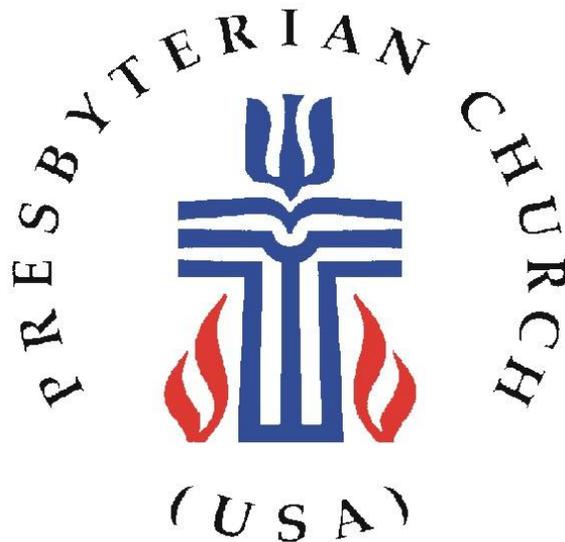


*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



February 17, 2019

*“Let bronze be brought from Egypt;
let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out its hands to God.”*

(Psalm 68:31)

Hillside Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
1879 Columbia Drive, Suite A
Decatur, Georgia 30032
Phone: 404.289.3092 • Fax: 404.289.2833
E-mail: hillspc@bellsouth.net
Web Site: www.hillsidepresbyterian.org

Hillside Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Black History Month

February 17, 2019

Pastor: Rev. Sylvia Wilson

Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

Liturgist: Alexxis Ector

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE *My Soul’s Been Anchored in de Lord (arr. Margaret Bonds)* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *We Are Standing On Holy Ground* Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Please remain seated) Alexxis Ector

Liturgist: Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

People: They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.

Liturgist: They have no fear of summer’s heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

People: In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.

Liturgist: Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord. We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God’s living water!

####

*OPENING HYMN *Standing on the Promises (No. 373, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION Alexxis Ector

Let us now come before God acknowledging our sins of omission or commission.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways. We long to forsake the advice of the wicked and the slow seduction of sinful paths, but our speech and actions often belie us. We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters, bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season, but the seat of scoffers calls to us and the temptation to return evil for evil withers our souls like shrubs in the desert. Our hearts seek the ways of Your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands. This is not Your hope and plan for us. Forgive us. Turn us again to the healing You so freely offer, and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world. Amen.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God looks at us in our brokenness, and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord. With the assurance of God's faithful love, choose this day to be people of blessing.

####

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Lead Me, Lord (No. 145, AAHH)*
Choir/Congregation

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS Alexis Ector

CIVIL RIGHTS REFLECTION Elder Alice Moore

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Wilson

####

LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Alexis Ector

Let us delight on the law of God and meditate on God's teachings, day and night.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Jeremiah 17:5-10 (p. 676)*

GOSPEL HYMN *Touch Me, Lord Jesus* Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6:17-26 (p. 60)* Rev. Wilson

####

THE MESSAGE "Be Blessed"

LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(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** *I Will Arise (No. 361, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* p. 14, PH

###

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Special Music* Mr. Denton Osborne

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom...(No. 650, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Source of every blessing, You have planted us beside living waters and nourished our souls with Your ways of life. In gratitude and thanks for the fruit we have born in due season, we return these gifts to You.

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Make Me More Holy (No. 632, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

African Proverb: A deaf ear is followed by death and an ear that listens is followed by blessings.

Pastor: Go from this place as those who are blessed.

People: We will live in God’s love.

Pastor: Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

People: We will drink of Christ’s mercy.

Pastor: Go from this place to bear the fruit of righteousness.

People: We will share the Spirit’s strength with everyone we meet.

*RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* *No. 646, AAHH*

POSTLUDE *Sit Down Servant (a Negro Spiritual)* Organist

You are invited for conversation and light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.

WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Acolyte: Faith George

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 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

JANUARY: 133 families/ 382 individuals served; 3,783 pounds of food distributed.

Canned fish will be collected throughout the Lenten Season. Please bring cans of tuna, salmon, mackerel, herring, sardines, etc. and place them inside the designated collection receptacle in the Narthex – thanks so much!

Standing request for First Sundays: Please bring loaves of bread for the pantry and place them inside the baskets in front of the first pews.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT HILLSIDE

The Worship Ministry is offering a special, standing invitation through February 27 to members who were witnesses to the Civil Rights Movement during the 50's and 60's, to attend Worship Services this month. Why? We want to have a reflection moment each Sunday (5-7 minutes). If you are interested, please **contact Jasman Howell at 404.427.0942 OR namsaj76@hotmail.com**

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6

WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM

It is confirmed for Sunday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. More information to come.

Women interested in participating in the chorus for this special Service are asked to remain for practice after this morning's 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Practice will be held in the Choir Room February 17 & 24 and March 3.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 10

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

It will begin **Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m.**, and continue each Sunday thereafter (same time) through April 21. Join us!

FOLLOW-UP FROM NURTURE GROUP SURVEY

Nurture Groups were very active in the life of Hillside for many years. These small groups functioned as a way for people to connect and support each other. They generally met 3 or 4 times a year. The Nurture Groups have not functioned recently, but the survey indicated an interest in them. (For more information, see the Newsletter article on Nurture Groups.) We are convening a task force of people who are interested in exploring the future of Nurture Groups at Hillside. If you are interested in being a part of this task force, **please complete one of the pink forms on the credenza in the Narthex and then place it inside the designated box OR; place it in the offering plate.** Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM THE SAMUEL H. JOHNSON SSSP FOUNDATION, INC

This organization thanks Hillside for sponsoring the annual scholarship benefit through the Black History Month Kickoff program held on February 2. **The event raised \$2,300 this**

year, enough to provide for two (2) of the five \$1,000 scholarships and more. This is the most raised in any year of the SSSP Foundation-Hillside partnership.

MESSAGE FROM JUSTIN & ANGELICA KILLINGS

“To my Hillside Family: Thank you for the love and support given Angelica and me during our marriage. We will be forever grateful. Love, Justin and Angelica Killings”

GRATITUDE

Our thanks to **Deacon Melvin and Mrs. Alice Faye Sneed** for driving Mr. Broner’s brother and daughter to grieve with him following the death of his son this past month. They drove to Wheeler Correctional Facility in Alamo, GA on Saturday, February 9.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – 2019 FLOWER CHART POSTED

You may sign up for any of the available dates on the Flower Chart posted at the end of the long hallway/in the Narthex. After doing so, please place \$45 in the offering plate, with a designation for “[DATE flowers are to be acknowledged] Chancel flowers” on your offering envelope and/or check. To personalize your flower message for the Sunday bulletin, please forward your custom message to hillspc@bellsouth.net before or by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding Wednesday. Thank you very much!

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Administration, Stewardship & Finance: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. (teleconference)

Christian Education: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Care: 2nd Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)

Evangelism & Communication: 4th Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)

Social Mission: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Parlor Room)

Worship: 5th Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room) and as needed

Stated Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m. (Session Room)

Presbyterian Women (PW): 4th Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. (Parlor Room)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Chime & Handbell Rehearsals: Chime: 4:30 p.m.; Handbell: 5:30 p.m. (BOTH rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, in the Bell Choir Room)

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.