

*Hillside Presbyterian Church  
Always Welcomes You!*



**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2015**

*“He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is myself. . . While they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “have you anything to eat?” (Luke 24:38a, 41)*

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## Order of Worship

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Dr. M. Rebecca Burton

**Liturgist:** Dr. Pamela Moolenaar-Wirsiy

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. DeBron Delk

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### LET US APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

*arr. Edward Broughton*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND CHIMING THE HOUR

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Jesus, We Are Here*

*No. 401, AAHH*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: On the cross, Jesus suffered and died.

**People: We are witnesses: Lord have mercy.**

Liturgist: But now Jesus is risen from the dead.

**People: We are witnesses: He is risen indeed.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL, SILENT CONFESSION – Let us approach God with humility and reverence.

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION (unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE TO PARDON *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

*And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

*And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. [Repeat this line 2 times more]*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“Pastor Nominating Committee”

Elder Doug Kinsey

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING THE PEACE

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## LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy One, you made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel – that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Acts 3:12-19* (p. 113)

Dr. Pamela Moolenaar-Wirsiy

\*GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 24:33-48* (p. 85)

Rev. Dr. Becky Burton

CHORAL SELECTION

*Risen Medley*

*Hillside Chancel Choir*

SERMON

“Eyes Wide Open”

Rev. Dr. Becky Burton

## LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*The Strife Is O'er*

*No. 277, AAHH*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)*

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*He Lives*

*No. 275, AAHH*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

*No. 650, AAHH*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

# LET US RETURN TO GOD'S WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*                      *No. 681, AAHH*  
\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE                      *At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day*                      *arr. James Mansfield*

(*\*Indicates those who are able will stand*)  
(*####Indicates Ushers will seat persons arriving late*)

## THE WORSHIP ENDS – THE SERVICE BEGINS

**Acolyte:** Denaja Lewis

**Lay Reader:** Dr. Pamela Moolenaar-Wirsiy

**Ushers:** Brian Rounsaville, Teena Hargrove, Margaret Brown, and Janice Peters



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, 12 NOON**

*(Announcements received after this time will be held for the next bulletin cycle.)*

### PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

Turn off and put away ALL mobile phones and any other devices with audible tones.

### WELCOME, MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Please sign the maroon attendance register; and fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and return it in the offering plate. Thank you.

### PRAYER CONCERNS – SHARE THEM AND GET SUPPORT

Have a need for prayer today? Either express it in writing and place it in the offering plate or join our team in the Parlor/Prayer Room following the Service and we will be happy to pray with you.

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by the **Worship Ministry**, to the glory of God.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This group will meet **THIS Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

### REV. ROBERT HOWELL WILL BE GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Rev. Dr. Becky Burton will be away, on study leave.

### EVANGELISM & COMMUNICATION MINISTRY

This Ministry will meet **NEXT Sunday, April 26 at 12:45 p.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TEA – NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 for children under 12 and \$15 for all others. They are on sale in the narthex and are available from each Nurture Group A member. This is an elegant event that you don't want to miss! Wear your fanciest hat and join the Hat Strut! Be entertained while sampling tasty tea sandwiches and desserts. **You may help by decorating a table, bringing some goodies, buying tickets, inviting friends. TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR TICKET SALES and reporting.**

### **CHOOSING A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)**

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is in the process of nominating persons for the PNC. Your help is needed. You may assist the Committee by recommending a member that you think will be a good candidate for the position. Forms and the form collection box (labeled “PNC”) are in the Narthex. **The deadline to respond is NEXT Sunday, April 26.** Thank you very much.

### **PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE**

Plan to attend the “**Eyewitness to Peacemaking**” conference on **Saturday, May 2** at **North Decatur Presbyterian Church** (611 Medlock Road, Decatur 30033), **8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** **Rev. Mark Koenig**, Director of the PC(USA) Ministry to the United Nations, will be the Keynote speaker. The **registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch** from the Mediterranean Grill. **For more information and to register, contact Marvin Simmers.**

### **FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON – MAY 3**

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

The **next meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 4** at **6:00 p.m.**, in the **Session Room**. (*The Worship Ministry has made a change in its meeting schedule and will meet on the first Monday evening of each month during daylight saving time.*) You are invited to join us as Rev. Burton leads us in the second session of a 7-session study of the *Directory of Worship* in the Book Of Order, conducted during the first hour of the meeting.

### **WHIZ KIDS END OF YEAR MEETING FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR TUTORS**

This will be held on **Wednesday, May 6** at **2:00 p.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

### **STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

The next one will be held on **Wednesday, May 6** at **6:00 p.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

### **EDUCATION MINISTRY**

This Ministry will meet on **Saturday, May 9** at **10:00 a.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

### **ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

This group will meet, **via teleconference**, on **Wednesday, May 13** at **7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference line: 857.216.2829. Passcode: 38201.**

### **WHIZ KIDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

This is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14** at **2:00 p.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

### **SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY**

This group will have its next meeting on **Saturday, May 16** at **10:00 a.m.**, in the **Session Room**.

## **FAMILY FUN DAY**

The next one is currently scheduled for **Saturday, May 16 at 12:00 noon**, at **McKoy Park in Decatur**.

## **PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The next one is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, at **Good Shepherd Presbyterian** (1400 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn 30047). Hillside Commissioners, please mark your calendars.

## **HILLSIDE'S FOOD PANTRY**

**MARCH: 188 families/528 individuals served; 5,459 pounds of food distributed.**

**Wish List of items: rice, beans, canned meats (chicken, tuna, salmon, sardines, Vienna sausages, potted meat, etc.), breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned soup**...and we can always use your **spare shopping bags**. As always, thank you!

## **ASSISTANT CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED**

The job description is available in the Narthex and in the Church Office. **Please contact Elder Norm Fikes (nfikes@bellsouth.net OR nff1@cdc.gov) if you are interested.**

## **GIVE FLOWERS**

Honor or remember a loved one by giving flowers for Sunday worship. Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex. Ordinarily, the Worship Ministry obtains the flowers; however, if you wish to do so, please inform us. The \$45 for the flowers should be placed in the offering plate with a designation for flowers on your offering envelope or check. **If you would like an acknowledgement of the flowers in the bulletin, please forward it to Denise Moolenaar (hillspc@bellsouth.net), by 12:00 p.m. of the preceding Wednesday.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHNATHAN WALTER MURRAY BLAIR!**

Johnathan will graduate **Summa Cum Laude** from **Florida A&M University**, with a **B.A. in History**, on **Saturday, May 2, 2015**. Commencement Exercises will be held at the Alfred Lawson, Jr. Multipurpose Center and Teaching Gymnasium. Johnathan is also related to Walter L. Murray.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN A. WASHINGTON!**

Jordan will graduate from **Brown University**, with a **B.A. in History**, on **Sunday, May 24, 2015**. He is the grandson of Walter L. Murray.

## **MESSAGE FROM SUSAN ANTHONY & SYLVIA JOHNSON**

*"We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your encouraging words, calls, visits and prayers during our time of bereavement for our brother, Terrance T. Bradley. Sincerely, Susan Anthony and Sylvia Johnson"*

## **WILBURN MORTON**

His funeral service was held at Hillside on Saturday, April 11. Rev. Robert Howell officiated. Please keep Shelley and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## HILLSIDE THIS WEEK

April 19 – April 26

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. – Church School</b> <b>11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Third Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m. – Food Pantry in Session Room & Church Office 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Group Meeting in Parlor Room 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:30 p.m. – Whiz Kids at Snapfinger Elementary School 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal in Bell Choir Room 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 p.m. – AA “Big Book” Session in Room 4
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. – Church School</b> <b>11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>

### April Birthdays

Branch, Kristin (Marks)	2	Jackson, Mona	20
McKenzie, Norma	2	Dillard, Brandon	21
Parker, Sylvester	4	Malloy, Jamal	21
Thomas, Jameeka	11	Lewis-Bradley, Sabrina	22
Stewart, Carlton	12	Sparks, Kennedy	22
Koffa, Gloria	13	Anderson, Guy	23
Killings, Justin	16	Elmore, John	23
Brown, Allean	17	Mitchell, Catrease	23
Graham, Alicia S. (Johnson)	17	Mitchell, Marius	23
Thompson, Nyla	17	Cannon, Melanie	25
Wirsiy, Amulen (Nisha)	17	McIntyre, Rosalind	30

## Mission Statement

The mission of Hillside Presbyterian Church is that of the church universal: to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of humankind. We are committed to being an inclusive, intergenerational church by creating a caring, Christian community. Hillside reaches out to diverse ethnic and religious groups in our community and beyond to foster a better understanding of all people. We are a servant people, responding to those in need, doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

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### *Please pray for, call or visit:*

Susan Anthony & family	Dr. George Jackson – brother of Betsy Johnson – Coral Springs, FL
Georgia Brown	The family of Rev. Mitch Johnson
Terry Brantley	Shukari Johnson- friend of the Brown (Margaret) family
Sharon Bryant	Aggie Jones – mother of Pat Thompson-Reid
Annie Lee Burnette – sister-in-law of George W. Burnette III	Terrance Matlock – brother of Melba Durr
Belinda Craig – sister-in-law of Beth Burnette	Bill Mayweather
Diane Craig – sister-in-law of Beth Burnette	Brenda Mitchell – sister of Raymie Malloy
Donald & Pack Craig – brothers of Beth Burnette	The Moolenaar family
Keisha Davis – niece of Sharon Howell – breast cancer	Nellene Moore – sister of George W. Burnette III
Antonio Durns – nephew of Erma Killings	Shelley Morton & family
Alison, Askari & Ava Foy	Eric DeShun Murphy – away at college
Dorothy & Verdis Gholston – sister & brother-in-law of Erma Killings	Walter Murray
Zena Guiles	Eva Parker – Betsy J.'s aunt – Milton, FL
Eloise Bobo Hargrove	Mary Sealy – sister of George W. Burnette III
Ray Hargrove – away at college	Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Thompson Sr.
Reverend Penny Hill (PGA Executive Presbyter)	Gloria Turner – friend of Shirley Anderson
Jill Honer – dear friend of Felecia Johnson	Rosa Walker – sister of Erma Killings
Monica Hopson – stage 4 breast cancer	Alex White
Ima Horne – friend of the Howell family	Wesley White
Ben Jackson, Jr. – nephew of Betsy Johnson	

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## SESSION

### Class of 2015

Deloris Bryant-Booker  
Melba Durr  
Sonja McMullen

### Class of 2016

Norm Fikes  
Ava Johnson  
Dorothy Pearman

### Class of 2017

Lelia Crawford  
Faye Fikes  
Doug Kinsey  
Myra Miller

**Interim Pastor:** Reverend Dr. M. Rebecca “Becky” Burton

**Clerk of Session:** Dr. Deloris Bryant-Booker

**Vice Clerk of Session:** Elder Melba Durr

**Treasurer:** Elder Russell Johnson

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Denise Moolenaar