

Hillside Presbyterian Church

Always Welcomes You!



February 2, 2020

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?"
Micah 6:6

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Liturgist: Elder Norm Fikes

Music Director: Ms. Bernice Hall

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God (Robert Jackson)

Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT

Halle, Halle, Halle

Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please remain seated*)

Elder Norm Fikes

L: People of God, who do you come to worship?

P: We come to worship the one true God.

L: How will you worship?

P: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice, service and love.

L: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

ALL: We come to abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

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*OPENING HYMN (*Please stand*)

Lift Him Up

(No. 547, AAHH)

*INVITATION TO CONFESION

L: Friends, what does the Lord require of us?

P: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Please stand*)

L: Eternal God, in every age there have been men and women who have lived faithful and obedient lives.

P: We confess that we are not always in harmony with your will.

L: You call us to proclaim the truth in love, but there are times when we are silent.

P: You command us to do what is just, but too often we are idle.

L: You beckon us to live faithfully, but minor matters distract us.

ALL: Forgive us and transform us so that we may follow your guidance and share Christ-like love with the world. Amen.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. Knowing this may our lives and souls be transformed. 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*)

ACKNOWLEDGING FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Wilson

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: Holy God, as your word is shared on this day, help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 6:1-8 (pg. 816)

SONG OF INSPIRATION

Unity

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (pg. 156)

Roy Wilson

SERMON

Consider Your Call

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed (Traditional) (pg. 14, PH)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 *Come And Go With Me* (No. 596, AAHH)

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

OFFERTORY *Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus* Chancel Choir

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

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit... Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

[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.*

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ever Present God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Elders serving Communion may approach the Table:

Donald Robinson, Dorothy Lott, Justin Killings, and Janice Peters

THE BREAD AND CUP SHARED

(Juice in the Silver cup. Wine in the Gold cup. Tortillas are Gluten free.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Taste And See
The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

(No. 680, AAHH)

(No. 256, AAHH)

After pastor is served, Elders serving Communion may return to their seats.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *When The Saints Go Marching In (Spiritual)* Organist

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

THE WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Acolyte: Joshua Barberena

Ushers: Ralph Sims, Castell Jackson, Terry Brantley, and Robert Rounsville, 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 audible devices.

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

NEEDED: HPC “CARE” TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The team will address acute unmet needs of congregation and community members. For more information join us in the Parlor on Sunday, February 16 immediately after service.

MEDITATION MONDAYS

Take a break and take a little time for self-care. Mondays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Classroom 9. Free to all members HPC and the community. Introduction to meditation, journaling and healing breath. For more information, contact Pastor Wilson.

SAVE THE DATE

Hunger Walk, Sunday, March 15, 2020.



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

You are welcome to sign up on the 2020 Flower Chart that's posted in the Narthex.

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.

What Is Black History Month?



Black History Month was created to recognize people and events in African history. Originating in 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association of the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be “Negro History Week,” because it coincided with both Abraham Lincoln’s and Frederic Douglass’s birthdays. By 1976, celebrations were extended to the full month of February. Black History Month is now recognized throughout the U.S., United Kingdom, Canada, Netherlands, and Ireland. Ireland, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom observe it in October.

Famous Black Presbyterians

Paul Leroy Robeson

(April 9, 1898 – January 23, 1976)



Paul Leroy Robeson, an athlete, artist, and actor, is famous for his political activism and cultural accomplishments. In 1881, he became the minister of Princeton's Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church. Roberson resigned after racial disagreements with white financial supporters nineteen years later. Between 1915 and 1919, he became one of three African American students at Rutgers College, later receiving numerous sports awards and becoming class valedictorian. Roberson briefly worked as a lawyer, renouncing his career due to racism. He began dedicating his time to acting and music, performing in multiple plays/films and becoming a renowned spiritualist singer. Roberson spoke against racism and developed a fondness for Russian culture, leading to him being blacklisted during the McCarthyism period of the 1950s. During this time, he published a periodical called Freedom, criticizing U.S. policies. Deteriorating health, due to extreme emotional and physical stress, lead to his retirement in 1963. In 1973, at a Carnegie Hall tribute, a taped message from him was played stating: "Though I have not been able to be active for several years, I want you to know that I am the same Paul, dedicated as ever to the worldwide cause of humanity for freedom, peace, and brotherhood." On January 23, 1976, following complications of a stroke, Robeson died in Philadelphia at the age of 77.