

**February 4, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Communion Prayer”                      S. Riggs

+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                      “Lord Speak to Me”                      Faith & Praise No. 256

## 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 172]  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 33] Mark 1:21-28

SERMON "Rise Up! – Answer" 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 Faith & Praise No. 341  
"Here O My Lord"

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "We Gather at Your Table" W. Ehret

+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

Faith & Praise No. 286

“Who is on the Lord’s Side”

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Arise Toward the Light” 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.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Large print bulletins are available 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.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** – Join us today after worship for a delicious soup lunch in the upstairs Sunday School rooms. Soup pots or baskets will be available in the Narthex or kitchen if you would like to make a donation for the Boyertown Salvation Army. We will compile all of the recipes from the different soups and make a recipe book.

**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.

**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
- Spaghettio’s
- Canned mixed veggies
- Apple Juice (64 oz)

**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](http://www.readingberkschurches.org/our-ministries/christian-resource-expo)

**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.

**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](http://www.bccf.org) between January 15th and March 15th.

**Quilters Needed** – The Oley Valley Ministerium has begun plans for a special Fall worship service around the theme, "ThanksLiving." The gathering will focus on the gifts and talents of our Oley Valley community including the presentation of a special quilt designed and produced by quilters from our churches. We invite the quilters of the congregation to an initial, getting-to-know-each-other meeting to be held on Monday, February 12th at 11:30am at Salem UCC on Covered Bridge Road. Please let Nikki know if you plan on attending so she can let the ministerium know to expect you.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 4**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
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

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 11**

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

**Tuesday - February 13**

7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday - February 14**

7 pm Ash Wednesday  
Worship with Holy  
Communion  
7:45 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.*

- Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled
- Keith Weller ----- health issues
- George Benjamin Sr. -----recovering at home

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Terry Shane & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Acolyte: Austin Kolb

Nursery Caregivers: Mark & Connie Hile

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Happy Valentine's Day

Flowers: Happy Valentine's Day

*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: 61 Sunday School: 21

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,846.00

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*

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