

January 28, 2018

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Rhosymedre”

L. Smith

+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. 391

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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)

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only
begotten 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 hades; 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.

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 634] Isaiah 40:21-31

HYMN "Whispering Hope" Faith & Praise No. 497

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 33] Mark 1:29-39

SERMON "Rise Up! – Focus" Rev. Mary

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "New to the Heart of God" H. Livingston Jr.

+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 "Jesus Calls Us" Faith & Praise No. 399

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Rejoice with a Song" E. Broughton



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.

Large Print Bulletins – Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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

Altar Flowers & Bulletins – The **2018** sign ups are in the Narthex. There are many of dates available!

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 4 we will have our annual Souper Bowl lunch. If you want to make a soup, bring it to the kitchen before church in a crock pot, so we can all enjoy following worship (bread, crackers, dessert and drinks will be provided too). Please bring your recipe or e-mail it to Nikki (nikki@stjohnhillucc.org); we will compile all of them and make a recipe book.

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

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Boyertown Multi-Service during the month of February. Below is a list of items needed. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Ladies Deodorant
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Chef Boyardee Meals
- Spaghetti's
- Canned mixed veggies
- Apple Juice (64 oz)

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.

Reading Berks Council of Churches Christian Resource Expo – February 6, 2018 at GoggleWorks in Reading; more info at: www.readingberkschurches.org/our-ministries/christian-resource-expo

Scholarship - The DJ Wetzel Fund was established at Berks County Community Foundation in 2017 to provide scholarships to members of Berks County UCC churches. Scholarships will be awarded to members of Berks County UCC churches who are continuing their education after high school at a college or university, graduate school, vocational school, or in a life enrichment program. To be considered for this scholarship, apply at www.bccf.org between January 15th and March 15th.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - January 28

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

Monday - January 29

Annual Report Information
Due to Nikki
7 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday - January 31

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - February 4

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service
Souper Bowl Lunch after
Worship

Monday - February 5

9 am Small Group Bible
Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday - February 7

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - February 10

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.

- 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: Bob Fleming

Acolyte: Kendall Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

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: 84 Sunday School: 28

Last Week's Offering: \$2,242.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

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Pastor's Church Office Hours:

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

Elmer Miller, Organist

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