Hillside Presbyterian Church Always Welcomes You!

November 24, 2019

The Reign of Christ Sunday

"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10

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Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE ***The Church's One Foundation*** Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT ***The Glory Of The Lord*** Chancel Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*) Deloris Bryant-Booker
Prepare the way of the Lord. Make your hearts ready for the coming king.
We will show mercy to prepare our hearts for the king of mercy.
We will seek justice to prepare our world for the king of peace.
Prepare the way of the Lord – the one who has given the ultimate gift of love.
We will offer our very best as we help build God's kingdom of justice and joy!
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*OPENING PRAYER
L: Christ our king, reign in our hearts and grant this world your peace. We rest from our busy pursuits and our ceaseless motion to seek your reign. In our songs of praise, in our prayers, and through ancient words of scripture, restore our souls to peace. Reign in our hearts, that your love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN ***How Great Thou Art*** (No. 467, PH)

INVITATION TO CONFESION *(You may be seated.)*
L: We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But however fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come before God with our prayers of confession and need to The One who prepares the way for our words.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. We exalt you as king because you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love.
Forgive the times when we succumb to our meaner instincts.
Teach us to answer acts of hate with greater expressions of love.
Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world.
Amen.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
L: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise," says the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
P: Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Glory to God*** Chancel 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)* Deloris Bryant-Booker

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
L: Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6 (pg. 681)

SONG OF INSPIRATION ***Have A Little Talk With Jesus*** Chancel Choir
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 23:33-43 (pg. 83-84) Rev. Wilson

SERMON Our God Reigns

LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Inspire us, dear Christ, to love every neighbor, whether friend or foe.
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.
May your church be a powerful force for good.
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Help us feed every neighbor who is hungry and who feels abandoned.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Cast out all evil, injustice and oppression.
Forgive our trespasses, and deliver us from evil.
Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen!

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 ***Breathe On Me, Breath Of God*** (No. 316, PH)

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

OFFERTORY ***God Is*** Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow*** (No. 593, PH)

*UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER
God of Grace, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your greater gifts of grace and peace. May our offerings plant seeds of hope and good news for all who long to see your kingdom and yearn to taste the goodness of your love. In your holy name, we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN ***I Love To Tell The Story*** (No. 513, AAHH)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE ***Our God Reigns (L. Smith)*** Organist

THE WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Acolyte: Diego Barbareno
Ushers: Kalvin Veals, Kaciney Patterson, Jullian Fowlkes, & Francisco (Paco) Barberena
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).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING – November 28th & 29th

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS – Silence any audible devices.

THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Is at the end of each pew. Please sign.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
The Christmas Luncheon is Sunday, December 8. This is a catered meal, so reservations are required and should be made in the Narthex after worship today. Cost: $20 for persons over 12. $10 for 6-12. No cost for children 5 and under. All are welcomed. Sponsorships available if needed.

STEWARDSHIP – It's not too late
There's still time to turn in your 2020 Pledge cards and Time and Talent Forms but please submit them as soon possible. Extras are in the Narthex. As of 11/17, we received thirty-five (35) pledges totaling $150,244.00 or 50% of the 2020 Stewardship goal of $300,000.00. We also received 26 Time and Talent sheets! It is not too late to make your commitment…please do so the next two Sundays. Thank you and Amen! ~ *Hillside 2020 Stewardship Committee*

FLOWERS
The flowers today are in honor of Deatra Durr-Bradford for her 4?th birthday. May God continue to bless her with many more years of joy and happiness. Lots of Love from your family!

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED
We have experienced a significant increase in the number of clients coming to the food pantry and are in great need of plastic bags. Please bring any plastic bags you can spare and leave them in the box outside the food pantry.

HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF
Social Mission Ministry is pleased to report that HPC raised $1510 which will be sent to the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Dorian Relief. Sincere appreciation to everyone for your generosity and continuing prayers for the people of the Bahamas.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS Ages 15 – 105
You're not getting off that easy as there is work still to be done to finish remodeling the office area. Please let Dorothy Hill or Robert Rounsaville know if you'd like to help.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP
Sign up on the 2019 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!

AA MEETINGS: Monday – Friday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., in room 4.

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.

THE HILLSIDE INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Parlor every Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join them in prayer for the church, the community and the world. ~ *Sarah Vaughan, Convener*

MINISTRY LEADERS BY CLASS	REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
Sarah Vaughan – Convener	*Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. (Parlor)*
Dorothy Hill – Chair, C'2019 – 2021 *Mrs. Tonya Groomes, Co- Leader*	*Presbyterian Women (PW): 4th Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)*
Alice Moore – C'2016 – 2019	*Treasurer*
Rev. Sylvia Wilson - Moderator *Elder Norm Fikes – Clerk*	*Stated Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m. (Session Room)*
Dorothy Hill – Chair, C'2019 – 2021 *Cleve Bushey – Co-Chair*	*Administration, Stewardship & Finance: 2nd MONDAY, 6:00 p.m. (Parlor) or (teleconference)*
Teena Cash Hargrove – Chair, C'2019 – 2021 *Melba Durr – Co-Chair*	*Christian Education: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.*
Monica Parker – Chair, C'2018 – 2020 *Deloris Bryant – Booker – Co-Chair*	*Congregational Care: 2nd Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)*
Myra Miller – Co-Chair, C'2018 – 2019 *Willie Anthony – Co-Chair, C'2017 – 2019*	*Social Mission: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Parlor)*
Faye Fikes – Co-Chair, C'2018 – 2020 *Erma Killings – Co-Chair, C'2019 – 2021*	*Evangelism & Communication: 4th Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)*
Jasman Howell – Chair, C'2018 – 2020	*Worship: 5th Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room) and as needed*
	·Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in the (Choir Room)
	·Chimes Rehearsal: 4:30 p.m.; Handbells Rehearsal: 5:30 p.m. Both on Wednesdays in the Bell Choir Room)
CHURCH NOMINATION COMMITTEE	
(ELECTED BY CONGREGATION (*) for 3 year term in 2018)	
*Donald Robinson, 2019 to 2020 (1 year) | *Dorothy Lott, 2018 to 2020 (2 years remaining) | Janice Peters, 2019 to 2021 (3 years)*	
(ELECTED BY SESSION)	
Elders Alice Moore and Faye Fikes (Co-Chairs)	
PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS – Elders Ann Peck, Sonja McMullen and Faye Fikes	