

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



March 24, 2019

“Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from the Lord.
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth.” Psalm 127:3-4

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019

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Liturgist: Sarah Vaughan

Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT

Oh, The Glory of Your Presence (No.168, AAHH)

Chancel Choir

A LENTEN PRAYER

Sarah Vaughan

God of our salvation, we have embarked on a journey that we have made before, a journey that will once again sweep us into unexpected places, always in pursuit of the path of your obedient Son.

Send your Holy Spirit to open our lips that our mouths may declare your praise and we may be guided on this path of penitence, prayer, and preparation. Amen.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where young, and old and in-between are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –

Let us worship God.

*MORNING HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life (No. 332, AAAH)

Choir/Congregation

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Wilson

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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, You gave us life. You are the source of all life. And you have given us children to take care of your life. Children are source of our joy, hope and our future.

Yet, we confess that we have not lived up to our calling in this world. Children around us are dying of hunger, of disease and of violence. Innocent lives are abandoned and abused. Often times, we feel helpless and powerless in the face of such despair and brokenness.

Have mercy on us! Forgive us of our greed and our complacency. Grant us the courage to trust you and to lead the world to your guidance. Help us to see and to know that children are our future and our purpose for being. We live for your children, as we *are* your children. Thank you for the promise of your abiding presence in our lives. We commit our lives unto you. Use us as instruments of your love and your peace for all the children of the world.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news, God know us, God cares about us and, through Jesus Christ, God forgives us. Thanks be to God.

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

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Vaughan

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Janice Henry

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Wilson

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sarah Vaughan

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 78:1- 8 (pg.508 – 509)

Sarah Vaughan

SONG OF INSPIRATION

A Child of the King

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 19:13-15 (p. 20)

Rev. Wilson

SERMON

Pray With the Children

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 *Come and Go With Me (No. 596, AAHH)*

Choir

*A LITANY FOR CHILDREN'S SABBATH

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing."

For the body of Christ, that we treat every child as made in your image; that we welcome every child as you welcomed the children, and that we bring good news to the poor that you announced, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

For our nation and our leaders, grant wisdom and courage to change what is unjust and recognize that until all the children are well, none of us is well, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

In a world where children hunger and starve, where they sicken and die, where they face bullets and bombs, where they know the exile of prison and refugee camp, help us protect and defend them, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

For ourselves and our community, that we let our eyes weep over injustice, our hearts burn with determination, our voices speak out to demand change, and our hands move to make a difference, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

On this day when millions of children live in poverty, that we use all that we have and all that we are to raise up the next generation, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

For all who have died, especially those who died too soon and too young, those whose lives were cut short by poverty, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

This is scheduled for the next three (3) Sundays – **March 24, 31 and April 7.**

Each session will be held from **9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** in the **Parlor Room.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

In the **Session Room**, each Sunday at **1:00 p.m.**, through April 21. Join us!

SOCIAL MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY is collecting donations of toiletries and other small items that will fit in a shoe box for the Hagar House Shelter. The Shoebox Donations will be collected each Sunday throughout the Lenten Season and presented during Easter Week. Please do not include toothbrushes for we have already received a sizable donation of those. Other toiletries such as soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, etc. are needed. Please see the list of additional acceptable items attached to the donation box in the Narthex where you may put your donations. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

REMINDER: The Atlanta Friends for Presbyterian Heritage has its annual gathering at North Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 pm. The event is free and open to all with an interest in Presbyterian history. Contact AtlantaFriends@phcmontreat.org or call the Presbyterian Heritage Center at Montreat at 828-669-6556 if you have questions. More information can be found in the newsletter.

HILLSIDE FOOD PANTRY

Standing Request for First Sundays: Please bring loaves of bread on 1st Sunday and place cans of tuna, salmon, mackerel, herring, sardines, etc. inside the designated collection receptacle in the Narthex during Lent – thanks so much!

FOLLOW-UP FROM NURTURE GROUP SURVEY

Nurture Groups were very active in the life of Hillside for many years. If you are interested in being a part of this task force exploring the future of Nurture Groups, 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 plat (For more information, see the Newsletter article on Nurture Groups.)

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **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)