

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday

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Preacher: Rev. Nibs Stroupe

Liturgist: Rosalind McIntyre

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 (Spiritual)* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please remain seated*) Rosalind McIntyre

L: We gather from many places and many spaces,

P: We come today to hear good news that God loves us and calls us into life in the Beloved Community.

L: Let us now open our hearts and our minds to hear great news:

ALL: Everybody is welcome – no one left behind, no one left out. Everybody is welcome!

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*OPENING HYMN (*Please stand*) *O For A World* (No. 386, PH)

*INVITATION TO CONFESION Rosalind McIntyre

Liturgist: We are longing for You, God. We are hungry for You. Hear us now as we confess our captivity to sin, which prevents us from living in the knowledge of Your grace and love.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESION

God, You love us and welcome us into Your grace in Jesus Christ. We confess now that we often want to put a wall around Your welcome and limit it to those whom we believe deserve it. Or, we are like that grumpy older brother who burns with resentment at Your welcoming love. Forgive us, God. Re-shape our hearts so that we may hear and receive the good news as good news: Everybody welcome! Amen.

(*A time for quiet, personal confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rosalind McIntyre

Liturgist: This is the stunning good news! God loves us, and nothing can ever change the power of God's love for us. This is good news – believe and live it! Amen? Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God...

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Signing Attendance Register*)

Rosalind McIntyre

BIRTHDAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Drew Eikner

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Stroupe

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rosalind McIntyre

We come to You now, God, with longing and hungry hearts. Open us now to receive Your powerful message of good news – everybody welcome!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14: 1-14

(pg. 72)

SONG OF INSPIRATION

My Tribute

Chancel Choir

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14: 15-24

(pg. 72-73)

SERMON

The Welcome Table

Rev. Stroupe

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From A Declaration Of Faith*)

The people of God have often misused God's promises

As excuses for doing nothing about present evils.

But, in Christ the new world has already broken in

And the old can no longer be tolerated.

**We know that our efforts cannot bring in God's reign, but hope plunges us
Into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now
In the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy
To contend against all opposition,
However invincible it may seem,
For the new world and the new humanity
That are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now He is Lord. Amen.**

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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (No. 369, PH)**

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

OFFERTORY *The Lord Is Blessing Me* Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom...(No. 592, PH)* 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. Amen.***

***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

On this day, people of faith all over the world gather at Christ's table. In languages as

diverse as God's people, and tables of every size and shape, we proclaim, together, the unity of our life in Christ. This table belongs to Christ and extends to every corner of the Earth. On World Communion Sunday, may joy be made complete. May we share in one mind, in one love, and in one Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right to give you praise, O God. You created the world and all that is in it. The startling diversity of the Earth and its creatures were made by you and pronounced good.

Called into life-giving partnership with each other and you, we chose instead, to seek dominance and bring about division. We have betrayed each other and denied your image, which is present in every person.

But in each place of shadow and pain and in every divisive moment you have sought us out again, to reconcile us to one another and to you. Therefore, with our parents in faith, from every time and place, we sing the fullness of your witness to your world saying:

People: [ALL SING]

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Host,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.
Amen.*

Holy are you, God of Grace, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Choosing to leave the shelter of heaven, he comes to gather us into a new family. He came as a servant to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life. We praise you for inviting us to serve one another without pride, to forgive one another as we have been forgiven, and to feast at his table as members of one household.

God of mystery: send your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and cup. Prepare us to receive your presence and to know your grace. May this one bread nourish our bodies and may It nourish the fullness of our lives. May this cup that we share wet our parched and silent throats and may It quench our deep and yearning thirst.

Here at this table, may we remember the table in the Upper Room, tables of abundance many of us enjoy at home, the empty tables of the poor and hungry, and the banquet table in the Life to come. Let this meal reshape our every meal, so that the justice and mercy known here will become our way of life.

May we become a people for whom the hunger pangs of the poorest child will disrupt the feasting of the satisfied. There is enough food for all, enough peace for all, enough love for all, enough hope for all, enough grace for all. In this truth and in this hope we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: [ALL SING] *Christ has died...Christ is risen...Christ will come again.*

Until you appear again among us, we ask your Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in a broken world grasping for wholeness. May the church yearn to proclaim the good news of a world made new and a mercy wider than imaginations can span. Teach us to pray continually the prayer our Savior taught, saying:

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Elders serving Communion may approach the Table:
Terry Brantley, Cleve Bushey, Myra Miller, & Ralph Sims

THE BREAD AND CUP SHARED (*Silver cup juice. Gold cup wine. Gluten free tortillas.*)

COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Fill My Cup</i> (No. 350, PH)	Choir/Congregation
	<i>He's Done So Much For Me</i> (No. 511, AAHH)	Choir/Congregation

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have met us in these acts at this table. In this sacrament we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (No. 514, PH)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Stroupe

*RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

(No. 646, AAHH)

POSTLUDE

Behold The Goodness Of The Lord

Organist

Rev. Nibs Stroupe is Honorably Retired from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. He and his partner, the Rev. Caroline Leach, were co-pastors at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur for 30+ years. They have two children, David and Susan, and two granddaughters. Nibs is the co-author with Dr. Catherine Meeks of the book "Passionate for Justice: Ida Wells as Prophet for Our Time," published in September. He will be signing the book here at Hillside on November 10 and at Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta this Tuesday at 7 PM. He and Caroline were recipients of Church Women United's Human Rights Award last year.

{All are welcome to refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.}

THE WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Acolyte: Faith Ector

Ushers: Ralph Sims, Castell Jackson, Terry Brantley, and 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
(Announcements less than 4 sentences, please. Longer ones will be included in the newsletter).***

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS – Silence any device with audible tones.

THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER - Found on the end of each pew. Please sign.

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON

This Sunday's Luncheon will be a sandwich and salad luncheon so make your favorite sandwiches or salad and bring them ready to serve. Also remember to bring loaves of bread for the Food Pantry. Thank you! ~ *Congregational Care Ministry*

SENDING PRAYERS

Paul Vaughan had a stroke Thursday, September 26. He is in Piedmont Rockdale Medical Center; Room 335; 1412 Milstead Ave, NE, Conyers, GA 30012. Paul is recovering from Shoulder surgery as well. Visits are appreciated, no calls. Send cards to 3526 Maple Hill Road, Lithonia GA 30038.

DONATE TO HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF FUND

Social Mission Ministry is conducting a fund-raising activity for Hurricane Dorian Relief with a goal of \$1,500. We are challenging each member/friend of Hillside to donate during the month of October. The Ministry will match the first \$500.00 donated (dollar for dollar) and regularly report on the status of this activity. Note on your check or offering envelope "DORIAN RELIEF FUND." Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and support. ~ *Myra Miller and Willie Anthony Co-Chairs, Social Mission Ministry*

STEWARDSHIP

Our theme this year is "Stewardship Is Heart Work." Please do your part to make this season of stewardship a success.



CLEANING DAY – Oct. 12, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Hillsiders, what a good day to clean in and around our church. Please come and bring your cleaning supplies with you.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Our Acolyte Training/Review class is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Parents of both interested students and current acolytes are asked to submit names/ages to Ava Johnson at 404-289-1698 by October 13th. ~ *Ava Johnson*

SAVE THE DATE - Officer Training, Saturday, October 26

DINNER & DIALOGUE: THE 1619 PROJECT - October 27, 2019, 5-7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta in Fifield Hall. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/fpc1619>. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. Chris Holmes at cholmes@firstpresatl.org.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – 2019 FLOWER CHART POSTED

You may sign up for any of the available dates on the Flower Chart posted on the wall in the Narthex. Information regarding cost and making special designations can also be found there. Thank you very much!

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.