

**May 20, 2018**

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

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

610-367-8114 · [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org)

**Pentecost**

**May 20, 2018**

---

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “God’s Hands”                      Johnny Cash

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN                      “Love Divine”                      Blue Hymnal No. 272

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty and most merciful God, We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desire of our own hearts. We have offended against your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy on miserable offenders. Please spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Please spare those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your Holy name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+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*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Congregation respond when asked:* **With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that this child surrounded by steadfast love may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 112]

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM

L. Smith

*"Come, Holy Spirit, Fill with Power"*

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 105]

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SERMON

*"A Godly Surprise"*

Rev. 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.**

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Fill Me Now" arr. by L. Smith

+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

+COMMUNION HYMN Blue Hymnal No. 338  
"According to Thy Gracious Word"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord God!

**It is good that we do!**

We give you thanks, Lord God, creator and Father, for  
bringing the worlds into being, for forming all  
persons in your likeness, for recalling us when we  
rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your  
steadfast love.

**We praise you especially for Jesus Christ, who was  
born of Mary and lived as one of us; Who knew**

**exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross.**

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things.

**We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life.**

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your Holy name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy. God of love and majesty, the whole world speaks of your glory, O God, most high!**

Grant O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us a means of grace; that receiving them we may be made one with Christ and he with us, and remain members of His body, until we feast with Him anew in His kingdom.

**In the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*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.*

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 280

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

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

+POSTLUDE      "Spirit of God, Defend Us"      R. Wilson



**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 mature 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.



Being baptized today is Audrey Marie Moyer.  
Daughter of Andrew & Jennifer Moyer; sister to  
Wesley.

**Summer Sunday School** – We are in need of volunteers to do a short children’s lesson during church or teach a Sunday School class for the kids. Sunday School will be held during the 9:30 am worship service. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up in the Sunday School hallway or contact Nikki.

**Graduation Sunday** – On Sunday, June 10th, we will be recognizing Hill Church graduates. If you are aware of someone connected to Hill Church who will be graduating from high school, college, or making another significant move (such as from middle school to high school), please contact the church office so we can be sure to include them. Thank you for helping us with this. And be sure to attend worship on June 10th when we will be honoring and praying for our graduates.

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

**Church Treasurer** – Wendy Shane will be resigning as treasurer of Hill Church at the end of 2018. We are now accepting applications to fill this position in order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

**Annual Ham Supper** – Thank you to everyone who helped support the supper! We are asking for your help one more time tomorrow, May 21 at 6 pm to clean up, move supplies back to church. Thank you for lending a helping hand.

**VBS** – It is time to think Summer!! VBS is in the works and planning stages. Mark your calendars for June 11-14 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and is also available online.

**VBS Donations** – The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Rope (all different weights)
- Old Trunks & Suitcases
- Stuffed Monkeys, Parrots, Snakes
- Mardi Gras Necklaces
- Large Crates & Wooden Boxes
- Fishing Nets
- Lanterns
- Boat Oars
- Fake Greens/Ferns

**Donations Needed** – Matt Hinkle is going on a mission trip to Africa and is asking for donations of items to take with him. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place the items. Please bring all items by June 3. Items needed are: *Medical:* over the counter medications (adult & kids), band aids, medicated ointments, blood pressure monitors, thermometers, gloves, *School:* paper, pens, pencils, erasers, colored pens & pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue, scissors, rulers, tape.



***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - May 20**

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

**Monday - May 21**

9 am Small Group Bible Study  
6 pm Supper Clean Up

**Wednesday - May 23**

No Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - May 27**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
11 am Memorial Service in Cemetery with St. Joe's

**Monday - May 28**

NO Small Group Bible Study

**Wednesday - May 30**

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.*

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

Wendy Hess (Friend of Cheryl Graber's) -----  
-----in nursing ctr recovering from brain aneurism

Jack Eachus (Connie Hile's Dad) -----on hospice care

Russ Weller ----- recovering from heart attack

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for May: Bob Fleming & David Mutter

Worship Assistant: Linda Mauger

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

This week's flowers are sponsored by Joel & Nikki Weller in honor of Macy's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Helen Dotterer in memory of loved ones.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Paul & Sally Shirk

*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: 78 Sunday School: 24

---

Last Week's Offering: \$2,421.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

†

**Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor**

215-896-0196 e-mail: chuckmaxfield@gmail.com

**Elmer Miller, Organist**

610-367-5613 e-mail: elmerhm@dejazzd.com

**Nikki Weller, Secretary**

610-367-8114 e-mail: nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

*Nikki's Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 12:30 - 4pm*

**Wendy Shane, Treasurer**

610-468-9772 e-mail: niah4444@dejazzd.com