

*Hillside Presbyterian Church  
Always Welcomes You!*



**January 19, 2020**

**“God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship  
with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

1 Corinthians 1:9

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**Music Director:** Ms. Bernice Hall

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## LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (Fanny Crosby)*                      Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT    *The Lamb*    Chancel Choir

UNISON OPENING PRAYER *(Please remain seated)*    Elder Janice Peters

**God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SPECIAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*OPENING HYMN                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      (No. 138, AAHH)

\*INVITATION TO CONFESION *(Please remain standing)*

L: If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be attempted, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, so we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

**\*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*)      Elder Janice Peters

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Wilson

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**LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Elder Sarah Vaughan

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

L: Gracious God, we pray that you would guide us into all truth through the power of the Holy Spirit. Open our hearts and minds to all that is written in your Word of grace.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 638)

**SONG OF INSPIRATION**      *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name*      Chancel Choir

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg. 155)

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

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

OFFERTORY                      *All My Help Comes From The Lord*                      Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY                      *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. (Repeat)*                      (No. 593, PH)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*                      (No. 400, AAHH)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE                      *I Love To Tell The Story (A.K. Hankey)*                      Organist

**THE WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE**

**Acolyte:** Kenya Walker

**Ushers:** Ralph Sims, Castell Jackson, Terry Brantley, and Robert Rounsaville, Jr.

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