

**January 14, 2018**

# St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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(+) *Those who are able please stand*     **Bold** - congregation responds as able

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     “Jesus Calls Us”     arr. by Ed Broughton

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to  
my God as long as I live.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in  
the Lord.**

+HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 91

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;

**Thanks be to God.**

+GLORIA PATRI

*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*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and  
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from  
God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our  
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he  
suffered death and was buried. On the third day  
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom  
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**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 241] 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

**HYMN Faith & Praise No. 389  
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 159]  
1 Corinthians 6:12-17**

**SERMON "Rise Up! – Listen" Rev. Mary**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**ANTHEM "At the Name of Jesus"**

+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 "Living for Jesus" Faith & Praise No. 676

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth" T. Birchwood



**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.

**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.

**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.

**Fundraiser** – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

**Scout’s Friendly’s Fundraiser** – Tuesday, January 23 join Hill Church Scout Troop #518 at Friendly’s in Pottstown. If you dine anytime between 5-9 pm, they will receive a portion of your check to support their activities and projects.

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

**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 - January 14**

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

**Tuesday - January 16**

6:30 pm Cemetery Board  
Audit  
7:30 pm Cemetery Board  
Meeting

**Wednesday - January 17**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - January 21**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Joyful Noise Offering  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - January 22**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study

**Tuesday - January 23**

5-9 pm Scout's Fundraiser at  
Friendly's

**Wednesday - January 24**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

"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 January: Terry Shane & Mark Hile

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Dennis & Nancy Weller

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Carey & Cheryl Anderson in honor of Andrea & Samantha's birthdays.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Elmer & Kathy Miller

Flowers: Elmer Miller

*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: 47 Sunday School: 33

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,453.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11



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*Pastor's Church Office Hours:*

*Tues., Wed & Thurs. 10 am - 12 pm*

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