

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



March 5, 2017

“The main purpose in life is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.”

- The Book of Confession (PCUSA)

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Hillside Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

Order of Worship

Lay Reader: Tennille Akinrele

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

Liturgist: Elder Melba Durr

Choir Director/Organist: Mr. DeBron Delk

LET US APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* *arr. Dale Wood*

PROCESSIONAL (CHOIR ENTERS IN SILENCE)

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GREETING Pastor Oliver

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 100:1-3* (p. 522) Elder Melba Durr

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*OPENING HYMN *Kum Ba Yah* *No. 437, AAHH*

CALL TO CONFESSION Pastor Oliver

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION (unison) led by Pastor Oliver

Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; 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 AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH 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 Tennille Akinrele

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 24 (p. 475)

Tennille Akinrele

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-20 (p. 182)

Pastor Oliver

SOLO

“Open Our Eyes” Medley

Dr. Philip J. Rogers, Bass

*GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9 (p. 13)

Pastor Oliver

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SERMON

“A Prayer for Believers”

Pastor Oliver

LET US RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*(Joining Hillside and following JESUS. Persons desiring to unite with Hillside can:
1) Come to the front of the church during the Invitational Hymn 2) Talk with the pastor
3) Contact the liturgist or congregant assisting in the pulpit 4) Call Denise at 404.289.3092.)*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come to Jesus

No. 354, AAHH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Oliver

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

led by Elder Melba Durr

Leader: What is the Lord’s Supper?

All: The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate, feed upon his body and blood to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

Leader: How hath Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper?

All: Christ hath appointed the ministers of his Word in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer; to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants; who are by the same appointment to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine; in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and his blood shed for them.

Leader: How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord’s Supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

All: As the body and the blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper; and yet are

spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal or carnal, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death.

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GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>What Shall I Render</i>	<i>No. 389, AAHH</i>
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	<i>Doxology</i>	<i>No. 651, AAHH</i>
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Oliver

The Celebration of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! The Bible promises that they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to come to the Table which he has prepared for us all. And may our eyes be opened!

Minister: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us now, and on these sacraments of bread and wine. May they become for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become the body of Christ striving always to heal the sickness and suffering of our world. As we eat and drink today renew our communion with all Your saints, on earth and in heaven, we pray, in Christ's name. Amen.

Words of Institution (a) "This is my body broken **for you!**"
(b) "This is my blood poured out **for you!**"

*Elders serving Communion (approach the Table):
Melba Durr, Castell Jackson, Raymie Malloy, Myra Miller*

The Bread Distributed, The Cup Passed

LET US RETURN TO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine</i>	<i>No. 508, AAHH</i>
CHARGE & BLESSING		Pastor Oliver
POSTLUDE	<i>The Rejoicing</i>	<i>by Charles Callahan</i>

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

THE WORSHIP ENDS – THE SERVICE BEGINS

Acolyte: Drew Eikner

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

Media Specialist: Justin Killings

Ministers: All Hillside Members



CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

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

**Announcements received after this time will be held for the next bulletin cycle. Other items will not be included.*

The Prayer Room is open immediately after worship for persons who desire to pray for themselves, others or issues in our world.

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 the **Worship Ministry**, to the glory of God.

REMAINING WOMEN’S DAY REHEARSALS – NO REHEARSAL TODAY!

THIS Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m., Choir Room; Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room; Saturday, March 18 (time and room TBD); Sunday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten Study by Donald L. Griggs. These Bible study sessions will be held in the **Hillside Fellowship Hall EACH Sunday at 5:00 p.m., through April 2.** Rev. Marvin Simmers is the facilitator. Light refreshments will be available.

WORSHIP MINISTRY MEETING

The next one will be **TOMORROW, Monday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor Room.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 AM NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12!

Consider setting CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR at bedtime on Saturday, March 11.

PW GIVING AND MISSION – CELEBRATION GIVING

What is the Fellowship of the Least Coin? The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a world-wide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation. Through this movement Christian women around the world seek fellowship with each other and are reminded to live a reconciled and forgiving life with others. FLC was founded in 1956 and this month we are inviting you to join with us during Women’s Month by linking prayer and the least coin (penny) in a significant way. As you pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world set aside your least coins (pennies) and **on March 19 bring your collected coins (pennies only) and place them in our “gratitude jar.”** Each year grants are awarded by the Fellowship of the Least Coin International Committee to people all over the world.

GREATER ATLANTA NBPC MEETING

Saturday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, @ Pulse Church (645 Grant St. SE, ATL 30312).

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

Jamaica Mission Trip for 2017 is a Family Mission Trip and single adults or couples are also welcome. **The dates are July 15-20.** The **approximate cost is \$1300.** The **registration deadline is April 17, 2017.** Registration and scholarship application forms are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office or by contacting Deloris Bryant-Booker or Ann Peck. Please pick up a brochure in the narthex for more information. Scholarships are available.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Consider giving flowers to coincide with remembrances and celebrations. 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 and/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, they will be distributed.

March Birthdays

Malloy, Tyrone	2	Booker, Karla	21
Scott, LaDonna	3	Jackson, Anne-Marie	21
Parker, Dorothea	8	Booker, James A.	22
Cannon, Alexandria	10	Bushey, Cleve	22
White, Steven	14	McHenry, Doris	23
Simmons, Ada	15	Lott, Dorothy	30
Reid, Michael Sr.	18		

April Birthdays

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

Signs of Congregational Vitality

Lifelong Christian formation

- Intentional plan for discipleship at all age levels, which leads to deeper faith and commitment to authentic evangelism and justice
- Members see themselves as on a journey of becoming mature followers of Christ
- Regular Bible study, prayer and other spiritual disciplines are taught and used
- Teaches and practices stewardship throughout the year
- Identifies potential leaders and nurtures them into those roles

Outcomes

- People learn and use their gifts, become and remain involved in ministry
- Members see that ministry is more than attending a committee meeting – don't have the "what's in it for me" attitude
- Members see themselves as on a journey of becoming mature followers of Christ
- General sense of joy, energy, commitment to sharing the gospel and to service

Healthy systems

- Vision or mission statement is re-evaluated periodically
- Worshiping community and leaders are open to self-assessment and evaluation
- Leadership manages change and conflict in a healthy manner
- Asks for help from leaders and/or presbytery when appropriate
- Doesn't allow cliques to control worshiping community
- Staff are regularly evaluated using best practices
- Provides appropriate levels of nurture and support of worshiping community members and staff
- Has sustainable, appropriate budget

Outcomes

- All or most members can articulate the worshiping community's sense of mission/purpose
- Members share excitement about worshiping community's future
- Culture of accountability and risk-taking, openness to new things

Intentional evangelism

- Members AND leaders are equipped for and engaged in evangelism and mission
- Makes effort to evangelize everyone – not just those of the prevailing age group or culture found in the worshiping community
- Recognizes that evangelism should be need-based (meets needs of unchurched/dechurched)

Outcomes

- Hospitality is not viewed as a substituted for evangelism
- Evangelism is viewed as a way of life, not as a program
- Supportive of new worshiping communities in some way

Please pray for, call or visit:

Georgia Brown
Joshua Brown – grandson of Doris McHenry & Joe Breland
Sharon Bryant
Margaret Burgess – Melba Durr’s mother
George W. Burnette III – recovering from surgery
Keisha Burnette
Rosalyn 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
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 – Norm recovering from surgery
Alison, Askari & Ava Foy
Dorothy & Verdis Gholston – sister & brother-in-law of Erma Killings
Verdis "Jay" Gholston, Jr. – nephew of Erma Killings
Eloise Bobo Hargrove
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
Marvis McDaniel Ivey & Marcus Ivey
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
Elaine Reid – prayers for healing
Lydia Reid
Mary Sealy – sister of George W. Burnette III
Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Thompson Sr.
Rosa Walker – sister of Erma Killings

*(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/Ministry Organization for 2017

Moderator	Rev. Dr. Lonnie J. Oliver
Clerk of Session	Elder Willie Anthony
Treasurer	Elder Alice Moore
Administration	Elder Castell Jackson
Christian Education	Elder Rosalind McIntyre
Congregational Care	Elder Deloris Bryant-Booker (not on Session)
Evangelism	Elders Faye Fikes & Justin Killings
Social Outreach	Elder Myra Miller, Chair & Willie Anthony
Worship	Elder Lelia Crawford
Officer Nominating Committee - Session:	Elder Doug Kinsey, Chair & Elder Faye Fikes

Other Assignments

Assistant Youth Director Khayla Johnson