

**December 16, 2018**



+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"O Thou Joyful"

Blue Hymnal No. 117

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*O thou joyful, O thou wonderful Grace revealing  
Christmas-tide! Jesus came to win us From all sin  
within us: Glorify, glorify the Holy Child!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Readings

Welcome read by Tre Dolansky

Baby Jesus read by Gavin Bender & Maddy Bender

Why do we have Christmas day? read by Zach Weller

Why do church bells ring? read by Jacob Weller

Nursery Class: Amy Anhalt, Noah Anhalt, Juliana

Weller, Macy Weller

Song "If You Know That Christ was Born"

The Greatest Gift of All read by Lisa Anhalt

A Christmas Prayer read by Samantha Jo Dolansky

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Gesù Bambino" arr. J. Calkins

+OFFERING RESPONSE "In the Bleak Midwinter"

"In the Bleak Midwinter" words by C. Rossetti, Music by G. Holst ©1906 CCLI License #11085161

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a  
shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise  
Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him;  
my heart.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CANTATA

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+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 “An Acclamation of Joy” D. Paxton



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

*Join us following the worship today in the basement for a  
visit and gift from a special guest and also upstairs for a  
luncheon.*

## Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24, 2018

7 pm & 9 pm

*Traditional service with Carols, Scriptures & Holy Communion*



# JESUS!

## THE ADVENT OF THE MESSIAH

*By Mary McDonald & Rose Aspinall*

Overture and Christmas Gloria!

The Gathering

God with Us to Dwell

*Solo: Kristen Bender*

Underscore 1: Heavenly Peace

Heavenly Peace

He Is Born

Born a Mighty King

Underscore 2: There Is Room

There Is Room

*Solo: Eileen Fisher*

Jesus! High and Holy One

### Cantata Participants

#### **Soprano**

Kristen Bender  
Dottie Fronheiser  
Paige Fonheiser  
Linda Mauger  
Sonya Moyer  
Gloria Romig  
Sally Shirk  
Dorothy Wagner

#### **Alto**

Eileen Fisher  
Clara Shakespeare

#### **Baritone**

Jan Fisher  
Rick Furches  
Bunny Hare  
Brian Schaeffer

#### **Narrators**

Carey & Cheryl Anderson  
Ray Kochey  
Jane Prutzman



#### **Sound Technician**

Nikki Weller

*Special thanks to all the participants in this morning's Worship Service. My sincere gratitude extends to all! May you have a Blessed Christmas. God Bless! ~Elmer Miller*

**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

**Apple Dumpling Sale!** Prebaked and individually wrapped - \$4.00 each. The scouts will take orders after church TODAY. Pick up will be after church on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Bill Richmond at 484-624-9503. The boys will make \$1.25 per apple dumpling. Thank you in advance for all your support of Hill Church Troop 518.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** – The envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

**Altar Flowers & Bulletins** – The **2019** sign up charts for “Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship” are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins. As always, we greatly appreciate and need your stewardship. When signing up, please include with your name, how you would like the “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” to appear in the bulletin. Thank you!

**Christmas Caroling** – We are planning to go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins TODAY following the luncheon. Please be sure to join us to share the Christmas Spirit with those who are not able to come to church. After caroling, we are invited to Terry & Mayetta Shane’s home for some refreshments.

**Newsletter Deadline** – Today, December 16 is the January newsletter deadline. Please submit your information to Nikki ([nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org)) by this evening. Thanks!

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - December 16**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
with Cantata & Children’s  
Program  
Special Guest & Luncheon  
following Worship  
1 pm Caroling to our Shut-ins

**Monday - December 17**

9 am Bible Study & Prayer  
Group at Elmer Miller’s home

**Wednesday - December 19**

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - December 23**

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

**Monday - December 24**

7 & 9 pm Christmas Eve  
Worship

**Wednesday - December 26**

No 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.*

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

## **Serving Today**

Consistory Helpers for December: Clarence Weller & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Arlan Schaeffer

This week's flowers are sponsored by Matt & Kira Weller in honor of Jake's birthday.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Jan & Eileen Fisher in honor of their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

Flowers: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

*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: 65

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,605.00

*Also in this week's offering was a \$10,000 donation  
from the estate of Bob Fleming.*

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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