

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



February 24, 2019

“...and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like a blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.”

(Revelation 1:13-15)

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Hillside Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Black History Month
February 24, 2019

Preacher: Rev. Robert Howell
Liturgist: Jaylin Murphy

Pastor: Rev. Sylvia Wilson
Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *Halle, Halle, Halle* Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Please remain seated) Jaylin Murphy

Liturgist: Come and learn the ways of life.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: Come and learn the ways of life.

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*MORNING HYMN *Lift Him Up (No. 547, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION Jaylin Murphy

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
So let us acknowledge those sins before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Left: Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;

Right: It is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.

Left: We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth.

Right: Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we treat others as we would have them treat us, Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High. If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much more will God be kind to those who love the Lord and seek to live the Golden Rule?
Rest in this assurance and be at peace.

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*RESPONSE HYMN *Gloria Patri (No. 654, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

LITURGICAL DANCE *What If (by India Arie)* Hillside Dance Ministry

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS Jaylin Murphy

CIVIL RIGHTS REFLECTION Rev. Nibs Stroupe

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Howell

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jaylin Murphy

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Galatians 5:1; 13-15 (p. 179)*

GOSPEL HYMN *God Has Smiled on Me (No. 152, AAHH)* Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Joshua 24:1-7; 14,15 (p. 205)* Rev. Howell

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SERMON "On Being Free...to Choose"

LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastor: Let us be known as children of the Most High.

People: We will love our enemies, and do good to those who hate us.

Pastor: Let us be known as disciples of Christ.

People: We will bless those who curse us, and pray for those who wrong us.

Pastor: Let us be known as heirs of the Spirit.

People: We will be merciful, even as our God is merciful.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Howell

(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 *Here I Am, Lord (No. 567, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* p. 14, PH
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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What a Friend* Chancel Choir

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN *God Be With You (No. 639, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see”. African Proverb

Pastor: Go with God’s blessings.

People: As followers of Jesus, we will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.

Pastor: Go with God’s blessings.

People: As followers of Jesus, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us.

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People: As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Pastor: Go with God’s blessings.

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

POSTLUDE *He Leadeth Me* Organist

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

WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Ushers: Melba Durr, Willie Hinton, Virginia Hinton, Raji Bradford

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

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.

WOMEN'S DAY CHORUS REHEARSALS

All women are invited to participate in the Women's Day Chorus. Those interested are asked to remain for practice after this morning's 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. There will be another rehearsal next Sunday (again, after church) and; a Saturday rehearsal on March 9, at 9:30 a.m. All will be in the Choir Room. Please participate!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Hillside will have an Ash Wednesday Service on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Join us and invite others as we begin the Lenten season.

WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM AT HILLSIDE

Sunday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Trudi A. Williams. The theme: *"Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday: The Grace of God Has No Boundaries"*.

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”

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.