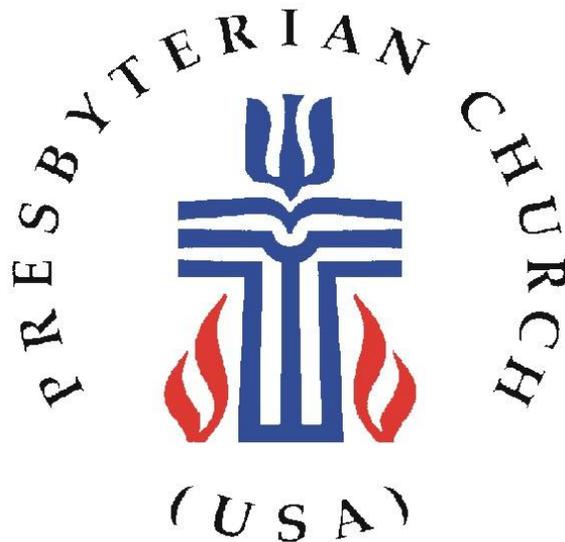


*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



**Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019**

*“May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!”*

(Psalm 29:11)

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Pastor: Rev. Sylvia Wilson

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Handbell Choir Director: Ms. Althea Brown

Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

Chime Choir Director: Ms. Allean Brown

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Chime Choir

INTROIT *The Lamb* Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Please remain seated) Cody Burnette

Liturgist: Come to the river of life.

People: Listen for the words of love.

Liturgist: Come to the waters of grace.

People: Receive the gift of acceptance.

Liturgist: Come to the river of love,

ALL: for all are welcome here!

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*MORNING HYMN *Praise to the Lord...(No. 117, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION Cody Burnette

God’ love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved One, when we forget that we are Your beloved children, draw us ever closer to You. When we fail to hear Your voice of love, whisper Your words of reassurance. When we don’t reflect the divine image within us, forgive us. Wash over us with Your mercy and grace, and bathe us in Your abundant love, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Don’t fear – God is with us. Christ has redeemed us and claims us as God’s own – children named and honored with compassion and love.

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*RESPONSE HYMN *Glory to God Whose Goodness...* Choir/Congregation

*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.

RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (With the whole church, let us confess our faith.)

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Sylvia Wilson

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sarah Vaughan

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cody Burnette

**Gather us now as one community of beloved children, as we listen for the word of God.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 631)

SPIRITUAL

Take Me to the Water

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 56)

Rev. Sylvia Wilson

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SERMON

“Have You Been Baptized?”

LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pastor: The voice of God came from heaven...

Women: And the voice of God said, “You are my daughter, the beloved...”

Men: “You are my son, the beloved...”

ALL: “With you I am well pleased!”

Pastor: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Silent Reflection

Remembering Christ’s baptism and ours, we come forward to celebrate our baptism.

While the power of our baptism does not fade, our spirits can become very dry.

Refresh our spirits and remind us of your power to fill us with new life!

(All are invited to come forward and dip your hand in the baptismal waters.)

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as Your beloved Son. Keep us, Your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LET US RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Sylvia Wilson
(Please come forward if you would like to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, become a member of Hillside, or rededicate your life to Christ. You can also speak to the pastor or an Elder after the service.)

*INVITATIONAL HYMN *Certainly Lord (No. 678, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Go Tell It on the Mountain (arr. Andrew Duncan)* Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom...(No. 592, PH)* Choir/Congregation
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*OFFERING PRAYER
Beloved God, bless these gifts with your loving presence. Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit, that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world. In your loving Spirit, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Come Out the Wilderness (No. 367, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Go to love one another, for you are beloved. God to honor one another, for you are honored. God to share life with one another, for you have been given life. God with the power of God, whose Spirit is always with us, always guiding us.

POSTLUDE *Wade in the Water* Organist
You are invited for conversation and light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.

WORSHIP ENDS – FELLOWSHIP BEGINS – KINGDOM SERVICE CONTINUES
Ushers: Lelia Crawford, Shirley Anderson, Norma McKenzie, Georgia Washington
Media Specialist: Justin Killings



ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bulletin Submission Deadline: Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.; CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

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

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

This is found on the end of each pew. Please sign this so that we can be in touch with you.

HILLSIDE FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER: 126 families/ 370 individuals; 3,337 pounds distributed. *Bring loaves of bread for the pantry on First Sundays; place them inside baskets in front of the first pews.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – THIS AFTERNOON!

It will be held in the Sanctuary, immediately following the morning Worship Service. We look forward to sharing our accomplishments and hearing from you at this meeting.

AN INVITATION

Justin L. Killings and Angelica M. Braziel wish to invite the Hillside family to be with them on the blessed occasion of their marriage at Hillside on Saturday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. The ensuing reception will be held at a different location, and is by invitation only.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This group will have its next regular monthly meeting on **Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. **Everyone is invited to attend the Bible study portion of the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**, which is led by Elder Alice Moore.

AFTER-CHURCH REFRESHMENTS

They were wonderful during the month of **October!** For this, we thank **Deloris Bryant-Booker, Ann Peck, JoAnn & Marvin Simmers, Dorothy Mayweather, and Ricky & Annie Ector.** The **November** nibbles were also very lovely – thank you **Norma McKenzie, Pam Wirsy, Henry Johns, George W. Burnette III, Annie Ector, and Willie Hinton.** Again, many thanks to all. –*Bernice Brantley, JoAnn Simmers.*

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CAROL MOORE

You may send cards to: 2635 Braffington Court, Atlanta, GA 30350. Carol's daughter, Melissa Moore, can be reached by phone or text at 770.896.7497.

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.