

*Hillside Presbyterian Church*  
**First Sunday in Black History Month**  
**February 3, 2019**

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. James Foster Reese  
**Liturgist:** Elder Norm Fikes

**Pastor:** Rev. Sylvia Wilson  
**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* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *Welcome Into This Place* Chancel Choir

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Norm Fikes

Liturgist: My Lord, what a morning! You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people.

**People: And we are strong, proud, and yours.**

Liturgist: My Lord, what a morning! You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

**People: And we are strong, proud, brave and yours.**

**ALL: My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate You, to affirm ourselves as images of You in all Your glory and to say, “Yes, Lord, we are strong, proud, brave, and Yours in every way.” We count it all joy!**

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\*MORNING HYMN *This Little Light of Mine (No. 549, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS-ELECT (See bulletin insert)

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION Elder Norm Fikes

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So, let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: The gospel is for all people.

**People: Yet sometimes we hide the gospel, keeping the good news to ourselves.**

Liturgist: Sometimes we proclaim our own version of the story; a version that excludes those who challenge our comfortable understandings; a version that does not remind us of our complicity with forms of human oppression.

**People: Forgive us, God, when we change history to feed our egos.**

Liturgist: Forgive us, when we celebrate an end result, without remembering the long and difficult journey.

**ALL: Forgive us, God.**

*(A time for quiet, personal confession)*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Although many have tried, God's glory cannot be hidden! Although many have tried, God's grace cannot be hoarded. God's glory is wild and everlasting; it cannot be tamed to suit our prejudices or beliefs. God's grace is bountiful and free; it cannot be earned or stockpiled. Surely, God is good. **AMEN.**

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\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *My Tribute (Refrain: To God Be the Glory - No. 111, AAHH)*  
Choir/Congregation

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS Rev. Wilson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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### LET US LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (3 – 5 minutes max, please) Elder Sarah Vaughan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Norm Fikes

Holy God, as we worship today, we tilt an ear to listen close. Let the voice of Your angels fill our minds with new understandings as it did with those who have gone before. We are waiting for You. Speak to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 126 (p. 541)*

SPIRITUAL *Walk Together Children* Chancel Choir

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MESSAGE "Faith, Hope and Joy" Rev. Reese

### LET US RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Wilson

*(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'll Be Somewhere Listening for My Name (No. 560, AAHH)*  
Choir/Congregation

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## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

*All My Help Comes from The Lord*

Chancel Choir

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, it is up to us to share Your gospel, using all the resources that You provide. It is up to us to learn our whole story, as Your whole people. With these gifts, God, empower us to do Your work of sharing the gospel and welcoming all who seek to share in Your story.

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom...(No. 650, AAHH)*

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.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

p. 14, PH

## *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**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fullness dwells...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**READ (not sung):**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord...We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Hear us now as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**READ (not sung):**

***Christ has died...Christ has risen...Christ will come again.***

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*Elders serving Communion (approach the Table):  
Beth Burnette, Melba Durr, Jasman Howell, Justin Killings*

#### **Consecration of the Elements**

**Distribution of the Elements (Juice in silver cup. Wine in gold cup.)**

**Communion Music**

*Lead Me to Calvary* *No. 253, AAHH*

*He's Done So Much for Me* *No. 511, AAHH*

**Unison Prayer After Communion**

**We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament You have given us Your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in Your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing (No. 540, AAHH)* Choir/Congregation

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

In Uganda there is a saying: One who sees something good must narrate it. We who have heard, felt, and experienced the good news must share it. Go, then, into the world to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in your words, actions, and deeds. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE *I Shall Not Be Moved* Organist

*You are invited for conversation and light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.*

**WORSHIP ENDS – FELLOWSHIP BEGINS – KINGDOM SERVICE CONTINUES**

**Acolyte:** Jaylin Murphy

**Ushers:** Elders Ralph Sims, Terry Brantley, Castell Jackson, 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)*

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS**

Turn off and put away ALL mobile phones and any other devices with audible tones.

**REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

This is found on the end of each pew. Please sign this so that we can be in touch with you. Thanks.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT HILLSIDE**

The Worship Ministry would like members who were witnesses to the Civil Rights Movement during the 50's and 60's to attend Services during the month of FEBRUARY, because we want to have a reflection moment EACH SUNDAY (between 5-7 minutes). If you are interested, please contact Jasman Howell at 404.427.0942 OR namsaj76@hotmail.com

**NEXT STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING/ NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on THIS Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church – Atlanta (3003 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30327).

**General Assembly will be held in Baltimore June 20 – 27, 2020. Application deadline is February 15. You must be an ordained elder (active or inactive) to serve as a commissioner.**

Questions? Contact Donna Wells, PGA Clerk (404.898.0711 x123) or Deloris B-B (404.508.0832).

**ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6**

**WOMEN’S DAY PROGRAM & FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 10**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

There will be a class on Sundays for all adults during Lent. Please use one of the ballots on the credenza in the Narthex to indicate your preferred time; then, place your completed ballot inside the designated box. The time receiving majority vote will be published in a future Sunday bulletin.

**THANK YOU!**

Outreach Ministry’s appreciation to Elder Cliff McKenzie who, along with Mary Joe Dellinger from First Presbyterian-Atlanta, drove members of the Broner family to visit their brother at Wheeler Correctional Facility in Alamo, Georgia on January 12.

**PLEASE RETURN MISSING ITEMS TO PRAYER ROOM**

If you picked up some stamps or boxes of cards from the Prayer Room recently, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you. – *Intercessory Prayer Group*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBER (HOWELL) & HER HUSBAND, TYLER HOLMES**

They are the proud parents of a son, Quincy Tyler Holmes, born January 28 at 4:30 a.m. Parents and baby are home and doing well.

**GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – NEW FLOWER CHART POSTED – PICK A DATE!**

You may sign up for any of the available dates on the Flower Chart posted at the end of the long hallway/in the Narthex. After doing so, please place \$45 in the offering plate, with a designation for “[DATE flowers are to be acknowledged] Chancel flowers” on your offering envelope and/or check. To personalize your flower message for the Sunday bulletin, please forward your custom message to [hillspc@bellsouth.net](mailto:hillspc@bellsouth.net) before or by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding Wednesday. Thanks!

**PASTOR COMMUNICATION METHODS – A FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

Pastor Wilson’s “normal” office hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday and Monday. She’s also available at other times by appointment. Also, please update information you have for contacting her:

**Calls** – always welcome **404.642.0255**

**Text** – only in the event of a time sensitive, crisis situation

**New email** - [hpcpastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:hpcpastor@bellsouth.net)

**HPC voicemail** – call the church and press #1 although you may not hear that option

### **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.