

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



**Transfiguration of the Lord
Communion
March 3, 2019**

“The LORD is great in Zion; the Lord is exalted over all the peoples.”

(Psalm 99:2)

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Pastor: Rev. Sylvia Wilson

Liturgist: Elder Melba Durr

Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE *In Times Like These* Organist

CHIMING Organist

PROCESSIONAL AND LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT *Praise Ye the Lord* Chancel Choir

*MORNING HYMN (*Please stand*) ***From All That Dwell...(No. 229, PH)*** Choir/Congregation

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*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Melba Durr

Liturgist: Climb with Moses up the mountain of God.

People: God’s glory shines like the sun.

Liturgist: Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God.

People: Christ’s glory shines like the sun.

Liturgist: Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God.

People: The Spirit’s glory shines like the sun.

Liturgist: Climb the mountain of God.

ALL: We have come to see and to worship.

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION Elder Melba Durr

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy. Let us pray.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: God of majesty and might, we imagine the face of Moses shining with the radiance of Your glory; we pretend that we would not look away in fear or feel relieved when he shielded our eyes from the effects of Your power; we imagine being commended for our courage in the face of Your splendor – but we know better.

People: We long to be invited like Peter, James, and John to witness Christ’s glory, but we secretly suspect that we too would be weighed down with sleep, or feel the need to speak when we should be listening.

ALL: Test our hearts, O God. Call us to climb your mountain, that we might face our fears and prove ourselves worthy of your holy calling. Amen.

(Personal, silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop to show us the power and the glory of God. In the light of Christ's glory, know that we are made whole through the love and grace of God.

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*RESPONSE TO PARDON	<i>Gloria Patri (No. 579, PH)</i>	Choir/Congregation
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS		Elder Melba Durr
CIVIL RIGHTS REFLECTION		Dr. Deloris Bryant-Booker
PASSING OF THE PEACE		Rev. Wilson

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Melba Durr

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 34:29-35 (p. 78)*

INSPIRATIONAL SONG *Fill My Cup* Chancel Choir

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EPISTLE LESSON *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (p. 169)* Rev. Wilson

MESSAGE "Lifting the Veil"

LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. 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 *Open My Eyes...(No. 324, PH)* Choir/Congregation

*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Confession of Belhar - South Africa, 2015*)

One: We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

ALL: We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.

One: We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

ALL: We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world.

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GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SELECTION

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom...(No. 650, AAHH)

Choir/Congregation

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion is by Intinction. Ushers will guide rows forward.

Take bread - dip it in wine or juice - and eat before returning to your seat.

Those with limited mobility may remain seated.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: At Mount Sinai you spoke to your servant Moses, giving the Law to guide your people in the way of life that you intend for all.

People: With saints, with angels, and the whole creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

People (SING): *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High, Amen.*

Pastor: On a high mountain you let your glory shine, so that we might see Jesus as he really is: your Chosen and Beloved, our Lord and our God.

People: In remembrance of your acts of mercy in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this wine and celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.

Pastor: By your Spirit, keep us faithful until the day when we may glimpse your glory with unveiled faces at that high and holy feast in your eternal realm. So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People (SING): *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

People: **As you have made known to us the mystery of your will, teach us to proclaim the mystery of faith, living to praise your glory!**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Elders serving Communion approach the Table
(Cleve Bushey, Justin Killings, Comfort Uma)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD AND CUP SHARED (Juice in silver cup. Wine in gold cup.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Break Thou the Bread of Life* *No. 334, AAHH*
In the Name of Jesus *No. 303, AAHH*

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, You revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with Your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth to climb the mountain of God.

People: **We will walk in the light and truth of God.**

Pastor: Go forth and listen to the voice that calls from heaven.

People: **We will heed the call to follow Jesus.**

Pastor: Go forth to shine the light of Christ in the world.

People: **We will live as lamps shining in the darkness.**

Pastor: Go with God.

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

POSTLUDE *Old Time Religion* Organist

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

THE 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

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 Worship Service. There will be an additional rehearsal on THIS Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m., in the Choir Room.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT HILLSIDE – THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

It will be at 6:30 p.m. Join us and invite others as we begin the Lenten season.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

This is scheduled for the next five (5) Sundays – March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Each session will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor Room.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 AM NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10!

Consider setting your CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR at bedtime THIS Saturday, March 9.

WOMEN'S DAY AT HILLSIDE – NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 11:00 AM

Remember to adjust your clocks as appropriate in advance, in preparation for this Service, so you won't miss a beat! 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

This will begin on 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!

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 MONDAY, 6:00 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.