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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
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
11:00 AM

Rev. Bill Hawkins, Temporary Pastor
Clifford Badgley, Music Director *JoAnn Harrison, Office Manager*

Gathering of the People

Prelude ***I will not leave my Jesus*** J. G. Walther
Welcome
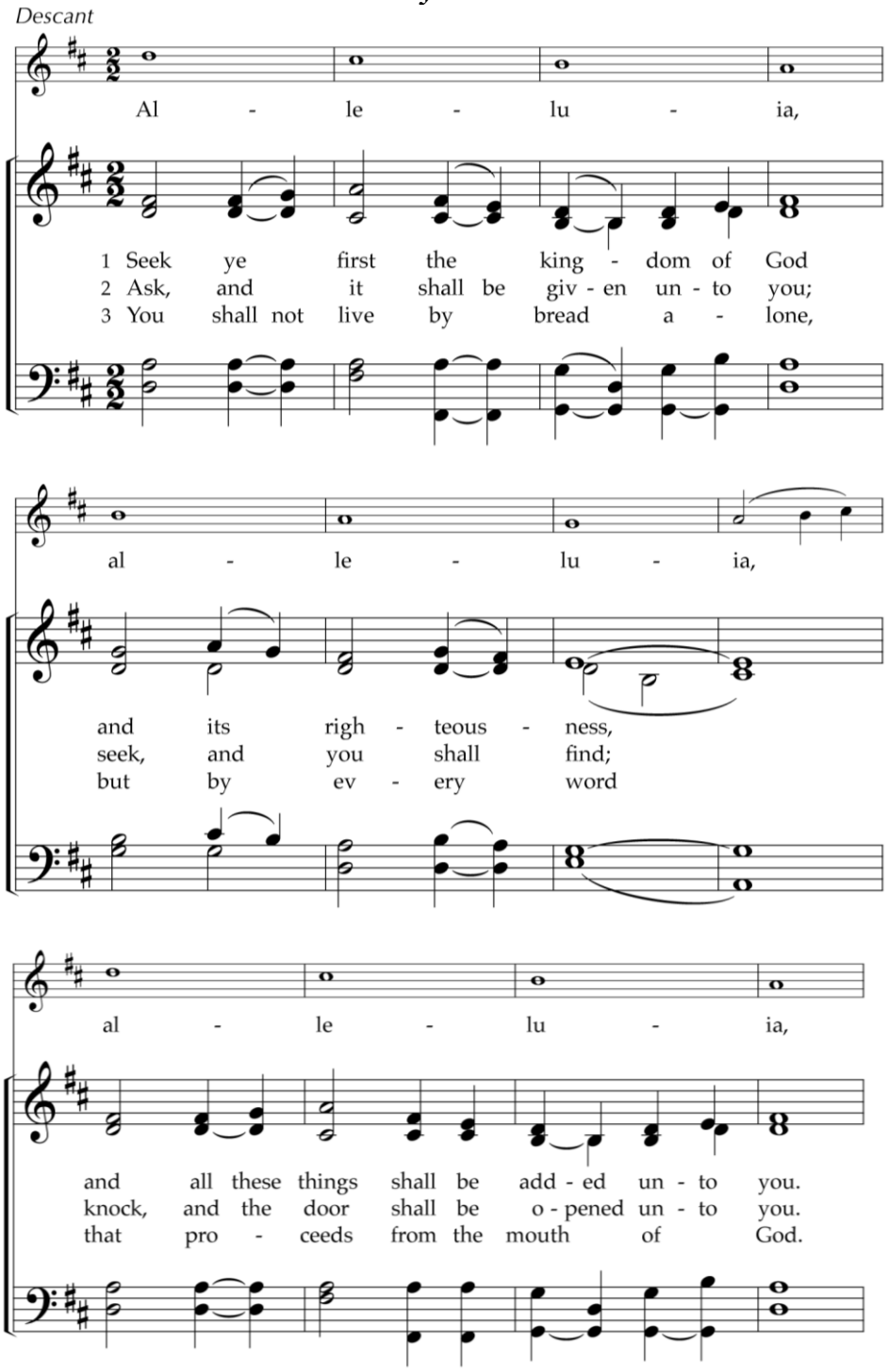
Praise of God
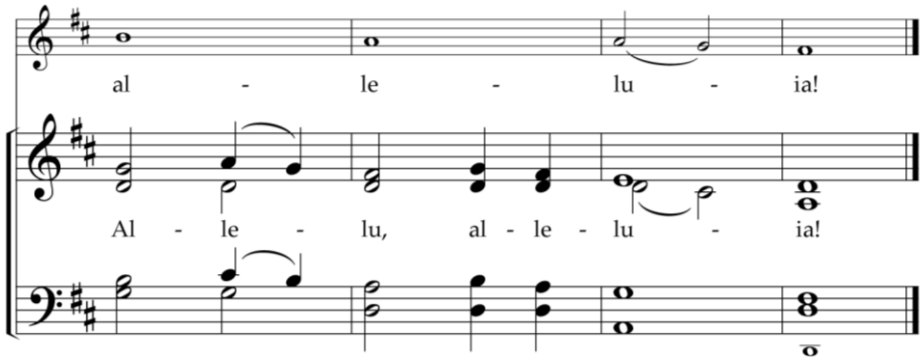
Call to Worship Revelation 15:3-4

One: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

All: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

* Hymn No. 175 ***Seek ye First***





Confession of Sin

Call to Confession I John 3:19-20

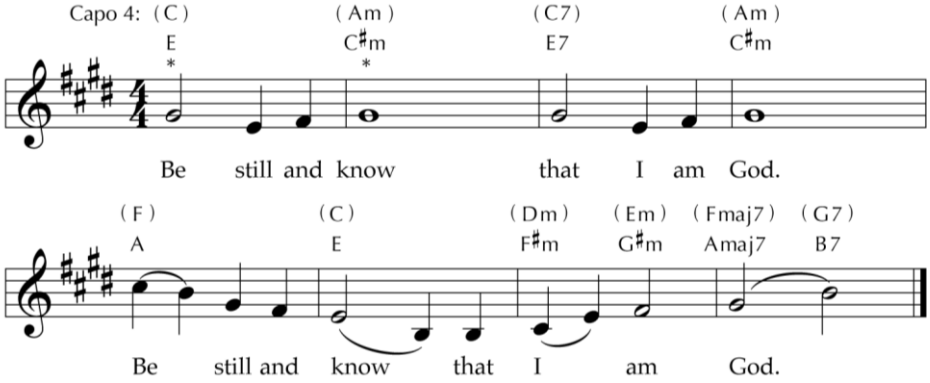
Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others; how swift we are to seize for our own gain, yet slow to give to others; how proud we are of our success while begrudging praise given to others. In your tender care and unfailing love, forgive our pettiness and faulty comparisons and jealousies. By your transforming grace, make us open to your wisdom and your ways.

Silent Individual Confession

Sung Response No. 414 **Be Still and Know That I Am God**

Please join in singing this response.



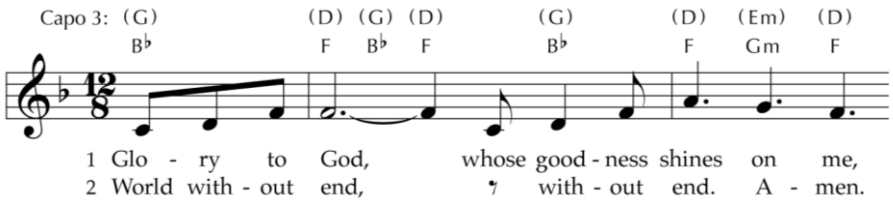
Words of Forgiveness Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

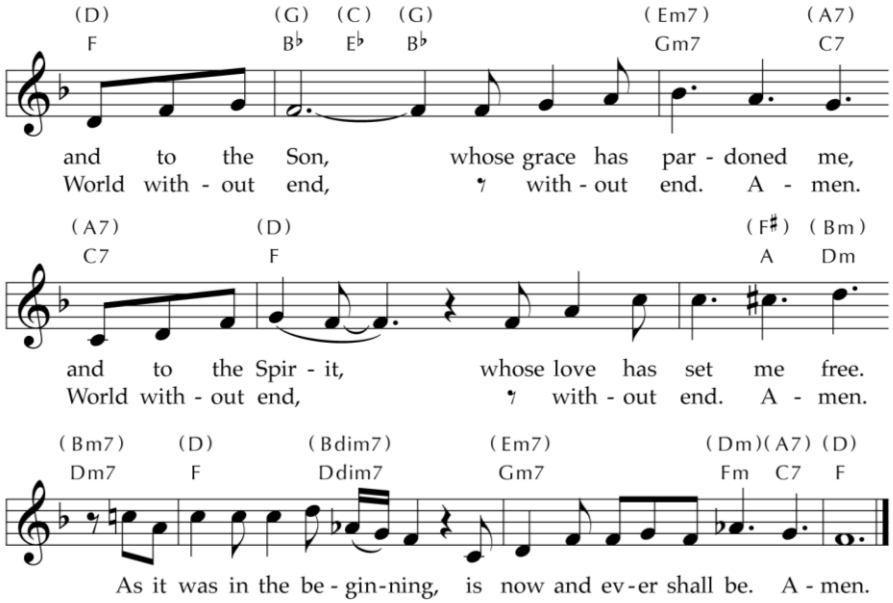
One: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

All: Let us then take hold of this forgiveness and live your life trusting that you are accepted. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, we are all forgiven and made new again. Thanks be to God.

* Response No. 582 ***Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

Please join in singing this response.



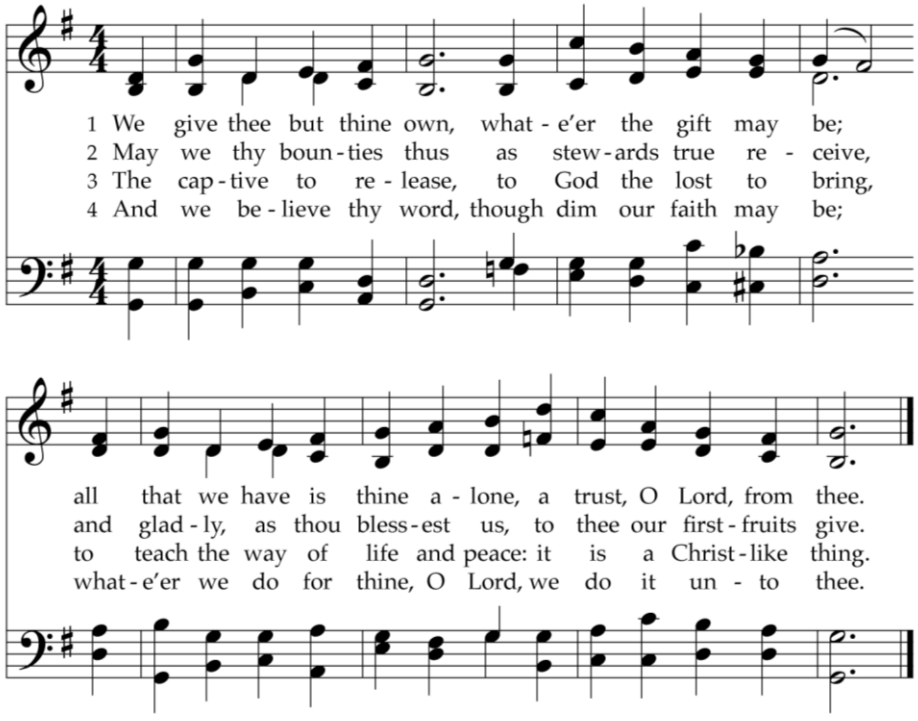


Sharing of God's Word

Conversation with the Children — Hervey McIver
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading — Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (pg. 782)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem — ***Take My Life and let it be*** — arr. Mark Sedio
Scripture Reading — James 2:1-10, 14-17 (pg. 1470)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon — ***It Used to Be: Pay-Per-Pew*** — Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 708 — ***We Give Thee but Thine Own***



Stewardship Presentation

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 ***Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*** arr. Johannes Brahms

* 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

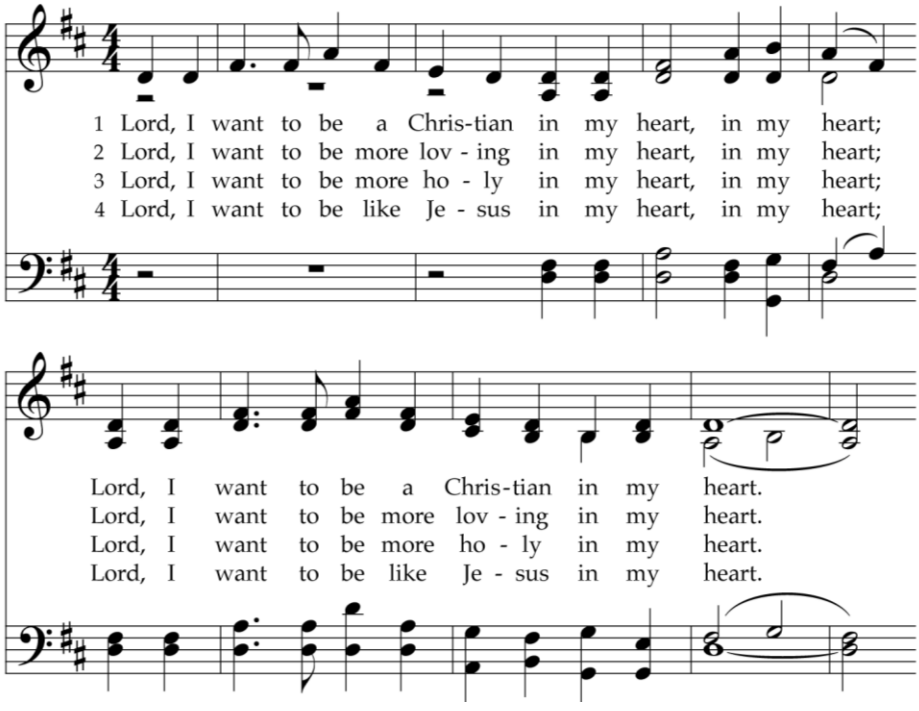
* Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith: 4:(2) P.C.U.S., 1973

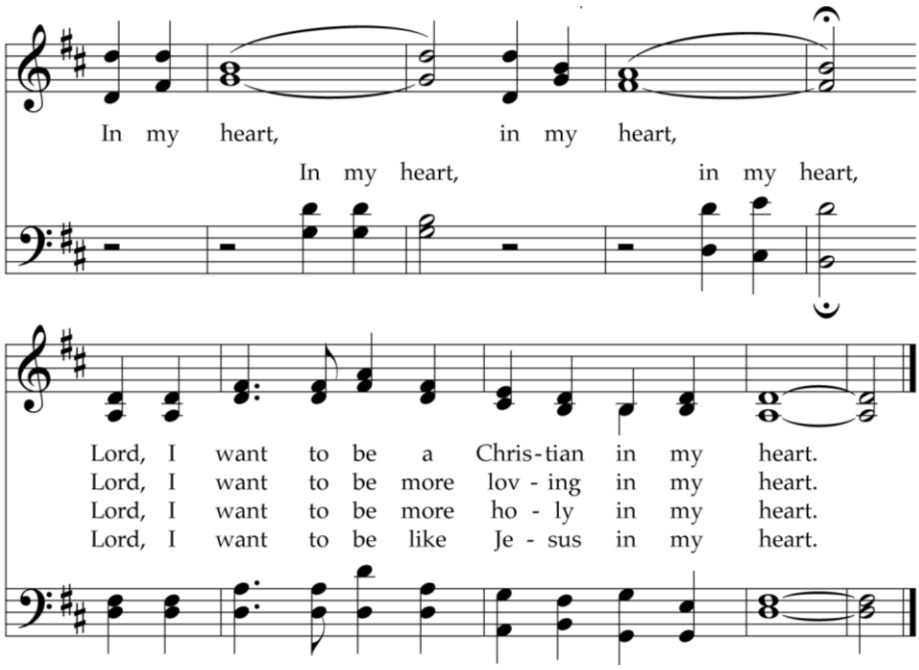
Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 729 ***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***





Benediction

* Postlude ***Toccata*** Johann Pachelbel

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CHURCH NOTES
November 15, 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.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Hervey McIver
Acolyte: Luke Bernard
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall
Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

HPC's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, in Strudwick Hall. Our next meeting will be December 6. 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.

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

The HPC "Church Mouse" deadline will be on early this month - Tuesday, November 17, at noon. Please get articles and calendar events to the church office**.** (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org)

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

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00pm: Heaven Practice Bible Study will be led by Rev. Ray Myers, Pastor at Bethsada Baptist Church. We will gather in Strudwick Hall at HPC. Supper and refreshments will be served by the Congregational Care Committee. At **7:00pm** we will have **Choir Practice** led by Music Director Cliff Badgley for our combined Choir. We welcome visitors and all who wish to join us in song to prepare for our Heaven Practice Worship on Sunday.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, November 19, at 9:00 AM at Steve's (610 N. Churton Street). All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

Pledge Dedication Sunday will be **November 22**. Pledge forms were mailed out last week, but you can pick them up in the narthex or church office and bring them with you to worship on November 22. You may also place pledge forms in the offering plate, or mail or email your pledge form to the church office. (P.O. Box 717, Hillsborough or hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).

Sunday, November 22, 6:00pm: Heaven Practice Worship will be at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary. Rev. Ray Myers will preach. Cliff Badgley will direct the combined Choir. At **7:00pm** we will have our **Heaven Practice Thanksgiving Dinner** in Strudwick Hall. Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided by members of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. Let us worship and break bread together!

HPC will host the next Heaven Practice November 22 at 6 pm. The worship service will be followed by a meal in Strudwick Hall, provided by our congregation. We are posting a sign-up for menu items in two places: A sheet on the downstairs bulletin board next to the flower chart, and on SignUpGenius at bit.ly/4eghEf4. You only need to sign up in one place. We expect around 120 people. Additionally, volunteers are needed to cook turkeys to be purchased by HPC, as well as set-up and clean-up. If you can help with any of those tasks, please contact Lisa Watts at 919-357-5670 or lewatts333@gmail.com

The **Finish-It-Friday** group will meet on the third Friday each month. Please join us on Friday, November 20. Bring any craft project, and work on it in Strudwick with friends. Bring your knitting, crochet, painting, sewing, quilting, etc. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 11:00 PM. Come any time during that period. We will order pizza from Domino's, or you can bring whatever you want to eat. There is plenty of room to spread out to work and visit. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

The Christian Education Committee will host **Fellowship Breakfasts** on Sunday, November 29 and Sunday, December 27 (in lieu of Sunday School) at 9:45 a.m. in Strudwick Hall. Coffee and juice and an assortment of breads and fruit will be provided. If you have a favorite breakfast dish that you would like to share, please bring it with you, or just come and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship with your church family.

Want to help with the Homelessness Program this winter? You can bring donated food items (breakfast bars, packets of grits or oatmeal), and small items of clothing (new hats, gloves, and socks) to the bin in the church kitchen. Consider signing up to bring a hot meal to the Chapel Hill Cold Weather Shelter located at 828 MLK Jr Blvd. Click Here to sign up! Questions? See Jan McKelvey or David Remington.

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! (Final open 2026 dates: November 8, 15) (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 to 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:** Canned fruit, Apple Sauce, Pasta Sauce, Sweet potatoes (fresh or canned), Cranberry sauce, Toothpaste.

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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 Temporary Pastor, Reverend Bill Hawkins, at hillsboroughpresrev@gmail.com.

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

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HELP US DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to make a memorial donation towards the purchase of the poinsettias and greenery we will use to decorate the Sanctuary during Christmas, please complete the form below and return it and your donation to the church office by Sunday, **November 22.** You can also drop this form and a check in the offering on Sunday mornings.

Your Name:_____

In Memory / Honor of: _____
(Please circle one)

In Memory / Honor of: _____
(Please circle one)

THIS SUNDAY: November 15

Lectionary Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
I Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall)

2027 Stewardship Campaign Continues!

Tue - 12:00 PM "Church Mouse" Deadline
7:00 PM Community Outreach Meeting (#204/Zoom)

Wed - 6:00 PM "Heaven Practice" Bible Study (Strudwick)
7:00 PM HPC Choir Rehearsal (#221)

Thu - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee & Tea (Steve's at 610 N. Churton St.)

Thu - 6:00 PM Finish-It-Friday (Strudwick)

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Hervey McIver
Acolyte: Luke Bernard
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall
Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

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NEXT SUNDAY: November 22 Pledge Dedication Sunday

Lectionary Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
- Communion and OCIM Collection
6:00 PM "Heaven Practice" Worship and Thanksgiving Dinner

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Will Lang
Acolyte: Boone Curtis
Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Hervey McIver
Flowers: Peter and Becky Gollmar
Video: Alicia Gonzalez, Cheryl Morgan Maxey