

January 7, 2018

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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Baptism of the Lord

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The Eastern Star”

S. Scott

+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

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

Faith & Praise No. 557

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 654] Isaiah 60:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 181] Ephesians 3:1-2

SERMON "Rise Up! – God is Speaking" Rev. Mary

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please hold the bread and wine until all have received. We will partake together.

Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. As the elements are distributed, please pass the tray to the center of the pew, and then back again to the Usher.

COMMUNION HYMN "Arise Shine" Faith & Praise No. 819

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "Mary Had A Baby" arr. by H. Johnson
Solo by Bob Fleming African-American Spiritual

+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 "Just A Little Talk with Jesus" Faith & Praise No. 959

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Heaven and Peace Within" arr. by R. Sawyer



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.

Holy Communion - We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

The Communion Offering which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

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 TODAY we will be carpooling to visit and carol to Rev. Jim Rogers. We will stop at a restaurant along the way to eat lunch.

Christmas De-decorating - Following worship TODAY 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.

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.

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 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

HAPPENING NEXT 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

"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: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Dottie Fronheiser & Anita Brady

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Anderson's

Flowers: Anderson's

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: 49 Sunday School: 18

Last Week's Offering: \$2,359.00
2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11



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