

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018
11:00 AM

Reverend Marguerite Serrine, Interim Pastor
Scott Schlesinger, Organist/Choir Director JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

Prelude

Variations on a Noel

Marcel Dupré

Welcome

Choral Introit

Hallelujah

Praise of God

Call to Worship (Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn No. 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Silent Individual Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that while we sing joyfully of the resurrection, our hearts are not really in it. We doubt that the gospel's good news could be that good. We doubt that the gospel's good news can help us with painful realities today or the end of our lives in the future. Lord, forgive us when we do not understand what we do. Show us the way until we have eyes to see; speak to us until we have ears to hear. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response No. 551

Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are F, C, F, Bb, C, F. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Chords above the staff are C, F/A, Am, Bb, C, Dm. The lyrics are: mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3. Chords above the staff are Bb, F, C, Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F. The lyrics are: Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CHURCH NOTES - April 8, 2018

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this 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 invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex or the Friendship Pad as it is passed among the congregation. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

We invite you to join us on Sundays for worship and education.

9:45 AM Sunday School -- for all ages!

9:45 AM Children's Nursery (downstairs, Room #205)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – with organ music and choir

(Children's Sunday School follows Conversation with Children)

CHILD CARE is provided for infants and toddlers in the Nursery on the first floor (downstairs from Sanctuary). **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** (ages 4 years through 5th grade) is provided during worship. Children may leave for class following the Conversation with the Children.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Robin Bedingfield

Acolyte: Caitlin O'Connor

The **CHOIR's** introit (#590) and benediction (#243) are from the "Glory to God" hymnbook as we introduce you to new hymns.

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship on Sunday mornings. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please sign up to celebrate your own special day, or just for the joy of sharing with others! Questions? See Bob Wisniewski.

Tell Your Story. The Mission Study Team invites EVERY member of HPC to visit the timeline in Strudwick sometime during April to write your story under the church's story. Include your reaction to church events on the timeline and even add others that were important to you. Tell us why. We are "making a quilt" of our stories! Questions? See Lisa Watts.

Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Stephenson family will provide meal on 4/4. To provide a meal, use the sign-up sheet on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Eric Cathey. (**Available date: April 11**)

Mark your calendar and join us for an **HPC Work Day** on Saturday, April 14. We'll gather from 9 AM to noon. Questions? See Tom Brown.

Circle #1 will meet at HPC at 11:00 on Monday, April 9th. All are invited to join us for our next lesson, "Forgiving Friends", from the study guide "Friendship." Scripture – Matthew 18:12-35. Bring a sandwich – the hostess provides beverages and dessert. Visitors and guests are always welcome! Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

Join us on **Tuesdays**, for our **Healthy Walks on Riverwalk** at 5:30 PM at the Riverwalk entrance at the end of Nash and Kollock Street – beyond Weaver Street Market. - Jane Gaede, Stewardship Commission

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle – Join us on the 3rd Wednesday every month in Strudwick Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m (4/18). The group will incorporate study and service. All are welcome.

Celebrate Earth Day! - The HPC Stewardship invites the HPC Church family, friends and guests to celebrate Earth Day Sunday, April 22. We will have the 11:00 am Worship service outside (weather permitting). Following the morning Worship service we will gather for a pot-luck picnic, games and activities at Gold Park. We have the large picnic shelter at Gold Park reserved from 12:30 to 6:30 pm. We also have the recreation field reserved from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. We will be celebrating our re-certification as an Earth Care Congregation. We ask you all for your assistance in making this event a trash free, waste free gathering. Please bring re-usable (re-washable) plates, cups, glasses, napkins, cutlery, dishes. If you have questions please contact Eric Cathey.

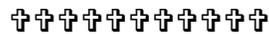
The Friday evening **sewing/craft group** will NOT meet in April. Join us again on May 17th from 6:00 - 11:00 PM. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

Our **Food For All** meal will be **Tuesday, April 24th**. (Always the 4th Tuesday.) The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the mission bulletin board in the hallway of the Gerritsen Education Building. Questions? See Jane McIver.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM in Room #221. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.

Mark your calendar and reserve Friday and Saturday and Sunday, June 15 – 17, for **Vacation Bible School!**

The **2018 FLOWER CHART** is located outside the church office. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you! Upcoming available dates are: April 15 and May 6.



Check out our **HPC WEB PAGE** at www.hillsboroughpres.org – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin posted on this webpage! 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, or marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org

THIS SUNDAY: April 8

Lectionary Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

- Tue** – 5:30 PM Healthy Walks on Riverwalk
- Wed** – 6:00 PM Youth Group (#204, Stephenson Family serving meal)
- Thu** – 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal (#221)
- Sat** – 9:00 AM Spring Work Day at HPC – join us!

NEXT SUNDAY: April 15

Lectionary Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 9:45 AM Joyful Noise rehearsal (#221)
- 9:45 AM Children's Childcare and Nursery
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
(Children's Sunday School after Conversation with Children)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on Lawn (Ann Sebesan & Mackenzie Salem)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Rich Erdosy
- Children's Sermon:** Rich Erdosy
- Acolyte:** Jaiden Lytle
- Lemonade on Lawn:** Ann Sebesan, Mackenzie Salem
- Youth Meal (4/18):** O'Connor Family
- Nursery:** TBD
- Greeters:** Robin Bedingfield, Bill Flinn