

**January 13, 2019**

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

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## **The Baptism of Christ Sunday      January 13, 2019**

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      "The Lord Is My Shepherd"      J. Denton

### CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN      "He Has Made Me Glad"      Faith & Praise No. 103  
*Sing 2 times*

### +CALL TO CONFESSION

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord, forgive:**

**Our choosing the worse when we know the better;**

**our failure to apply to ourselves**

**the standards of conduct we demand of others;**

**our blindness to the sufferings of others**

**and our slowness to be taught by our own;**

**our complacency towards wrongs that do not affect us**

**and our over sensitiveness to those that do;**

**our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in  
ourselves;**

**our hardness of heart towards our neighbor's faults**

**and our readiness to make allowance for our own.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### +SILENT CONFESSION

### +WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Something Beautiful"

Faith & Praise No. 571

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*Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was  
brokenness and strife, But He made something  
beautiful of my life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Calm us now, O Lord,  
into a quietness that heals and listens.  
Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word.  
Speak to us in clear tones  
so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy  
and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses.  
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 637]

Isaiah 43:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

[NT page 57]

SERMON

"You are God's Child"

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

ANTHEM “As with Gladness Men of Old” arr. R. Hughes

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“Glorify Thy Name”

Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN “As the Deer” Faith & Praise No. 71

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 130

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

+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 “Processional for the New Year” G. Blake



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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**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

**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!

**Hoagie Sale** – The first hoagie sale of 2019 is here...10% of proceeds will be donated to Hill Church. St. Paul's in Birdsboro uses the other proceeds to support the yearly mission trip in July. Order forms are in the bulletin.

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi-Service Food Pantry during the month of January. Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry and the hearts of their clients. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bath/Shower Soap (bars or liquid)
- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap

**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 13**

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Team

Meeting

**Monday - January 14**

9 am Bible Study

**Tuesday - January 15**

6:30 pm Cemetery Audit

7:30 pm Cemetery Meeting

**Wednesday - January 16**

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - January 20**

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

Joyful Noise Offering

Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - January 21**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - January 23**

7 pm 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 January: Terry Shane & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Kira & Matt Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Alex Schollenberger's 25 birthday from his grandmother Marie Schollenberger.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Elmer Miller

Flowers: Elmer Miller

*2019 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: 50

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Last Week's Offering: \$6,044.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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