

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 2017

*“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...”*

(Philippians 2:4-5)

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World Communion Sunday/Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

Order of Worship

Pastor: Rev. Irving Simon

Guest Choir Director/Organist: Ms. Bernice Hall

Liturgist: Elder Ava Johnson

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE *Holy Ground* Organist
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* No. 442, PH

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Elder Ava Johnson

Liturgist: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

ALL: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise Him* No. 172, AAHH

*LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY led by Elder Ava Johnson

Liturgist: On this World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday, we give thanks O God, that You have called us together, around Your Table, to acknowledge that we are part of one family.

People: Bread of life, Cup of overflowing love, we give You thanks that You have set us in this world to love and to serve You, and to live in harmony with each other and Your whole creation. We rejoice that You continue to welcome us to Your Table of grace and goodness.

Liturgist: We give You thanks dear Lord, that in Jesus Christ You demonstrated Your love for all, especially those who are so often rejected by others: those who are poor, marginalized, suffering from dread diseases; those whom society has deemed unclean or unfit for "good company".

People: We praise Your name that our Savior Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for economic justice.

Liturgist: Creator of us all, we give thanks, that even though we rebelled against Christ's message of love, compassion and justice, and Christ was crucified because we feared the demands of such radical love, Jesus is alive today, making intercession for us all!

ALL: Bread of life, Cup of peace and love, we give thanks for pouring out Your Holy Spirit upon us, Your children, from East, West, North and South. Fill us with great compassion that each day we might be moved to untiring acts of love, empowered by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Ava Johnson

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

led by Elder Ava Johnson

Liturgist: God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace.

People: We build up dividing walls in the world.

Liturgist: We ignore the suffering in our nation and those afar, and live in fear of our closest neighbors.

ALL: Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us, break down the walls among us, and raise us up to be a holy temple – Your temple of peace in the world – built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

led by Elder Ava Johnson

Liturgist: The Spirit of God works within us and around us and through us. God gives us water when we are thirsty, and rest when we are weary. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

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*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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PASSING THE PEACE

led by Rev. Irving Simon

Pastor: As God is at work in us, we offer God's peace and grace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

led by Elder Ava Johnson

Teach us, O God, by your Word and Spirit. Help us to hear, know, and live the gospel so that we might proclaim in word and deed the good news you offer us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1–7 (p. 61)

Elder Ava Johnson

LITURGICAL DANCE

Dance Ministry

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*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32 (p. 22)

Rev. Irving Simon

CHORAL SELECTION

God So Loved the World (composer: Stainer)

Chancel Choir

LET US RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Irving Simon

*(Persons desiring to join Hillside can: 1) Come to the front of the church during the Invitational Hymn
2) Contact the liturgist or congregant assisting in the pulpit 3) Call Denise at 404.289.3092)*

INVITATIONAL HYMN

*We Offer Christ**No. 355, AAHH*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) from *Confession of Belhar* led by Elder Ava Johnson

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Irving Simon

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Irving Simon

As we pray, so we offer ourselves unto God, giving of our time, talents, and resources in service to the Lord. Out of thanksgiving for all God has given us, let us freely give to share with those in need and spread the Lord’s blessing to all.

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*What Shall I Render**No. 389, AAHH*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *No. 650, AAHH*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS & SELF

Rev. Irving Simon

The Celebration of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

In the silence of the morning, while all was quiet and dark here at home, the sun was rising on the other side of the world. As the new day dawned, God’s people began to gather for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, strings or organs, trumpets or pianos, others with simple singing, and still others in quiet so as not to be arrested. And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Lord. On this World Communion Sunday, we remember especially that the Scriptures are fulfilled as “People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.”

So come, not because you must, but because you may. Come, not because you are strong, but because you seek God’s strength. All who trust in Jesus are invited to join in the feast that God has prepared.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord is here!

People: God’s Spirit is with us.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: God is worthy to be praised.

Minister: Christ's followers met both in public and in secret. Some met in freedom, while others gathered under threat of persecution and death. In wealthy churches and among those in desperate poverty, the sacrament was observed. In churches, homes, huts, and in God's creation this seal of the covenant was experienced. The bread is given to people who could overeat all day and to people who have no idea from where their next meal will come. The one thing in common: We all come to the Lord's Table. Gracious God, we thank You for this sacrament of communion shared with Christians around the world. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on these elements and on those who partake – that we may be Your body and the representation of Your covenant in our lives and throughout the world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In many different languages, by ordained clergy and volunteer pastors, similar words of institution have been spoken. On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and; when he had given thanks and blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The bread varied in type and color, as did the regions in which it was prepared. Some created primarily from wheat, some from rice or other grains. There were occasions when the bread was in such small pieces that it could barely give every Christian present a morsel. Still, it represented the body of Christ broken, as it does and continues to sustain the body of Christ around the world today.

In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink you all of it."

Juice today also varies. For many, it will be wine. Some will have unfermented juice. Others will celebrate with water carried from a distant, dirty well. Some will use individual cups, others fancy goblets, still others will pass around whatever cup is in the home where they are meeting. Different contents and vessels, but all representing the blood of the covenant in places of worship and in communities, just as it does in ours.

Today, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, you will see many different colors and types of bread, wine, and juice. Remember, as you see the plate and the cup, all of those around the world with whom you share the Table today.

Elders serving Communion (approach the Table)
Cleve Bushey, Willie Hinton, E. Douglas Kinsey, Raymie Malloy

THE BREAD AND THE CUP SHARED

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power
Fill My Cup

No. 256, AAHH
No. 350, PH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of all nations, you created every person in your image and called us by your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through Baptism and through faith. You have gathered us at this table to refresh our bodies and renew our spirits. You have gathered us here on this World Communion Sunday in company with our brothers and sisters throughout the Church, across the bounds of language or nation, across the bounds of tradition or custom. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for service. God of peace, may this meal, shared in the Spirit with your son Jesus, strengthen us, your people, to engage in peacemaking, to call for restraint, to plead for diplomacy, to urge the use of international law, to halt the endless, downward spiral of violence in all places. Strengthen us, your people, to raise our voices and to act. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

No. 536, PH

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

Rev. Irving Simon

No longer outcasts and sinners, but children of the living God, let us pour out our lives like living streams. May we fill the world with the water of your grace, spreading the good news of God's love in the name of Christ, who is ever at work in us.

POSTLUDE

Go Ye Therefore

Organist

You are invited for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service.

THE WORSHIP ENDS – THE SERVICE BEGINS

Acolyte: Jaylin Murphy

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

Media Specialist: Justin Killings



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(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 after Service if you want to pray for yourself or others.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

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

MS. BERNICE HALL, GUEST ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

A warm welcome to Ms. Hall, who has attended Hillside frequently during the last two months. This morning, we are delighted to have her as our guest organist/choir director. Ms. Hall is a retired Music Education Specialist from the Atlanta Public Schools. She has also served as choral assistant at Clark Atlanta University.

In early childhood, Ms. Hall began her training and experience as a church pianist and organist. She has served in various denominations as pianist, organist, and choir director for adult and children/youth choirs for six decades. Her resume lists 13 churches where she has served. Additionally, she is a member of several professional music organizations and associations, including the Metropolitan Atlanta Musicians Association, Inc. where she serves as President. Ms. Hall has been heard in vocal recitals and as guest artist with various choirs. She continues as a member of the Americolor Opera Alliance.

Ms. Hall attended several educational institutions. She is a graduate of the University of West Georgia, M. M. in Vocal Performance, and Bethune-Cookman College, B. A. in Music (piano); further studies as graduate assistant in Music Education at Bowling Green University.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by **Alice Moore**, to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley Moore Bass.

FYI: SCRIPTURES FOR EACH SUNDAY ARE TAKEN FROM THE LECTIONARY

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS (FORMERLY “PEACEMAKING”) OFFERING

This offering will be taken up today. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of it to connect with the global witness of Christ’s peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. **Your local or mid-council portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering could be contributed toward to the “Freedom Rising” fund for African American males. (See next page for more information on “Freedom Rising”).**

NEXT WORSHIP MINISTRY MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 12:30PM, PARLOR ROOM

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

This Ministry will have its next meeting on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference.**

EDUCATION MINISTRY

This Ministry is currently scheduled to have its next meeting on **Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

FREE CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

Are you 18 or older? Have not committed a crime? Read, write, and speak basic English? Have you had a Green Card for 5 years OR is your spouse a US Citizen and you have had a Green Card for 3 years? A clinic will be held on **Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 1970 Panola Road, Lithonia GA 30058. APPOINTMENT REQUIRED** - call 404.890.5655 or set up online at <http://bit.ly/clinic2017oct>

STATED SESSION MEETING

The next one is currently scheduled for **Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m., in the Session Room.**

SOCIAL MISSION MINISTRY MEETING

The next one is currently scheduled for **Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor Room.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22

EVANGELISM & COMMUNICATION MINISTRY

This Ministry is currently scheduled to have its next meeting on **Sunday, October 22 at 12:45 p.m., in the Session Room.**

FALL FESTIVAL

Get ready for Hillside's Third Annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 28**, from **2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Invite family, friends and neighbors and please see Myra Miller or Melba Durr to sign up to help. We're looking forward to a great turnout and a fun-filled afternoon!

REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29

TIME REVERTS TO STANDARD TIME ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 2:00AM

Clocks will need to be set BACK one hour.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

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.** You are welcome to take the flowers home following Worship Service. If you do not, they will be distributed.



The 222nd General Assembly (2016) voted to "take specific action, not just in word, but also in deed, to address and improve the worsening plight of the African American male in any of the five specified cities as a pilot initiative pointing toward future and further nationwide intervention. Micah 6:8, with its powerful words to 'Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly [with your God],' calls us to action and not only proclamation. The following five cities where the plight of the African American male is especially egregious, including one where a future General Assembly will be held, are designated:

- Baltimore, Maryland [site of the 224th General Assembly (2020)]
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Cleveland, Ohio
- New York, New York
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The response in each city will take the shape of local needs and work with programs and agencies in their midst to ensure community responsiveness and maximize impact. The overture invites the whole church to consider using the portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering retained by the local congregation or mid council to fund these initial pilot programs in these cities, reminding us of Jesus' teaching, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 8		
Today	1st	9:30 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – World Communion Sunday Guest Organist: Ms. Bernice Hall
Monday	2nd	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
Tuesday	3rd	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
Wednesday	4th	4:30 p.m. – Chimes Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	5th	6:00 p.m. – Prayer Group Meeting in Parlor Room 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
Friday	6th	7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in Room 4
Sunday	8th	9:30 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Guest Organist: Ms. Bernice Hall 12:30 p.m. – Worship Ministry Meeting in Parlor Room

Schedule subject to change. Please confirm space availability with Denise at hillspsc@bellsouth.net OR 404.289.3092. Thank you!

Please pray for, call or visit:

Tennille Akinrele & Marjorie Oban	Ima Horne – friend of the Howell family
Joshua Brown – grandson of Doris McHenry & Joe Breland	Hurricanes Maria, Irma & Harvey survivors
Margaret Brown	Ben Jackson, Jr. – nephew of Betsy Johnson
Margaret Burgess – Melba Durr’s mother	Doris Jackson & family – Freddie Jackson Sr. passed last week
Sharon Bryant	Marvis McDaniel Ivey & Marcus Ivey - protection from gov’t corruption & crime
Keisha Burnette	Christopher Johnson – nephew of Rev. Robert Howell
Rosalyn Colquitt – cousin of Sharon Howell – breast cancer	Erma Killings
Diane Craig – sister-in-law of Beth Burnette	Bill Mayweather
Donald Craig – brother of Beth Burnette	Brenda Mitchell – sister of Raymie Malloy
Keisha Davis – niece of Sharon Howell – breast cancer	Moolenaar family
Daniel Delk – father of DeBron Delk	Anne Morris – Keisha Burnette’s mother
DeBron Delk – for best success in his new position at work	Fatimah Muhammed – daughter of Lena Jefferson
Antonio Durns – nephew of Erma Killings	Walter Murray
Durr family	Patricia Osborne – sister of Shirley Anderson
Ector family	Mary Sealy – sister of George W. Burnette III
Elmore-Boykin family	Quanda Stroud
Dorothy & Verdis Gholston – sister & brother-in-law of Erma Killings	Thompson family
Verdis "Jay" Gholston, Jr. – nephew of Erma Killings	Arthurine Thornton
Eloise Bobo Hargrove	Rubie Tolbert-Williams
Monica Hopson – stage 4 breast cancer	Rosa Walker – sister of Erma Killings

(If there are names that you would like to ADD to OR REMOVE from the “Please pray for, call or visit” list, please contact Denise before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at hillspsc@bellsouth.net or 404.289.3092.)

October Birthdays

Crawford, Krista Malloy	1	Crawford, Peyton	20
Brown, Joshua	2	Campbell, Marcee	21
Erskine, Glenda	9	White, Wesley	21
Harvey, Leslie	11	Brown, Georgia	24
Thompson, Shirley W.	12	Jackson, Brandon	24
Cannon, Craig	16	Howell, Amber	25
Branch, Nicholas "Nick"	18		

November Birthdays

Rounsaville, Robert III	2	Hinton, Willie	15
Moore, Christopher	3	Johns, Henry	18
McKenzie, Cliff	8	Johnson, Betsy	21
Reid, Pat	8	Wirsiy, Gideon	22
Reid, Michelle	8	Bowie, Angela	24
Burnette, George III	10	Harper, Selena	25
Jackson, Freddie Jr.	10	McDaniel-Ivey, Marvis	22
Jackson, Kelsi	11	Stewart, Marissa (Anthony)	27
Lee, Connie	11		

December Birthdays

Erskine, Donna	6	Hendricks, Napoleon	18
Peters, Janice	6	Morton, Shelley	19
Karanja, Reuben	8	Peck, Ann	19
Malloy, Raymie	8	Breland, Joe	24
Young, Betty	8	Harper, Jerome	24
Bolden, Shon	14	Hill, Dorothy	24
Erskine, Noel	15	Anderson, Shirley M.	25
Campbell, Martina	16	Aiken, Takia	27
Rounsaville, Bettie	16	Murray, Walter	28
McMullen, Sonja	17	Hill, Jayson	31

Session/Ministry Organization for 2017

Moderator:	Rev. Irving Simon
Clerk of Session:	Elder Willie Anthony
Treasurer:	Elder Alice Moore
Administration:	Elder Castell Jackson, Chair
Christian Education:	Elder Rosalind McIntyre, Chair
Congregational Care:	Elder Deloris Bryant-Booker, Chair
Evangelism:	Elders Faye Fikes & Justin Killings, Co-Chairs
Social Mission:	Elder Myra Miller, Chair & Willie Anthony
Worship:	Elder Lelia Crawford, Chair
Officer Nominating Committee - SESSION:	Elder Doug Kinsey, Chair & Elder Faye Fikes

Other Assignments

Chime Choir Director:	Ms. Allean Brown
Handbell Choir Director:	Ms. Althea Brown
Choir Director/Organist:	
Assistant Youth Director:	Ms. Khayla Johnson
Administrative Assistant:	Mrs. Denise Moolenaar
Commissioners to Presbytery:	Elders Faye Fikes, Sonja McMullen, Ann Peck
Officer Nominating Committee - CONGREGATION:	Elders Willie Hinton & Sonja McMullen & Ms. Teena Hargrove

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.