



Hawfields
Presbyterian
Church

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Homecoming Weekend • Fourth Sunday in Easter • May 18, 2025

Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150
“A Song for the Ages”

God expects our lives to sing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal
GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Christ Has Arisen!" by Daniel Mattix

**Christ has arisen as our King.
Conquering death and sin's vile sting!
With all creation join to sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Liturgy:

Christ has died! Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
**to receive power, wealth, wisdom
and might, honor, glory and
blessing!**

To him who sits on the throne and to the
Lamb

**be blessing and honor and glory
and might forever and ever!**

Alleluia!

Amen!

**Christ has arisen from the grave,
He rose to triumph and to save!
New life to humankind he gave:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE

"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

by A.S. Bridgewater; Pianist: Robert Buxton

OPENING SENTENCE

Colossians 3:16 (CEB)

The word of Christ must live in you richly.
Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

"This Is the Day" CEL #209

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This the day that Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that
the Lord has made.**

SING *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*
GTG #12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

**Great God, your voice set the world
in motion. Your voice caused the
trees to grow, the stars to shine, and
all of us to come to be. Your voice is
the reason we have a voice at all.
May we worry less about how we
sound and focus on making a sound.
May we worry less about what to say
and focus on what you've given us to
say. May we worry less about
whether we're in tune to our liking
and focus on being in tune with you.
May we sing, O God. May we sing
loudly and broadly and with
everything we have. May we come to
reflect your generosity as
enthusiastically as we receive it.
Thank you for listening, God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God's love can change everything, even the
power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that
we have this power:*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning.
It is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, amen.**

SING

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

GTG #39

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals.
The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it
empowers us to live our true path. The Word of
God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let
us be open to this gift of God and ask for help
to understand. Let us pray...*

PRAY/SING

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" GTG #232

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!**

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Colossians 3:12-17 (CEB)

Song is the garment of our faith.

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

READ: Psalm 150 (CEB)

Praise God with everything!

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise God in his fortress, the sky! ² Praise God in his mighty acts! Praise God as suits his incredible greatness! ³ Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn! Praise God with lute and lyre! ⁴ Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise God with loud cymbals! Praise God with clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let every living thing praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

SING

"Every Time I feel the Spirit"
GTG #66

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Unforgettable!"

ANTHEM

"Love Lifted Me"

by Greg Gilpin; Soloist: Lora Melton;
Accompanist: Robert Buxton; Percussionist:
Chason Alligood

SERMON

"A Song for the Ages"
Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
CEL #774

NECROLOGY

Each Homecoming we reflect on those have left their mark on us and whose legacies continue to speak to us even after leaving us.

Jeffrey Neese, 6/8/24



Tom Stone, 8/16/24



Susan Foster, 9/22/24



Mary E. Scott, 2/8/25



OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"Because He Lives" arr. Carol Tornquist

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.
All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" GTG #240
**Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to His name. (2 X)**

**...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.**

SONG OF SENDING

"When We All Get to Heaven" CEL #772

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

God expects our lives to sing.

SING

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" GTG #390

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name, alleluia!

Praise God's holy name! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Danny Way
- Dana Albright—lung cancer
- Henry Crisp—health concerns
- McKenzie Kenyon—upcoming surgery
- John Lewis—heart concerns (Ira Trollinger's brother-in-law)
- Harold Noell—recovering from surgery
- Kenon McCollum—undergoing tests at UNC for tonsil infection and meeting oncologists; diagnosis will be confirmed following the removal of tonsils (Grandson of Wes & Brenda Hair)
- Helen Thomas—recovering from heart procedure
- Nancy Trollinger—recovering from COVID
- Erin Westbrook—requires a bone marrow transplant (Nanette's nephew's wife)

Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster



THE 2025 SESSION



STICKS AND STONES.....

Our evolution as a congregation can be seen in the models painstakingly crafted to represent the different eras of our congregation. In a digital and virtual age, the walls and buildings we might point to for our identity are giving way to the reality that has always been: the Church, Hawfields Presbyterian Church, is its people.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A LIFE THAT SINGS

Not everyone is into music. Certainly not everyone pursues music as a career or vocation. Yet music is as intimate and universal as human experience across cultural, ethnic, even historical lines. It extends the memory of a community and can reach into us even when disease overwhelms us. The power music can have is a gift of God. And so when thinking about your life, especially your life of faith, what song speaks for you? What song speaks to the kind of life you are leading? What music would people hear if they danced to your tune? Compassion? Encouragement? Forgiveness? Right and wrong? Courage?

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- What role does music play in your life?
- Why do you imagine God invented music?
- What soundtrack would you use for your life?
- What theme song would God use for our congregation?

CARING FOR CREATION

The truth is as daunting as it is grace-filled: we ARE partners with God in Creation. God has seen fit to give us authority over the majesty, variety, and riches of Creation. The question is *what kind of partner does God want us to be?* We will be exploring Scripture's take on our role in several ways throughout this series. Look for the study materials on our website and Facebook page.

HOMEcoming 2025: MUSIC FESTIVAL

The third Sunday in May is the traditional celebration of the founding of our congregation and our church family reunion! We invite everyone to reminisce and reconnect. This weekend, we plan on worshipping together in song! With Psalm 150 as our guide, we will praise God in gratitude and awe! Also, as always, we will have our potluck following the worship service. Bring Lemonade or Tea and your favorite dish to share and be ready for our group picture. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether or not they're a member or friend or visitor! Let's make this a grand celebration of 270 years of God's faithfulness and our response!

IT'S TIME TO BUILD!

Once again we have the opportunity to participate in a community Habitat for Humanity build! We have 8 available slots for hands on work. The available dates for the build will be **May 20-23 and May 27-31**. Please let Carol Phillips know if you'd like to be on the list. Also, the Community Life Community once again is sponsoring a matching campaign. They will match donations from the congregation toward Habitat up to \$500. This is an important and timely ministry, especially with affordable housing being a particular challenge these days. Let's get building!

MEMORIAL DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY

Like other holidays, Memorial Day is an arbitrarily set date but the occasion is far from arbitrary. There are many who have given their lives in service for our country and the furthering of our common ideals. Taking time to remember them is an important part of how we express our thanks. Our scouts are taking time to place flags on graves in our cemetery. Take time to walk through and observe the names. Also think of the families who lost members. Offer your prayers of gratitude for living in a country of laws, of principles, of freedoms, of solemn responsibilities, and of people willing to give up their lives.

MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Friday, **May 23rd**, starting at 7:00 PM, is once again Game Night! Bring your favorite card or board game to share as well as a snack. We will break out at tables throughout the Fellowship Hall (and if need be, the Education Building). Come and join in and let's learn a thing or two about each other!



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See one of us after worship to make your investment!

Help us make it to our faith destination by buying Youth Stock!



When you purchase youth stock, you are investing in our faith and the future of our Church. You can purchase Youth Stock for only \$10 a share. And there is no limit to how many shares you can buy!!

The dividend you will receive for your investment included a note written by youth attending the conferences and a delicious dinner at the end of the summer where we will tell you all about our experiences at the conferences.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
9:15 AM Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
11:00 AM Homecoming Potluck
11:00 AM Youth—Hiking @ Cate's Farm
3:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

MONDAY, MAY 19

7:00 PM "The Chosen" Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 20

11:00 AM Staff Meeting & Prayer
4:00 PM Manna Market
7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

10:00 AM Busy Bees Workshop
1:30 PM Hawfields Dulcimers (F. Hall)
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

6:30 PM AA Meeting (Fleming Room)
6:30 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 23

7:00 PM Game Night

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM Walking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, MAY 25

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
9:15 AM Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS _____ 5/11/25

Giving Budget 2025\$346,202.00

Gen. Fund YTD\$87,715.05

Needed monthly\$28,850.17

G.F. Month to date\$11,748.12

Needed weekly\$6,657.73

Last week\$4,892.31

Building Fund\$100.00

Youth\$100.00

Helping Hands Balance.....\$997.01