

# 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**

**Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

*Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor*

*Beth Jordan, Music Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

**Gathering of the People**

***God Whose Almighty Word***

Prelude  
Welcome

Proulx

## Praise of God

### Call to Worship

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**Many: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**Many: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

One: We come, for God reunites us here, kindred in that family called love:

**Many: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

### \* Hymn

#### *There Are Many Ways of Sharing*

*(To the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing", Hymn No. 475)*

*There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.*

*We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.*

*All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead  
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.*

## Confession of Sin

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

*(Prayers written and adapted by Rev. Sarah A. Speed |  
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One: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come Nazareth?"

**Many: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.**

One: Can anything good come from that side of town?

**Many: From a school with poor test scores?**

One: From a criminal history?

**Many: From a history of addiction?**

One: From a faith with doubt?

**Many: From a church with faults? Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.**

### Silent Individual Confession

**Take, O Take Me As I Am**

*Please join in singing this response.*

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

**Words of Forgiveness**

One: Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself, “Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?” Remember this: God is always whispering, “Yes.” So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: God is here. God is at work among us. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. 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)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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

Jane McIver

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24: 3, 36, 44 (pg. 1204)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Hearts in Faith, Hands of Service*

Jennifer Klein

Scripture Reading Katherine Cathey

Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 1204)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lesson

Alicia Gonzalez

Scripture Reading Davelyn Vinson

Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 1204)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lesson

Alicia Gonzalez

Scripture Reading Christine Jackle

Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 1205)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lesson

Alicia Gonzalez

### Response to the Gospel

\* Hymn No. 769

#### For Everyone Born (vs. 1, 3, 5)



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Retrain*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus-tice and joy!

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. 701

***Lord, Prepare Me***

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Affirmation of Faith

*(Prayers written and adapted by Rev. Sarah A. Speed |  
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One: John the Baptist's followers once asked him, "What shall we do?" Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

**All: In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say: Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world. Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves. Feed the hungry. Tend the garden. If you have two coats, give one away. Do the good that is yours to do. In doing so, you will see God. For this we believe: small acts of love can make a difference. Amen.**

**Go Forth to Serve**

Invitation to Share and Serve

\* Hymn No. 296

***Go in Grace and Make Disciples***

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)  
 Gm7 C F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
 but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
 man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)  
 F Gm C7 F C F C F

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
 love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
 gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)  
 D Gm D G C F

to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
 jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
 as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> Gm F C7 F

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

***Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing***

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## CHURCH NOTES -- May 31, 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:** HPC Women's Team

**Acolyte:** Nita Kate Shore

**Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O'Connor

**Lemonade on Lawn:** Joe and Gail Crane

**Video:** Martin and Judy Brown

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 June.

**Graduation Sunday** is Sunday, June 7. We will have a Reception for our Graduates in Strudwick Hall immediately following worship.

**HPC's Youth Group** (grades 6-12) will have a Youth Fun Day on May 31, details shared with Youth and Parents. The final Youth Group meeting (until the Fall) will be on Sunday, June 7, 5:00 – 6:30 PM in Strudwick Hall. Interested in being an adult volunteer next Fall? Other questions? See Eric Cathey.

**Christian Education** meeting on Tuesday, June 2, on Zoom. Questions? See Katherine Cathey.

**"Heaven Practice" Bible Study** will gather at St. Matthew's on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

**HPC Coffee & Tea Club** will gather on Thursday, June 4, at 9:00 AM at the Village Diner. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

**Session meeting** on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 PM in Strudwick Hall. Questions? See Jane McIver, Clerk of Session, or Pastor Alex.

**"Heaven Practice" Worship** will gather on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will be worshipping at St. Matthew's with Rev. Myers from Bethsada Baptist Church offering the sermon. All are welcome!

**Circle #1** will meet on Monday, June 8, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

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!

**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: June 7, 14, 28) ([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. You may also contact the Pastor, Reverend Alex Fischer, at [hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com](mailto:hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com).



**THIS SUNDAY: May 31 Women-led Worship**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8;  
II Corinthians 13:11-13; Mattherw 28:16-20

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Joe and Gail Crane)
- TBD PM Youth Fun Day Event (TBD)

- Tue** - 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Zoom)
- Wed** - 6:00 PM “Heaven Practice” Bible Study (St. Matthew’s)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (#221)
- Thu** - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee and Tea Club (The Village Diner)

**Volunteers:**

- Liturgist and Children’s Sermon:** Women’s Team
- Acolyte:** Nita Kate Shore
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Chris O’Connor
- Flowers:** TBD
- Video:** Martin and Judy Brown

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**NEXT SUNDAY: June 7 Graduation Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;  
Romans 4:13-25; Mattherw 9:9-13, 18-26

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- 12:15 PM Reception for Graduates (Strudwick Hall)
- 12:30 PM Session Meeting (Room #204)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick)
- 6:00 PM “Heaven Practice” Worship (St. Matthew’s)

**Volunteers:**

- Guest Musician:** Carol Burnett                      **Liturgist:** Phil Weber
- Children’s Sermon:** Barbara Younger      **Acolyte:** Boone Curtis
- Flowers:** Jane Ann Mogilski & Phil Weber
- Nursery:** Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey
- Video:** Kenneth and Ben Stephenson