

**November 10, 2019**

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

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      November 10, 2019**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      "Autumn Pastels"                      M. Bartlett

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" Faith & Praise No. 297

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4369/worship-connection-november-10-2019>

**Faithful God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We want your immediate intervention; and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should be, we are quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see the "big picture" of your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to you, O Lord. Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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 479] Psalm 17:1-9

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 80] Luke 20:27-38

SERMON “God of the Living” Rev. Charles 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

“God is So Good”

D. Wagner

+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

Faith & Praise No. 1022

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

HONORING OUR VETERANS (responsive)

<https://reformjudaism.org/practice/prayers-blessings/veterans-day-prayer>

Compassionate God, Source of Mercy, we pay tribute to those who have served our country, to express our gratitude for their courage and selflessness, both those among us today and those of generations past. This nation, built by those born of this soil and those who have come here from all the corners of the earth, is on a continual journey toward its destiny.

**May we never let down those who have served in defense of this country.**

May we uphold the values of freedom, of the inherent dignity of every human being, by our own right conduct, by the kindness and tolerance we show to one another.

**May we lead the world by example, and become, in the words of Isaiah, a light to the nations.**

Then will the labors and sacrifices of these veterans be honored not in words alone, but by our deeds.

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"Because He Lives"

Faith & Praise No. 464

+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

"Recessional"

H. Turner



\* 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

*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

**Angel Tree Community Outreach Collection** - The Angel Tree is up in the Narthex. Please take a tag or 2 and purchase the new item requested and bring it back unwrapped and place it in the red box in the Narthex. All gifts need to be back by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we are helping a few families in Boyertown make Christmas special for their kids.

**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! We will collect tabs through the month of November.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** – Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm we will be having a joint worship service with St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church. The service will be at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - November 10**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Consistory Meeting  
10:30 am Women’s Guild Meeting

**Monday - November 11**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - November 13**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - November 17**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Joyful Noise Offering  
10:30 am Sunday School Meeting  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - November 18**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - November 20**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Joint 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

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for November: Sally Shirk & Clarence Weller

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

This week's flowers are sponsored by Edie Krause & Family in loving memory of Charlene (Krause) Deery.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dawn & Bill Endy in memory of our parents.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Arlan Schaeffer

Flowers: Arlan Schaeffer

*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: 58

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,920.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,744.29

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