

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



**King Remembrance Sunday
January 15, 2017**

“When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door, which leads to the ultimate reality.” (Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence;” Riverside Church, New York, NY; April 4, 1967)

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Order of Worship

Guest Speaker: Dr. Noel Erskine

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lonnie "Kofi" Oliver

Liturgist: Ms. LaDonna Scott

Choir Director/Organist: Mr. DeBron Delk

LET US APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Dale Wood

PROCESSIONAL (CHOIR ENTERS IN SILENCE)

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GREETING

Pastor Oliver

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Katherine Hawker, MLK, 1997*) led by Ms. LaDonna Scott

Liturgist: A child once dreamed God was calling his name. . ."Samuel." A fisherman once heard God when a young man bid them follow. And still God beckons today. . .can you hear?

Women: Hear I am. Send me.

Liturgist: Moses protested vehemently as God spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as God proclaimed impending birth. And still God beckons today. . .can you hear?

Men: Hear I am. Send me.

Liturgist: Rosa Parks followed God's voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard God's voice as the bullet shattered. And still God beckons today. . .can you hear?

Young People: Here I am. Send me.

Liturgist: God beckons from humble places. . . in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred. And still God beckons today. . .can you hear?

All: Here I am. Send me.

Liturgist: A timid believer pauses to listen to God's voice. A struggling church hears God's voice and turns. And still God beckons today. . .can you hear?

All: Here we are. Send us.

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OPENING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

No. 563, PH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Oliver

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION (unison)

led by Pastor Oliver

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Oliver

*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.*

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Oliver

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

led by Ms. LaDonna Scott

God of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, God of Deborah and Anna, God of all our prophets: On this day we honor the legacy of your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who prophetically witnessed to your radical inclusive love. As we listen for your voice in the Scriptures read and proclaimed, help us to carry forth your call to justice beyond this Sunday and into our daily lives. Help us to have the courage to stand with the oppressed, to lift up the poor, and to live into Your ways of peace, love, and justice demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Amen.

SOLO

You Raise Me Up

Mrs. Lorna Ervin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 37:3-13 (p. 32)

Ms. LaDonna Scott

MESSAGE

“Dream a New World”

Dr. Noel Erskine

SOLO

Precious Lord

Dr. Philip J. Rogers, Bass

LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

No. 369, PH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Confession of Belhar (South Africa, 1986, #1, 2, 3, 5)

Pastor: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

People: **We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

Pastor: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

People: **We believe that God's life giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**

Pastor: We believe that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;

People: **We believe that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be consider ideology and false doctrine.**

Pastor: Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

People: **We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

All: **Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and glory forever and ever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Oliver

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Center of My Joy

No. 491, AAHH

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

No. 651, AAHH

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Oliver

LET US RETURN TO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

We Shall Overcome

No. 542, AAHH

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Dr. Noel Erskine

POSTLUDE

“Jubilation” Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?

by Carleton Inniss

*(*Indicates those who are able will stand)*

(#####Indicates Ushers will seat persons arriving late)

THE WORSHIP ENDS – THE SERVICE BEGINS

Acolyte: Denaja Lewis

Liturgist: Ms. LaDonna Scott

Ushers: Ralph Sims, Terry Brantley, Castell Jackson, Robert Rounsaville Jr.



CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

(Bulletin Submission Deadline: Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.; Church Office Closed 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

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

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by **Russell & Betsy Johnson**, to the glory of God and in memory of Stella Jackson Harris (Betsy’s sister).

MLK SERVICE DAY – TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 8:30AM TO 1:00PM

Hillside will celebrate the **MLK Holiday** as a “**day on**” instead of a “**day off**”. Partnership members from First Presbyterian, members from New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, along with staff from Snapfinger Elementary School, have planned a workday that will include planting flowers and painting specific areas of the school. The children will do a special art project and the adults will engage in a fellowship hour. **We welcome participants and volunteers.** Contact members of the Social Mission Ministry at **mmdurr@att.net (Melba Durr) OR marcencarlek@yahoo.com (Myra Miller) if you plan to participate, volunteer, and/or make a donation. We are also collecting donations of gently worn or new coats and art supplies. Bring items to the workday.**

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

“SONGS OF THE SHEPHERD, II”

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer in concert on **Saturday, January 21, 5:00 p.m. SHARP**, at **Crossroads Presbyterian (5587 Redan Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30088)**. For more information, call 770.469.9069.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED DEKALB

This group will meet **THIS Friday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.**, at The Lutheran Church of the Messiah (465 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur 30030). Registration and coffee at 9:45 a.m. **Our own Elder Faye Fikes will be installed as CWUD’s officer for Ecumenical Action at this meeting.**

WOMEN'S DAY CHOIR REHEARSALS

All women of the church are invited to begin rehearsing songs for Women's Day (March 19). We need your voices to make a joyful noise. Rehearsals will be held on **Sundays, immediately following Worship Service, January 22 - March 12 AND; also on two Saturdays (TBA).**

HILLSIDE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

DECEMBER TOTALS: 150 families/ 473 individuals served; 4,854 pounds of food distributed.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

It will be held **immediately AFTER Worship Service**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. **One member of the congregation will be elected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee.** Please advise Pastor Oliver or Elder Doug Kinsey (current chair of the Officer Nominating Committee) if you are interested in serving. Thank you.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF PROGRAM

Christian Education will sponsor a program featuring excerpts from James Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones". This event is a fundraiser that benefits the scholarship fund of the Samuel H. Johnson SSSP Foundation. It is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017**, in the **Sanctuary at Hillside**. Dr. Webster Wallace is the producer. *(Note that there will be a rehearsal on Friday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in addition to any others that may be scheduled.)*

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.**, in the **Parlor Room**.

FIELD TRIP: CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS – POSTPONED!

Due to inclement weather, this trip was **rescheduled for Saturday, February 25.**

CURTIS PARKER MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

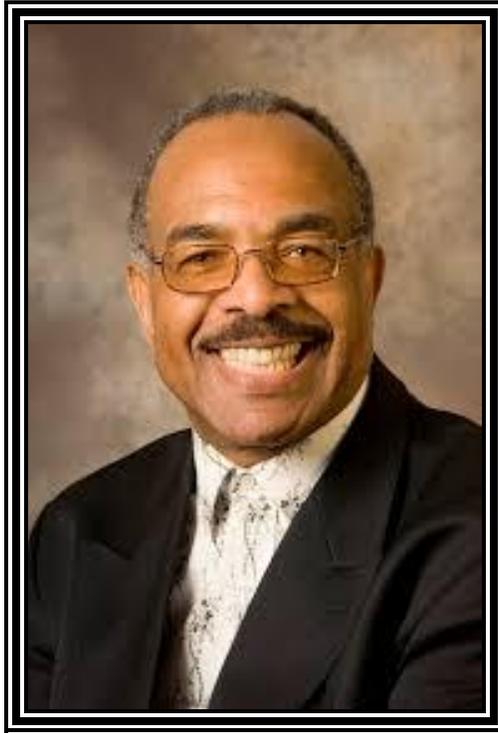
This annual breakfast, which marks the end of the Black History Month celebration activities at Hillside, will be held at **8:59 a.m. on Sunday, February 26**, in the **Fellowship Hall**.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

This is a great way to give glory to God and give thanks. Consider giving flowers to coincide with remembrances and celebrations, such as birthdays, anniversaries, the birthday of a family member or friend, graduations, awards, promotions, and the like. Sign-up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. The Worship Ministry usually obtains the flowers, but if you would like to get them yourself, then please inform us. **\$45 should be placed in the offering plate, with a designation for "chancel flowers" on your offering envelope or check. If you would like to personalize your flower message for the bulletin, then please forward it to Denise (hillspc@bellsouth.net) by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding Wednesday.** Following worship, you are welcome to take the flowers home. If you do not want them, they will be distributed.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12:00PM TO 1:00PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

An e-mail was sent to the congregation last Monday, January 9, informing of this change. You are strongly encouraged to plan your trips to the office accordingly, as **NO** project support, building access, nor any other form of assistance will be provided during this stated hour. This new schedule has been put into place to ensure that staff is able to commence and conclude a 30-minute uninterrupted lunch break during this timeframe. Thanks for understanding.



The Reverend Dr. Noel Leo Erskine

We welcome Dr. Erskine as our guest preacher, today. He is the husband of our member, Glenda Erskine, and is a frequent visitor with her and daughter, Donna. Dr. Erskine is Professor of Theology and Ethics at Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University. A native of Jamaica, he holds a Diploma in Theology from the University of London, a Master of Theology from Duke University, a Master of Sacred Theology from Union Theological Seminary, a Master of Philosophy from Union Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary.

Professor Erskine has done extensive research and writing on the theological perspective of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. including the book, *King Among the Theologians*. He has also contributed to numerous journals, magazines, and anthologies that chronicle the historical and complex nature of Black Theology, Revivalism, Rastafarianism, Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, James Cone, and Afro-Christianity in the Caribbean and the United States. Additionally, he is involved in many professional organizations in his field. To learn more, type *Noel Leo Erskine* in your internet browser for pages of books, articles, and items on his life and work.

Dr. and Mrs. Erskine are parents to three adult children: Donna, June, and Leo.

Please pray for, call or visit:

Georgia Brown
Sharon Bryant
Margaret Burgess – Melba Durr's mother
George W. Burnette III
Keisha Burnette
Roselyn Colquitt – cousin of Sharon Howell – breast cancer
Diane Craig – sister-in-law of Beth Burnette
Donald Craig – brother of Beth Burnette
Curtis Crawford – brother of Bernice Brantley
Lelia Crawford
Keisha Davis – niece of Sharon Howell – breast cancer
Daniel Delk – father of DeBron Delk
Antonio Durns – nephew of Erma Killings
John & Lutricia Elmore – John is in rehab
Faye & Norm Fikes
Alison, Askari & Ava Foy
Family of Cynthia Hodges Garrett
Dorothy & Verdis Gholston – sister & brother-in-law of Erma Killings
Verdis "Jay" Gholston, Jr. – nephew of Erma Killings
Eloise Bobo Hargrove
Ray Hargrove – away at college
Zoe – Rev. Marinda Harris' granddaughter

Monica Hopson – stage 4 breast cancer
Ima Horne – friend of the Howell family
Ben Jackson, Jr. – nephew of Betsy Johnson
Christopher Johnson – nephew of Rev. Robert Howell
Raymie Malloy & family
Bill Mayweather
Miller family – for recent losses & healing
Brenda Mitchell – sister of Raymie Malloy
Moolenaar family
Anne Morris – Keisha Burnette's mother
Fatimah Muhammed – daughter of Lena Jefferson
Walter Murray
Patricia Osborne – sister of Shirley Anderson
Ann Peck – healing from an injury
Janice Peters
Elaine Reid – prayers for healing

Mary Sealy – sister of George W. Burnette III
Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Thompson Sr.
Rosa Walker – sister of Erma Killings
DeWitt Wilborn – Margaret Brown family friend

*(If there are names that you would like to ADD to OR REMOVE from this list,
please contact Denise before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays – hillspc@bellsouth.net or 404.289.3092)*

SESSION

Class of 2016

Deloris Bryant-Booker
Melba Durr
Norm Fikes
Ava Johnson

Class of 2017

Lelia Crawford
Faye Fikes
Doug Kinsey
Myra Miller

Class of 2018

Castell Jackson
Justin Killings
Rosalind McIntyre
Alice Moore

Moderator: Pastor Lonnie Oliver

Interim Pastor: Pastor Lonnie Oliver
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