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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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

11:00 AM

Rev. Bill Hawkins, Temporary Pastor

Clifford Badgley, Music Director

JoAnn Harrison, Office Manager

Gathering of the People

Shall we gather at the river

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Prelude
Welcome

Praise of God

Call to Worship

One: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are their works like yours.

All: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

One: For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

All: Blessed be Your holy name!

* Hymn No. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we ask your forgiveness for our disdain of those we counted not our equals; for the pride that makes acknowledgement of wrong difficult; for our neglect of anyone in need who we could afford to discount; for paths not taken, promises not kept, potentialities unrealized, opportunities and possibilities unnoticed. O God, we repent of things such as these and far more, lest darkness gain its hold upon our hearts. Shape your grace around our inmost needs and give us not over to ourselves. Strive with us yet a little longer, for we love you. Strengthen our desire to serve you fully and to the end of our days....

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

One: Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way;

All: Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.

One: Let us then hold tight to this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: 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, 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jane McIver

Matthew 18:10-14 (pg. 1195)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Hot Pursuit

Reverend William Hawkins

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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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

Oh, that I had a thousand voices

Paul Manz

* 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 (The Confession of 1967, *inclusive language text*, PC(USA) 9.34 – 9.37)

The Institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions.

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

* Benediction

* Postlude



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CHURCH NOTES -- October 11, 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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of her uncle, Josh Green, by Sallie Carlisle.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist and Children's Sermon: Jane McIver

Acolyte: Boone Curtis

Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

HPC's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will gather at 5:00 PM on Sundays in Strudwick Hall (no meeting on 10/11). 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.

Heaven Practice Housing Launch on Sunday, October 11, 6:00 pm, at Mount Zion AME Church, 5124 NC-86 North, Hillsborough. Join Justice United and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County to publicly launch our "Heaven Practice Housing" campaign for deeply affordable homeownership. The Heaven Practice housing initiative's goal is to ensure households earning income levels like those of CNA's, bus drivers, and daycare workers have the opportunity for homeownership – starting with Habitat's upcoming Auman Village development. Learn about the affordable housing crisis – and how the community can unite to create new and bold solutions. Please register here:

<https://www.ocjusticeunited.org/heavenpractice>

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, October 12, at 11:00 AM in Room #204. All are welcome, bring your lunch and join us! Questions? See Karoline Mathewson.

The **Community Outreach Committee** will meet on Monday, October 12, at 5:30 PM in Room #204 and on Zoom. Questions? See Linda Jaubert.

The **Knitting Group** will meet on Wednesday, October 14, at 12:30 in the HPC Parlor. Questions? See Sara Clay.

HPC Coffee & Tea Club will gather on Thursday, October 15, at 9:00 AM at Weaver Street. All are welcome to join us! Questions? See Joe Crane.

The **Finish-it-Friday** group will NOT meet in October. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

The 11 member Syrian family hosted by Welcome House last year had their SNAP benefits cut and parents cut from Medicaid. New Hope Presbyterian Church started a fund to help with food costs until green cards are processed. Mail checks to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4701 NC 86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, with "Welcome House Refugee Fund" on the memo line. 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: October 25 and 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:** Saltine crackers, Snacks for school (granola or cereal bars, cracker packs, etc.), Jelly, Bar soap, Shampoo.

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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THIS SUNDAY: October 11

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
6:00 PM “Heaven Practice” Housing Campaign Launch and
Fundraising (Mt. Zion AME, 5124 NC-86 North)

Mon - 11:00 AM Circle #1 (#204)
5:30 PM Community Outreach Meeting (#204/Zoom)

Wed - 12:30 PM Knitting Group (Parlor)
7:00 PM HPC Choir Rehearsal (#221)

Thu - 9:00 AM HPC Coffee & Tea Club (Weaver Street Market)

Volunteers:

Liturgist and Children’s Sermon: Jane McIver

Acolyte: Boone Curtis

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Jennifer Hall

Video: Kenneth Stephenson, Ben Stephenson

NEXT SUNDAY: October 18

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
I Thessalonians 1:10-10; Matthew 22:15-22

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary / YouTube)
12:15 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick)

Volunteers:

Liturgist: Vernon Cooper **Acolyte:** Nita Kate Shore

Children’s Sermon: Rev. William Hawkins

Nursery: Ximena Ceja-Reyes, Emma Cathey

Flowers: Susan Waldrop **Video:** Joe Crane, Alicia Gonzalez