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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 **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **August 23, 2026** **11:00 AM**

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Welcome

Voluntary in G

John Stanley

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: Hear, my people! I am calling! Are you listening?

All: We are here and we are ready.

One: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

All: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

One: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

* Hymn No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another.

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: We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.

All: God loves us, heals us, strengthens us and calls us by name. Through Jesus we are made whole! Thanks be to God!

* 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

Ann Sebesan

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6 (pg. 896)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Let Justice Roll Like a Mighty River

Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reverend Tony Boss, Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) Db (Em) Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) (Em) Fm Bbm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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

Larghetto

Vivaldi/Bach

* 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

* Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

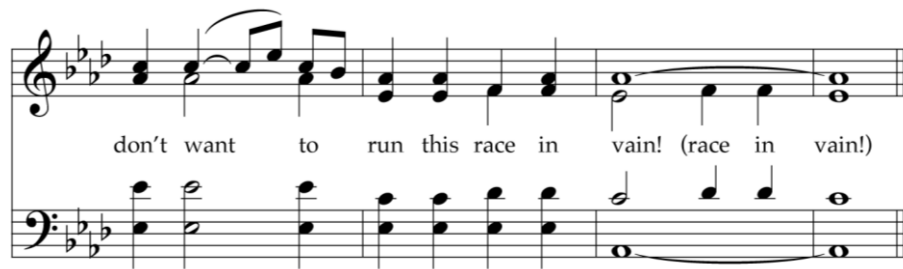
* Hymn No. 741

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I



- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

David Cherwien

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CHURCH NOTES

August 23, 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 **FLOWERS** are shared to the Glory of God by the Kent and Catherine Phelps.

Assisting in Worship today:

Preaching: Rev. Tony Boss, Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Liturgists: Jane Gaede, Linda Jaubert

Children's Sermon: Ann Sebesan

Guest Musician: Clifford Badgley

Acolyte: Dean Bernard

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, TBD

Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

Sunday, August 23rd will be our **Heaven Practice Pulpit Swap!** We will welcome Rev. Tony Boss from Piney Grove Missionary Baptist church into our pulpit. Pastor Alex will be preaching at Hester Grove Missionary Baptist Church. After the **Pulpit Swap on Sunday August 23**, come on out to New Hope Camp for the **Heaven Practice Cookout**. At **1:00 pm**, a Blessing for the Cookout Luncheon will be offered by Rev. Tony Boss. Hillsborough Presbyterian Church has been asked to help provide paper products and lemonade. Want to help with set up or needed items? See Jan McKelvey. All are welcome.

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship next Sunday, August 30 and on the following Sundays through September 20.

The **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, August 24, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Josh Fernandez.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 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 **Session** will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Pastor Alex or Jane McIver, Clerk of Session.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 AM at The Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 and Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? See Martin Brown. If you're interested in helping shape the future of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church through faithful stewardship, we'd love to have you join us. New members are especially encouraged to attend. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to share your time, ideas, and gifts in service to our church community.

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year are encountering challenges. Their SNAP benefits were cut in July, and they were informed that the father and mother will be cut from Medicaid in October. In response to that hurdle, New Hope Presbyterian Church has started a fund to help the family with food costs. The plan is to assist on a monthly basis through this fund until their green cards are processed, which will then qualify them for SNAP again. Donations for this fund can be sent by check to New Hope Presbyterian Church, with "Welcome House Refugee Fund" on the memo line. The address is: New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4701 NC 86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. 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: August 30, September 13) (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. 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 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:** Rice, Cereal, Beans (pork & beans or others), Soups, Canned veggies.

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.



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



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THIS SUNDAY: August 23 “Heaven Practice” Pulpit Swap

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:30 PM “Heaven Practice” Food and Fellowship at
New Hope Camp (Blessing at 1:00 PM)

Mon - 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (#204 and/or Zoom)

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

Volunteers:

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Liturgists: Jane Gaede and Linda Jaubert

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NEXT SUNDAY: August 30

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children’s Sermon: Hervey McIver

Guest Musician: Clifford Badgley

Acolyte: TBD

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

Flowers: TBD

Video: Martin and Judy Brown