

December 31, 2017

You are
the
light
of the world

overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 557] Psalms 148

HYMN "What Child Is This" Faith & Praise No. 998

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 178] Galatians 4:4-7

SERMON Rev. Mary

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Snow Lay on the Ground" arr. by R Hughes

+OFFERING RESPONSE

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Faith & Praise No. 1012

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Good Christian Men Rejoice" J.M. Neals



Welcome Visitors – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis – See Connie Hile

2018 Offering Envelopes – The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers & Bulletins – The **2018** sign up charts for “Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship” are posted on the Narthex bulletin board.

Bethany Children's Home Thank You – The generous gifts you gave have been delivered to Bethany Children's Home. They were extremely grateful and appreciative of all the donations. Thank you to all who helped to make a brighter holiday season for the children of Bethany.

Caroling to Rev. Rogers – Following de-decorating on January 7 we will be carpooling to visit and carol to Rev. Jim Rogers. We will stop at a restaurant along the way to eat lunch. Hope you can join us!

Christmas De-decorating – Following worship on Sunday, January 7th we will take down the Christmas decorations in the church and Sunday School. If you are able, please stay for a short time to help de-decorate. Many hands make light work.

Thank you – Pastor Mary and Gary would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards and gifts.

Cutlery for Sale – The Women's Guild has Rada Cutlery for sale. Tomato knives and paring knives are just some of the items. If you are interested see guild member, Teresa Skoog.

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the month of January. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be “single serve” if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

note: items with (*) are in most need

- *Tuna To-Go
- *Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- *Ready to eat Soup (with a “pop-top”)
- *Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)

Inclement Weather & Sunday Worship – In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding the Hill Church Sunday schedule will be given in the following ways:

Church website: <http://www.stjohnhillucc.org>

Church telephone answering machine: 610-367-8114

WFMZ TV Storm Center – Broadcast Channel 69

(May be a different channel on your system)

Also, please keep in mind that power outages may affect our ability to use certain of the above resources, and the ability of some members to have access to those outlets. So we encourage church members to be in touch with one another to help spread the word about possible cancellations and changes. Thank you.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - December 31

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - January 1

Happy New Year!

Tuesday - January 2

7 pm Women's Guild Meeting

Wednesday - January 3

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - January 7

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service with
Holy Communion
De-Decorating after Worship
Carol & Visit with Rev. Rogers
after de-decorating

Monday - January 8

9 am Small Group Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday - January 9

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - January 10

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - January 13

7 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Work Day

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

- John Mauger----- recovering from surgery
- Royce Stauffer----- recovering from a stroke
- Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled
- Keith Weller -----health issues

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for December: Matt Weller & Bob Fleming

Acolyte: Brynn Wagner

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by David Mutter in memory of his father, George M. Mutter.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

2018 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 79 Sunday School: 21

Last Week's Offering: \$3,609.00

2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



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World earth
King righteousness room
world
nature fields Far
grow rocks glories
Let love sing
floods plains men let hills flow songs sorrows
repeat makes infest far sins Savior
Lord nations found curse joy ground
prepare employ every heart come
reigns thorns rules grace
prove truth
Repeat