

**October 20, 2019**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 20, 2019**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN     “Sweet Hour of Prayer”     Faith & Praise No. 827

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4291/worship-elements-october-20-2019>

**From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord,**

**we want to know you;**

**we yearn to follow where you lead us;**

**we need your guidance.**

**But even as we listen for your direction,**

**other voices compete for our attention**

**with teachings that suit our desires.**

**Our thoughts drift so far from your truth,  
that fables and fancies begin to seem real.**

**Holy One,**

**open our hearts and minds.**

**By your Spirit,**

**convince, rebuke, and encourage us**

**as only you can;**

**teach, correct, and inspire us**

**in the ways of your salvation. 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 547] Psalm 121

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 77] Luke 18:1-8

SERMON Pastor Chuck Maxfield  
"Does God hear our prayers?"

+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

"Morning Prayer"

E. Broughton

+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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

*(sing 2 times)*

Faith & Praise No. 692

"Change My Heart, O God"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faith & Praise No. 57

+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

"Praise Be To God"

M. Powers



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

\* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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## ***November Sponsorship Opportunities***

Altar Flowers: 24

Bulletins: 10

*If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.*

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

**Community Outreach Collection** - During the month of October we will be collecting gently used and new shoes. These can be for boys, girls, teens, men & women and any size from baby to adults (larger and wide sizes are greatly appreciated). The shoes will go to local families in need through In Ian's Boots. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please contact Nikki in the church office.

**Wreaths Across America** - This event will be held in Boyertown on December 14th at noon at Fairview Cemetery. Please come volunteer and go online to sponsor a wreath. Wreaths are \$15 each. Fairview has 710 veterans, so please sponsor today through the website ([www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)) and search our location: Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown, PA. Any questions please contact Ray and Tracy Kochey

**Soda Tab Collection** - You see them every time you open up a soft drink or soup, sometimes even find them when you feed your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a BIG impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House. Join us as we support The Thrivent Member Network's Pop Tab Collection Challenge! It's Simple - Pop Them! - Find A Tab & Pop It, Drop Them! - in The Collection Box located in the Narthex and Sunday School hallway. Make An Impact ... Start Collecting Today!

## ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Dinner served 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold until 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$12.00 Children 3-10 years \$6.50

Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Traditional Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings, dessert & beverage

**Wednesday, October 30 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Move supplies from church to dining hall, general prep work

**Thursday, October 31 @ 7:00 a.m.** – Roast Turkeys, wash dishes, clean dining hall

**Friday, November 1 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Peel potatoes, prepare pepper cabbage, slice meat

**Saturday, November 2 @ 7:00 a.m.** – Prepare Potato filling, Hill Church beans and take outs

**Monday November 4 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Move supplies from dining hall to church attic and winterize the dining hall.

***Donations of baked goods are needed and greatly appreciated.***

Proceeds from the Turkey Supper are used to maintain our properties and do the work of the church. Do not miss this opportunity to join in the fun and be a part of this tradition!

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - October 20**

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

**Monday - October 21**

9 am Bible Study  
7 pm Bible Study

**Wednesday - October 16**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - October 27**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Reformation Sunday  
7 pm Bible Study

**Monday - October 28**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - October 30**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata 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

Martha Snyder ----- Thanks for the cards and prayers

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for October: Terry Shane & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick & Linda Furches.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dale & Dottie Fronheiser.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

Flowers: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

*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: 48

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,903.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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