

KOINONIA

HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**JANUARY/
FEBRUARY
2026**

PASTOR MESSAGE

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
CONNECT THIS YEAR**

**CONFIRMATION
CLASSES START**

Photo by: Nancy Johnson

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Consider being a part of what God is doing here at
Hillsboro Presbyterian Church!

Visitors and Newcomers are invited to
everything in this newsletter.

We welcome YOU in the
Name of Jesus who welcomes us!

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Andrea & Ron Wastier	15
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PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Guevara

Happy New Year, Church Family!

What a wonderful Christmas and Advent we had together! It was so warm and bright, I didn't want it to end. Christmas is so often that way for many of us. In the last several days, I have had trouble finding my bearings this New Year. I love Christmas because of what and who we celebrate, and I also love the coming together of family and community that time of year. So, today as I write this, I take down Christmas decorations at home, knowing going through these routines reminds me of the passing of seasons, of warm connections with others, of worship of our Lord, and of what is to come next.

This issue of the Koinonia - covering January and February 2026 - is "late" by many standards, as we waited until after the New Year to begin writing and editing. That's because what was important in the holiday season was celebration, worship, and our families. That was time well-spent. In this coming year, we intentionally focus on what is important as a church. I am excited to be coming upon a year as your pastor, and by now you've learned some of what is important to me.

One of those most important things to me, as your pastor, and to us, as Christ's church, is connection. That is our theme for 2026 at HPC. Connect - Connect with God, Connect with Community, Connect in Service. I want you to connect with God at our church and my hope is all who come through our doors to worship with us find that spiritual connection, one they may have not even experienced before. Worship isn't just a practice of songs and hymns or well-crafted liturgy and art. We hear from God's Word, which is alive and speaks to our lives. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through our worship and our sacraments. We fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and realize this is genuinely a special community.



Connecting with community will remain important to people over the next many years, with the increase of AI and other technologies and as we grow separated from one another because of these great advancements. Those who are not religious or Christian or spiritual may long for community and find that need met in our church during worship or another event. In this way, we meet a fundamental need - because we all were created by God for a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and for relationships with one another.

Finally, we connect in service this year. HPC continues to tithe from our undesignated giving, yet we also serve in small and large ways all year. We will continue to have opportunities to serve with Operation Homeless Connect, Homeplate, and much more, as in years past. Connecting with one another and with the needs of the community and world is a blessing of service. Through all of these things, God strengthens our relationships with one another and with the Lord.

I am so thankful for all of you. See you soon!
Grace and peace,
Pastor Rachel

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



January

Sun 4th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Epiphany - The Way of Humility

Sun 11th Rev. Todd Guevara
A New Covenant

Sun 18th Rev. Todd Guevara
A New Covenant

Sun 26th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Sabbath: Refuge from Anxiety:
Rest

February

Sun 1st Rev. Rachel Guevara
Sabbath: Refuge from Anxiety:
Neighborliness

Sun 8th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Sabbath: Refuge from Anxiety:
Simplicity

Sun 15th Cindy Cunningham
Village of Hope, Uganda

Wed 18th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Ash Wednesday Service
5 pm

Sun 22nd Rev. Rachel Guevara
Lent



Membership Class for High School Students

Pastor Rachel will offer a Confirmation class for youth group students beginning in February. Our schedule will mirror the youth group schedule, and we will meet one hour prior to youth group on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Come at 4:45 PM for discussion, questions, and to explore the Christian faith, as well as what it means to be Presbyterian. Youth in high school who complete this course will have the opportunity to come into membership at HPC, affirming their faith in Jesus Christ. Students will be assigned an adult mentor from HPC, growing in service, leadership, and faith. Please sign up by talking to Pastor Rachel. See you then!



The Agape Grief Group is partnering with Agape Hospice NW to offer an in-person grief support group for individuals seeking comfort, understanding, and connection in a compassionate and respectful environment. Hospice families and community members are welcome to attend. Whether you have experienced the loss of a spouse, friend, sibling, child, or parent, you are invited to join us for support and healing.

The Agape Grief Group meets the **first and third Thursdays of the month** at 1:30 pm. One-time registration is preferred via the HPC office (503.648.5660).
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Agape
GRIEF GROUP

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

by Elaine Baker

Mark your calendars and bring your sweet tooth—our *Second Annual Bake-Off and Silent Auction* is happening *Sunday, February 15!*

Last year's event was a delicious success, and we can't wait to do it again! Bakers of all ages are invited to enter a favorite recipe—cookies, bars, and muffins. Not a baker? Come taste, bid, and cheer on our talented church bakers!

Alongside the friendly competition, we'll host a silent auction. Proceeds from both the bake-off and the auction help support something we all love—fellowship time refreshments! Your participation keeps the coffee brewing, the snacks stocked, and our post-worship gathering lively and welcoming.

Event Highlights

- Judging baked goods
- Silent auction bidding
- Fun, fellowship, and community spirit

Come enjoy time together, support a great cause, and help keep our warm and tasty Sunday fellowship tradition going strong.

We can't wait to see (and taste!) what you bring!



PROPERTY

by Steve Dever

Property Project Status of as of 06-Jan-2026

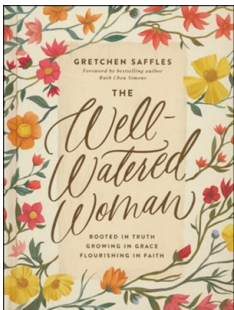
A BIG THANK YOU to our congregation and
all the helping hands that help when no one is looking.

1. **Inside Painting** – Thank You to Gary & Dana Gale. They have completed painting the Office and Yellow Class rooms. Painting of the Fellowship Hall is on hold, due to other project funding needs.
2. **Manse Roof Replacement.** Completed 14-Nov-2025 by Ability Plus Roofing.
3. **Sanctuary Roof leaks.** Have been communicating with 6 different contractors getting estimates for window and roof repairs. Hope to make a decision in January. NOTE: the roofing over the sanctuary is not related to the flat roof repairs completed during the summer of 2024.
4. **Fire Monitoring Communication Device failure.** A vendor has been selected to replace the device. Hope to have the repairs completed in early January.
5. **Kitchen Dishwasher Replacement** (has been on hold, since 2022, due to funding). A \$3000 donation has been made towards a replacement. Starting to research a replacement and the cost to have it installed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

by Chris Wesley

Attention all women of HPC! On February 14, 10 AM, in the Green Room at church, we will resume our Women's Ministry meetings.



The agenda for the meeting includes:

- *Recap of our retreat in January
- *Introduction to the book *The Well-Watered Woman* by Gretchen Saffles
- *Possible service projects we could undertake (e.g. comfort quilts)

The book is available wherever books are sold. Please read the introduction before the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Winter Fun — Join Us!

We're kicking off the new year with a full lineup of connection, laughter, and learning at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church Youth Group! All middle and high school students are welcome—bring a friend and jump in.

January 18 - Board Game Night

Warm up your brain (and your competitive spirit!) with classic favorites, strategy games, and maybe even a few surprises. Pizza will be ready, and bragging rights are on the line!

February 1 - Guest Speaker + Laika Studios Spotlight

Ever wondered how movies like Wildwood and the Two Strings or Missing Link come to life? We'll hear from a special guest who will introduce us to the world of stop-motion animation and share fun behind-the-scenes insights about Laika Studios—right here in our own backyard!

February 15 - Minute to Win It: Valentine Edition

Think fast! We're taking classic "Minute to Win It" challenges and putting a Valentine twist on them. Come ready for fast-paced fun, laughs, and candy-filled chaos.

Come for the fun, stay for the friendships—and bring someone new each week! We can't wait to see what God does in and through our students this year.

YOUTH
GROUP

**1ST AND 3RD
SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH**

**Looking for a place to belong, laugh, and be yourself?
Youth Group is where friends are made, faith is explored,
and fun is guaranteed. Games, real conversations,
snacks, and a whole lot of grace. Come check it out—you
belong here!**

DEACONS BEACON

Meet Your New Deacons for 2026!

We are excited to introduce the newest members of our Deacon team, who will be serving our congregation with care, compassion, and support throughout the coming year.

Todd Guevara has spent many years in pastoral ministry and is currently serving as a Board Certified Chaplain with Agape Hospice Northwest. Since joining our church family last year, he has helped launch the Men's Group and is actively involved with the Youth Group. His passion for discipleship and service is already making an impact in our congregation!

Sandy Fulk is a longtime member of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church and no stranger to leadership and service. She spent many years as our Clerk of Session and has faithfully served on several committees over the years and previously as an Elder. Sandy brings deep experience and a warm heart to the Deacon team.

Our deacons are here to walk alongside you—listening, praying, supporting, and helping however you may need. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have a concern, a need, or a request for prayer.

Let's welcome Todd and Sandy as they begin their new season of service!

WORSHIP

by Nona Scott

Come Sing With Us!

Do you love to sing, or simply enjoy making a joyful noise? Our church choir is looking for new voices, and we would love to have you join us!

Whether you're a longtime singer or just curious to try something new, the choir is a wonderful way to connect, worship, and share your gifts with the congregation. No audition required, just bring your voice and a willing heart.

We rehearse Wednesday evenings and sing during Sunday morning worship.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is the perfect time!

Come sing, make friends, and help lead our church in praise.

We can't wait to hear your voice!

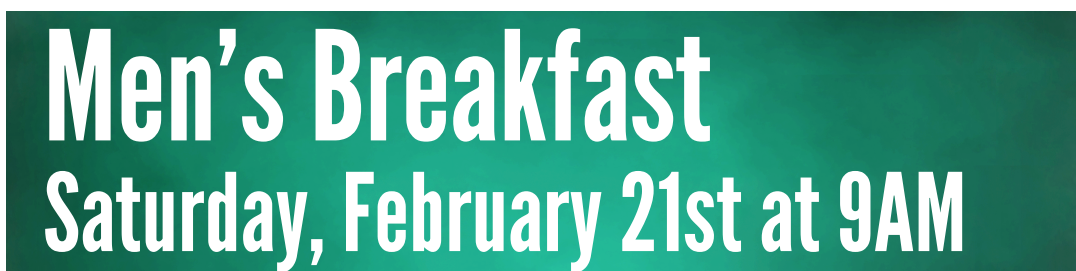
SACRED STEWARDS

by Dana Gale

Thank you for your faithful giving! 2025 has ended with our finances in a very good place and we give thanks to God for all His provisions.

And this is where we stand at the end of the year. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$270,962	\$213,310	\$57,652
Total Expense	\$189,304	\$194,404	\$ -5,100
Net Income	\$81,658	\$18,906	\$62,752



Sunday, January 18th - Board Game Night

Sunday, February 1st - Guest Speaker

**Sunday, February 15th - Valentine Minute
to Win It!**

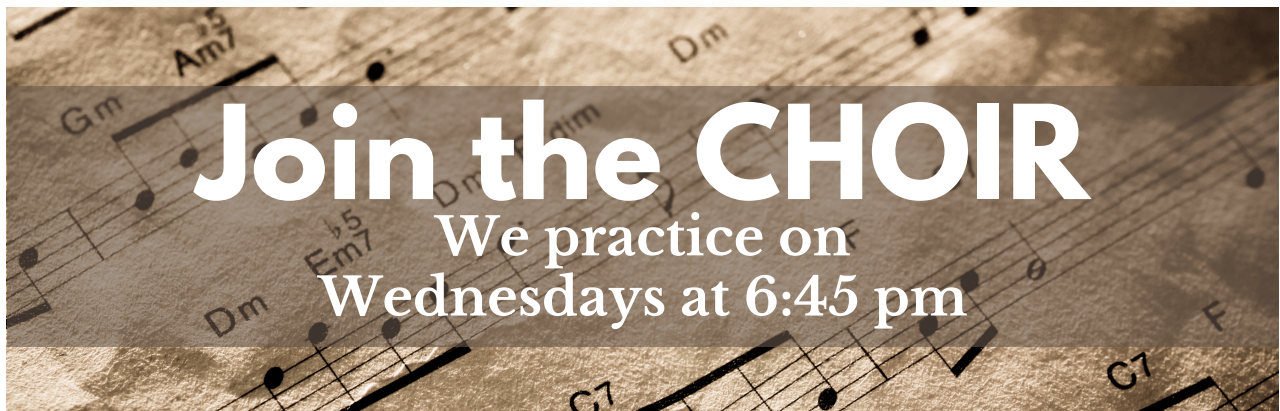
**Sunday, March 1st; Sunday, March 15th
Spring Break - Service Project/Activity**

**YOUTH
GROUP**



Fellowship Lunch Sunday.

Eating out on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact Donna for more information.

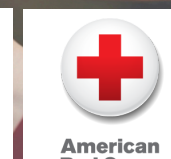


Join the CHOIR

We practice on
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Charities We Support

Regular Giving
HPC gives 10% of
undesignated
income to missions.



Upcoming Events

- Sunday, January 4th
Youth Group, 6-7:30pm
- Sunday, January 11th
Birthday Sunday
- Thursday, January 15th
Agape Grief Group 1:30pm
- January 17th - January 18th
Women's Retreat
- Sunday, January 18th
3rd Sunday Lunch Group
Youth Group, 6-7:30pm
- Tuesday, January 20th
Ladies Bunko 1pm
Session Meeting 7pm
- Sunday, February 1st
Confirmation Class 4:45pm
Youth Group, 6-7:30pm
- Sunday, February 8th
Birthday Sunday
- Thursday, February 5th
Agape Grief Group 1:30pm
HomePlate Youth Services 4pm
- Sunday, February 15th
Bake Off & Silent Auction
3rd Sunday Lunch Group
Confirmation Class 4:45pm
Youth Group, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, February 18th
Ash Wednesday Service 5pm
Soup Dinner Following Service
- Thursday, February 19th
Agape Grief Group 1:30pm
- Sunday, March 1st
Confirmation Class 4:45pm
Youth Group, 6-7:30pm
- Thursday, March 5th
Agape Grief Group 1:30pm

HPC ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available and ready to use for your convenience!

There are several ways you can donate online:

- 1. Download the free "Vanco Mobile" app on your iPhone or Android
- 2. Scan the QR code to the right.
- 3. Go to our website; www.hillsboropres.org and click on the "donate now" button.



You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

We hope the option of donating online helps many of us who don't carry checks or cash every day, but still want to financially support HPC.

1. We don't "pass the plate" any longer, but we have a box inside the doors as you enter the sanctuary and you may place your donation there on Sunday.

2. You may set up a regular "bill-pay" through your bank that will automatically send a check to the church.

3. You can use our online giving "Vanco" and set up a regular payment with your credit card or with your bank account.

4. You may set up an automatic RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or other automatic payment from your retirement account.



Flower MINISTRY

Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers.
The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall





Find Us on Social Media and the Web!

You may have noticed we are updating our profile online, recognizing those who look for a church to visit often look online first! We appreciate your help as you familiarize yourself with some of what we have updated and have to offer. These are resources for you and for your family or friends.

HPC Website

<https://hillsboropres.org/> Did you know you can find our online service at the top of our website? You are able to watch it live here and also connect to our channel on YouTube this way, where past services are listed. Pastor Rachel has a blog on this website, and we are refreshing many pages, including new info about our worship services and what we believe, as well as a page pointing to our ministries. Thank you for your patience as we get it all fixed up! And thank you to the website team, who updates it. We appreciate you!

HPC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsboroPresbyterianChurch> If you have a Facebook account, be sure to connect with us. This is a public page and it is now updated regularly. (The account which only reads "Hillsboro Presbyterian" is not public and is not updated regularly.) Check out our Facebook at the web address above, as this is just one way visitors will find us. This is not, of course, for private or internal communications like prayer requests. You can also review our church on Facebook, and we would appreciate it as the reviews there are very dated. Look toward the top of the public profile - Hillsboro Presbyterian Church - and click on "reviews."

HPC Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_church/ Our HPC Instagram account is also back up and running and is updated regularly. "Follow" us there if you are on Instagram.

HPC Youth Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_youth/ We also have an Instagram page for our youth group, and if you have an account, you are welcome to connect with us there.



HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 8pm AA	2	3
4 10am Worship Communion 6-7:30 pm Youth Group 1-5pm IJC	5 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6 4:30 Praise Team	7 6:45 pm Choir	8 8pm AA	9 6-8pm IJC	10
11 10am Worship Birthday Sunday 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	12 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	13 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	14 6:45 pm Choir	15 Agape Grief Group 1:30 8pm AA	16 6-8pm IJC	17 Women's Retreat
18 10am Worship 3rd Sunday Lunch Group 6-7:30 pm Youth Group 1-2pm IJC	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team	21 6:45 pm Choir	22 8pm AA	23 6-8pm IJC	24
25 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	26 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	27 4:30 Praise Team	28 6:45 pm Choir	29	30	31

FEBRUARY



HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10am Worship Communion 4:45 pm Confirmation 6-7:30 pm Youth Group 1-5pm IJC	2 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	3 4:30 Praise Team	4 6:45 pm Choir	5 Agape Grief Group 1:30 HomePlate 4-8 pm 8pm AA	6 6-8pm IJC	7 Memorial Service 1pm
10am Worship Birthday Sunday 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	9 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	10 4:30 Praise Team	11 6:45 pm Choir	12 8pm AA	13 6-8pm IJC	14
10am Worship Lunch Group Bake Off 4:45 pm Confirmation 6-7:30 pm Youth Group 1-2pm IJC	16 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	17 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	18 Ash Wednesday 5pm Service	19 Agape Grief Group 1:30 8pm AA	20 6-8pm IJC	21
10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	23 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	24 4:30 Praise Team	25 6:45 pm Choir	26	27	28

Worship: Sunday, 10am In-person and Live Streamed

Rev. Rachel Guevara
Nancy Johnson
Laura Cunard
Nona Scott
Donald Scott
Oivia Dolan

Pastor
Office Assistant
Worship Music Leader
Choir Director
Custodian
Ministry Intern

Deacons:
A-E Tammy McVean
F-K Sandy Fulk
L-Q Todd Guevara
R-S Jacquie Harrison
T-Z Dennis Baker

Session:

Sue Dever
Rick Harrison
Jason Bradley
Nona Scott
Steve Dever
Elaine Baker
Sandy McFerran
Gary Gale

Missions
Stewardship
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Worship
Property
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Operations
Clerk of Session



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*The Vision of HPC is for all to EXPERIENCE that
GOD is able to do MORE by His Spirit at work within us.*

Therefore:

Our Mission is to continue to build

A CARING, CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY that is excited to -

KNOW Jesus

GROW Spiritually &

SHOW God's love

...all for His glory and purpose.

Ministers: The Members

"God is able"

Ephesians 3:20



Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday; 9:00-12:30 pm

Thank you for reading!

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