

*Hillside Presbyterian Church
Always Welcomes You!*



March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made.”

Genesis 3:1

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Lent is a 40 day period of remorse and repentance as we examine our sinful natures and return to the God we have hurt time and time again. Lent is also an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross. But ultimately, the purpose of Lent does not stop at sadness and despair - it points us to the hope of the Resurrection and the day when every tear will be dried. Ash Wednesday marked the start of the 2020 Lenten season which ends on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020.

LET US APPROACH GOD

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

PRELUDE

Come Holy Spirit (Lowell Mason)

Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT

Halleluyah To The Lamb Of God

Chancel Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

Ava Johnson

L; Forbidden fruit is such a delight to the eye.

P: God is our delight.

L: Forbidden pleasures tug at us each day.

P: God is our joy.

L: Temptation is everywhere.

P: We can live as God intends, through Christ who strengthens us.

L: Let us sing to the Lord, who saves us from the time of trial.

P: Sing to the Lord, our delight and our joy.

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*OPENING HYMN

We've Come To Worship You

(No. 107, AAHH)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (*Please be seated.*)

L: Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and seek God's mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we do not always face temptation well. We settle for loaves of bread when our souls long for bread that does not perish. We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor, when we should “be still” and rest in the knowledge that you are God. We place our trust in leaders who make promises they cannot deliver, when we should be putting our faith in you. Forgive us, O God, and help us be found worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A time for quiet, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: When we acknowledge our failings before God, God wipes away our shame. Receive forgiveness and mercy, through the gift of God’s grace in Christ.

*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)*

Ava Johnson

ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Wilson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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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 the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMNT LESSON Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (pg. 2-3)

SONG OF INSPIRATION

He Looked Beyond My Faults

Chancel Choir

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*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 *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* (No. 499, AAHH)

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

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

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (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.

*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

Minister: 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.

We thank and praise you, loving and glorious God, bountiful in creation and amazing in redemption. We praise you for the Christ from Nazareth who heals the sick, befriends the misfits, forgives the sinner and wakes the dead.

Our thanks and praise are yours, most wonderful God.

Particularly in this holy season of Lent we thank you for Christ's tough love: for his conquest of beguiling temptations, for his resolute final journey to Jerusalem, for his zeal for your house of prayer, for his faithfulness under betrayal, trial and abuse, and for his love willingly poured out on the cross.

Our thanks and praise are yours, most wonderful God.

We give thanks for your undying care of him, for his risen presence face to face with women and men who became his witnesses to the end of the world. Today even we have become numbered among those millions who have been granted the gift of faith and have received from his lips the Spirit of peace.

Our thanks and praise are yours, most wonderful God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.... 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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

[ALL SING] *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (X3)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: 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:

Terry Brantley and Myra Miller

THE BREAD AND CUP SHARED

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

COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	(No. 686, AAHH)
	<i>I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me</i>	(No. 238, AAHH)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven now sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage. May our fasting be hunger for justice, our offering, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>God Be With You</i>	(No.639, AAHH)
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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	(No. 646, AAHH)
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POSTLUDE *We Won't Leave Here Like We Came (Nolan Williams, Jr.)* Organist

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

THE WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE

Acolyte: Kenya Walker

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

Media Specialist: Justin Killings

SAVE THE DATE

Hunger Walk, Sunday, March 15, 2020.



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.

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.

