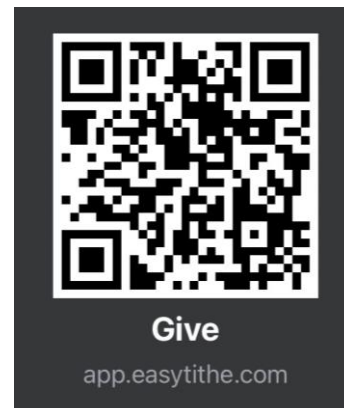
WAYS TO GIVE - Giving Opportunities

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.

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: April 26

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Harrell/Magill Family)
- 12:15 PM Congregational Care Meeting (#204)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

Mon - 7:00 PM Session Meeting (Room #204 / Zoom)

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

Sat - 9:00 AM HPC Riparian Restoration in Fairview

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Hervey McIver
- Children's Sermon:** Hervey McIver
- Acolyte:** Luke Bernard
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD
- Flowers:** TBD
- Video:** Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

NEXT SUNDAY: May 3 Teacher Appreciation

Lectionary Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

- 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 Reception for Teacher Appreciation (Strudwick,
hosted by CE Committee)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Rich Erdosy
- Children's Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer
- Acolyte:** TBD
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
- Flowers:** TBD
- Video:** Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson