

*Hillside Presbyterian Church  
Always Welcomes You!*



**March 17, 2019**

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12

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# Hillside Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2019

**Pastor:** Rev. Sylvia Wilson

**Liturgist:** Allean Brown

**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 *Give of Your Best to the Master* Organist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Organist

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PROCESSIONAL

INTROIT *Oh, The Glory of Your Presence* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please remain seated) Allean Brown

O God, who is to us a loving, faithful Father, we open ourselves this day to Your care. May Your refreshment, Your renewal, Your forgiveness, Your strength, Your hope surround those who are gathered here in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Lent is not a time for being miserable,  
but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.  
**Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.**

Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance—  
repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world,  
repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as “mere foibles.”  
**According to your loving kindness,  
remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.**

Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes—  
from defying temptations,  
from turning our face to the light that shines  
on the narrow path of Christ Jesus,  
from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.  
**Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths,  
for you are the God of my salvation and my true happiness.**

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted at <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

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\*OPENING HYMN      *We Have Come Into This House (No.174, AAHH)*      Choir/Congregation

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Allean Brown

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. So let us acknowledge those sins before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Opening Prayer)

L: Sustaining God, grant us this day  
the blessings of your faithfulness  
and your grace.

**P: Where there is hunger, give us bread.**

**Where there is thirst, give us cool water to drink.**

**Where there is loneliness, give us friendship.**

L: Forgive our transgressions and our errant ways,  
as we forgive those who transgress against us.

**P: Where we have wronged another, guide us into reconciliation.**

**And where we have been wronged, guide us on the journey of forgiveness.**

**ALL: For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen**

*(A time for quiet, personal confession)*

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The one who gives us our daily bread each day,  
blesses us with what we need  
each and every day of our lives.

The one who forgives our sins  
answers our prayers and offers us fullness of life.  
Thanks be to God!

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\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      *Gloria Patri (No. 652, AAHH)*      Choir/Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS Allean Brown

MINUTE FOR EVANGELISM Elder Faye Fikes

\*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

Allean Brown

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9 (p.157)

Cindy Weinbaum

SONG OF INSPIRATION

*King Jesus Is A-Listening*

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 11:1 -4 (pg.67 – 68)

Rev. Wilson

SERMON

Jesus Taught Us to Pray

\*RESPONSE

*The Lord's Prayer (No.663, AAHH)*

Choir/Congregation

## 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

*The Beautiful Garden of Prayer (No. 425, AAHH)*

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Christ, Our Brother and Teacher

**We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;  
who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.**

**We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,  
our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love.  
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,  
he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal;  
and so we follow him.**

**We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.**

**We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,  
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

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## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

This will begin on **Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m., and continue each Sunday thereafter** (same time) through April 21. Join us!

**SOCIAL MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY** is collecting donations of toiletries and other small items that will fit in a shoe box for the Hagar House Shelter. The Shoebox Donations will be collected each Sunday throughout the Lenten Season and presented during Easter Week. Please do not include toothbrushes for we have already received a sizable donation of those. Other toiletries such as soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, etc. are needed. Please see the list of additional acceptable items attached to the donation box in the Narthex where you may put your donations. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

## **GEORGIA JUSTICE PROJECT'S FAMILY VISITATION TRIP FOR MARCH 9**

Although, cancelled at the last minute, we would still like to express appreciation to Elder Terry Brantley from Hillside, and Ms. Lorraine Caribbean from First Presbyterian-Atlanta, for volunteering to drive members of the Flowers family to visit their brother at the Rutledge State Prison in Columbus, GA.

**REMINDER:** The Atlanta Friends for Presbyterian Heritage has its annual gathering at North Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 pm. The event is free and open to all with an interest in Presbyterian history. Contact [AtlantaFriends@phcmontreat.org](mailto:AtlantaFriends@phcmontreat.org) or call the Presbyterian Heritage Center at Montreat at 828-669-6556 if you have questions. More information can be found in the newsletter.

## **HILLSIDE FOOD PANTRY**

Standing Request for First Sundays: Please bring loaves of bread for the pantry and place them inside the baskets in front of the first pews. Canned fish will be collected throughout the Lenten Season. Please bring cans of tuna, salmon, mackerel, herring, sardines, etc. and place them inside the designated collection receptacle in the Narthex – thanks so much!

## **FOLLOW-UP FROM NURTURE GROUP SURVEY**

Nurture Groups were very active in the life of Hillside for many years. These small groups functioned as a way for people to connect and support each other. They generally met 3 or 4 times a year. The Nurture Groups have not functioned recently, but the survey indicated an interest in them. (For more information, see the Newsletter article on Nurture Groups.) We are convening a task force of people who are interested in exploring the future of Nurture Groups at Hillside. If you are interested in being a part of this task force, please complete one of the pink forms on the credenza in the Narthex and then place it inside the designated box OR; place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

## **GIVE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – 2019 FLOWER CHART POSTED**

**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. Thank you very much!**

## **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Administration, Stewardship & Finance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY, 6:00 p.m. (teleconference)

**Prayer Group:** Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. (Parlor Room)

**Christian Education:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

**Congregational Care:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)

**Social Mission:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Parlor Room)

**Stated Session Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1:00 p.m. (Session Room)

**Presbyterian Women (PW):** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Evangelism & Communication:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room)

**Worship:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12:45 p.m. (Session Room) and as needed

- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- **Chime & Handbell Rehearsals:** Chime: 4:30 p.m.; Handbell: 5:30 p.m. (BOTH rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, in the Bell Choir Room)

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### **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.