

# 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 Transfiguration of the Lord February 15, 2026 11:00 AM

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

### Gathering of the People

*Beautiful Savior*

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Prelude  
Welcome

## Praise of God

### Call to Worship

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

One: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

One: The one who comes and does not keep silent now speaks in our midst.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

One: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**All: The Lord our God is holy!**

\* Hymn No. 66

### *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my  
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the  
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a-round me, it looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

## Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silent Individual Confession

Sung Response No. 698

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

*Please join in singing this response.*



Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Words of Forgiveness

One: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts. The glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

**All: In the name of 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.*



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

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

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

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

Barbara Younger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18 (pg. 96)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*To Behold Thee*

Forrest/Berry

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 1193)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reverend Alex Fischer

## Response to the Gospel

\* Hymn No. 191

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* (see insert)

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and ho - ly place,  
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad-ows; splen-dor bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
3. Strength-en ed by this glimpse of glo-ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,  
where we wait with hope and long-ing for some to - ken of God's grace.  
Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav'n - ly voice is heard.  
we like Pe - ter find it tempt-ing to re - main and build a shrine.  
Here we pray for new as - sur-ance that our faith is not in vain,  
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the law and pro - phets meet:  
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,  
search-ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
Christ, with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fi - gured and com - plete.  
that our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution, Sharing of the Meal

Hymn No. 504

*We Come as Guests Invited*

1. We come as guests invit-ed when Je-sus bids us dine,  
 2. We eat and drink, re-ceiv-ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3. One bread is ours for shar-ing, one sin-gle fruit-ful vine,  
 his friends on earth u-nit-ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be-liev-ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel-low-ship de-clar-ing re-newed in bread and wine:  
 the bread of life is bro-ken; the wine is free-ly poured  
 with won-der and thanks-giv-ing for love that knows no end,  
 re-newed, sus-tained, and giv-en by to-ken, sign, and word,  
 for us, in sol-emn to-ken of Christ our dy-ing Lord.  
 we find in Je-sus liv-ing our ev-er-pres-ent friend.  
 the pledge and seal of heav-en, the love of Christ our Lord.

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. 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Offertory*

Beck

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 new life we find in Christ takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us exactly as we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. This new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening realities and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness with our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

\* Hymn No. 193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"  
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude

*Come God, Creator, Holy Spirit*

Bach



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## CHURCH NOTES February 15, 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:** Linda Jaubert

**Children’s Sermon:** Barbara Younger

**Acolyte:** Morgan Salem

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

**Video:** Joe Crane, Lisa Fischer

The Youth Group is sponsoring our ***SOUPER BOWL* collection in February** - This year the Youth are focusing on collecting monetary donations for the purchasing of canned goods and other essential food items for OCIM. The Youth have set a goal of collecting \$2,500 for this purpose. For the past two years, we have worked with OCIM administration to ensure our collected funds went toward the purchase of the canned items that were in highest need. The Youth and Eric will take any donated canned goods directly to OCIM during the month of February. Monetary donations may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering. Please designate the intent of the funds “OCIM Souper Bowl”. Thank you for your continued support of our community through OCIM.

**HPC’s Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sundays, at 5:00 PM in Strudwick Hall. Interested in being an adult volunteer? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

The **Community Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 PM in Room #204 or on Zoom. Questions? See Linda Jaubert.

**The Knitting Group** will meet on Wednesday, February 18, at 12:30 in the HPC Parlor. Questions? See Sara Clay.

**Ash Wednesday Dinner and Worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church** – Join us on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 PM for a baked potato dinner at New Hope. Our Ash Wednesday Worship will be in their Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Rev. Alex will lead worship alongside Rev. Kerri Hefner. The choirs from both congregations will be offering an anthem together. Please join us as we begin the Lenten season.

The deadline for March edition of “**The Church Mouse**” will be Thursday, February 19, at 1:00 PM. Please get articles and calendar events to the church office. ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

**The Finish-It-Friday** group will meet on Friday, February 20<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 ord New Hope Camp & Conference Centerer pizza, or you can bring your dinner. There is plenty of room to spread out to work and visit. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

**Joyful Noise Children’s Choir** will meet on Sunday, February 22, at 9:45 AM in Room #221 for rehearsal. They will sing in worship on February 22. Questions? See Beth Jordan.

**Congregational Care Committee** meeting has been re-scheduled to Sunday, February 22, at 12:15 pm in Room #204 following worship.

**Women’s Fellowship** – Last Saturday breakfasts will resume at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 28, in Strudwick Hall. A light breakfast (fruit and pastry) will be provided. Please join other women in the church for a time of food and fellowship. Children are welcome. A breakfast table will be set up for the little ones. Questions, see Karoline Mathewson.

**HPC Directory** – If you have any updates for the HPC Directory – please pass them along to the church office. Need a new photo? Let us know that too! ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

An invitation to a **Community Lecture Series** offered by the Orange County Historical Museum as we celebrate 250 years of our country – all are welcome! Talks will be highlighting important historical documents. Join them on Saturdays, February 14, 21, March 7, 21, 28. All talks begin at 4:30 PM in Strudwick Hall.

Interested in learning more about the role of the Orange County Sheriff’s Office in keeping our community safe? Join the **Citizens’ Academy**, 6-9 pm on Wednesdays, March 18 – May 13. For details and to apply go to [www.ocsonc.com/citizens-academy](http://www.ocsonc.com/citizens-academy). Deadline to apply is February 27. Questions? See Jane Gaede.

**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 with a date! ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org))

**New Hope Camp** has long been a place where people of all ages grow in faith, fellowship and leadership. The camp is seeking volunteers to serve on committees: Finance, B&G, Strategic Growth & Marketing, Personnel. Camp staff and Board directors are working hard to re-vitalize the camp. We need your time and talents. Donations can be designated as part of your Sunday offering at HPC or donate directly to <https://newhopedonations.campbraingiving.com/>. Contact: Jan McKelvey, HPC representative to New Hope Camp.

**Cold Weather Shelter:** Hillsborough residents needing transportation to the Chapel Hill cold weather shelter may contact the Street Outreach Team by 6 p.m. at (919) 886-3351 for assistance. For the month of February, four churches in Chapel Hill will manage the food service to the Chapel Hill shelter. Questions? Ask David Remington or Jan McKelvey. **NOTE:** Church members hosting evening groups should be aware that unhoused people may ask for assistance. Let's help them by either calling the Street Outreach Team, or taking them down to the Chapel Hill shelter if that is the best option. Location: 828 MLK Jr. Blvd.

## 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.

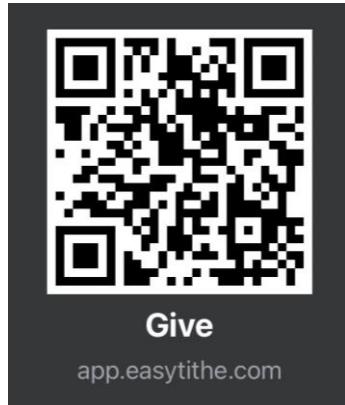
Many of you are aware of **OCIM** and its feeding of those in need. We are known as the “peanut butter church”. There is always a need for peanut butter --- creamy peanut butter, preferably. You may place peanut butter in the covered OCIM basket in the Narthex at any time. A jar can go in every bag given 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. You may also contact the Pastor, Reverend Alex Fischer, at [hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com](mailto:hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com).



## THIS SUNDAY: February 15

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99;  
II Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

9:45 AM	Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube) -- Communion and OCIM Food Drive
12:15 PM	HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
5:00 PM	Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)
<b>Tue</b> - 7:00 PM	Community Outreach Meeting (#204/Zoom)
<b>Wed</b> - 12:30 PM	HPC Knitting Group (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Baked Potato Supper (New Hope Presbyterian)
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship (New Hope Presbyterian)
<b>Thu</b> - 1:00 PM	“Church Mouse” Deadline
<b>Fri</b> - 6:00 PM	Finish-it-Friday (Strudwick Hall)
<b>Sat</b> - 4:30 PM	Museum Community Lecture Series (Strudwick)

### Volunteers:

**Liturgist:** Linda Jaubert  
**Children's Sermon:** Barbara Younger  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Salem  
**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall  
**Video:** Joe Crane, Lisa Fischer

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## NEXT SUNDAY: February 22

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

9:45 AM	Sunday School – for all ages!
9:45 AM	Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal (#221)
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM	Congregational Care Meeting (#204)
5:00 PM	Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

### Volunteers:

**Liturgist:** Will Lang  
**Children's Sermon:** Will Lang  
**Acolyte:** TBD  
**Flowers:** Joe and Vibeke Talley  
**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Stephanie Morgan  
**Video:** Martin and Judy Brown