

**November 18, 2018**

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

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**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**November 18, 2018**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     "Variations on "Kremser""     arr. by C. Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN     Faith & Praise No. 729  
    "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

*written by Rev Gord, and posted on Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com>*

**Gracious Creator,**

**you have given us so much,**

**but too often we take those gifts for granted,**

**or as something to which we are entitled.**

**You call us to live in caring community,**

**but too often we place our wants and needs first,**

**with those of others a distant second.**

**You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,**

**but we are worried that there may not be enough,**

**and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.**

**For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,**

**for all the times we assume that we get what we have by**

**ourselves,**

**forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.**

**Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“My Tribute”

Faith & Praise No. 36

“My Tribute” words & music by Andraé Crouch, ©1971 Communiqué Music CCLI License #11085161

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the  
glory for the things He has done. With His blood  
He has saved me; With His pow’r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit,**

**As the Scriptures are read**

**and the Word is proclaimed.**

**Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,**

**and let all the other words slip away.**

**May there be one voice we hear today -**

**the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 548]

Psalms 126

ANTHEM

“Together in Thanksgiving”

S. Pethel

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 6] Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON “Seek First the Kingdom”

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

+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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY                    “Thanks Be to Thee”                    G. F. Handel

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“All Things Are Thine”                    Blue Hymnal No. 508

“All Things Are Thine” words and music by John Greenleaf Whittier ©1892 CCLI License #11085161

*All things are Thine: no gift have we, Lord of all gifts,  
to offer Thee; And hence with grateful hearts today,  
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN                    Faith & Praise No. 826

“Father, We Thank Thee”

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

For the grace and mercy of a loving God  
**For the Bible, and the wisdom we receive through the  
Holy Spirit, we give thanks.**

For God's love, God's miracles,  
**For God's presence in our lives everyday, and God's  
power, we give thanks.**

For our health, for the very breath of life,  
**And that we can still pursue our interests, we give  
thanks.**

For a free country;  
**Where we can worship God as we please, we give  
thanks.**

For our families:

**For children and parents, grandchildren and grandparents, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, we give thanks.**

For our church,

**And for the journey in growing and learning of God's Word and teachings, we give thanks.**

For all of the beauty of God's awesome Creation;

**For the four seasons; and that God granted us to be stewards of it all, we give thanks.**

For our community; the love we share with others,

**And for all the people that donate their time to serve those that can't, we give thanks.**

For friends

**For all the people, living or dead who have tried to make us better persons, we give thanks.**

For warm homes, food on the table and clothes on our backs.

**For blessings too numerous for us to count, we give thanks.**

O Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN            "Give Thanks"            Faith & Praise No. 68

+COMMISSION & BENEDECTION

+RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels  
guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE            "Thank You Lord"            D. Jernigan



- \* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- \* The weekly Communitas are available in the narthex.

**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.

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

**Community Outreach** - For November, we will be helping out Reading Berks Council of Churches. Their chaplains provide services at Berks County Jail and over Christmas they provide a chocolate treat for each inmate. They need to collect 1300 individually wrapped 1.55 oz. Hershey bars. Next trip out, pick up a bar or more and place it in the box in the Narthex. Note: ALL bars must be the same (see photo below). *If you are looking to buy lots, Amazon and Sam's have packs of 36 bars for \$20.* Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.



**Acolytes** – We are in need of acolytes...Young or young at heart. Please see Nikki if you are willing to help out.

**Christmas Eve** – The worship team and consistory are working to plan the services for Christmas Eve and would like your input on service times. Please see any consistory member or contact Nikki in the office.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** – Wednesday, November 21 at 7 pm we will be joining St. Joseph's Lutheran Church for Thanksgiving Eve worship. The joint service will be held at their church.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - November 18**

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

**Monday - November 19**

9 am Bible Study & Prayer  
Group  
Blood Drive at St. Joe's

**Tuesday - November 20**

7:30 pm Cemetery Board  
Meeting at St. Joe's

**Wednesday - November 21**

7 pm Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship at St. Joseph's

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - November 25**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
*In the pulpit: Peter Detterline*  
10:45 am Women's Guild  
Craft Fundraiser  
7 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Monday - November 26**

9 am Bible Study & Prayer  
Group

**Wednesday - November 21**

7 pm Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship at St. Joseph's

"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.*

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for November: Rick Furches & Arlan Schaeffer

Worship Assistant: Ray Kochey

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Arlan Schaeffer in memory of loved ones.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dawn & Bill Endy in memory of their parents.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Arlan Schaeffer

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: 51

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,105.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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