

**November 3, 2019**

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

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**All Saints Sunday**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN        "For All the Saints"        Blue Hymnal No. 418

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess  
that in the thoughts of our minds,  
in the desires of our hearts,  
in the words of our lips,  
and in the deed we have done,  
we have sinned against you.  
We acknowledge our sins of omission and negligence:  
the duties we have shirked,  
the opportunities we have missed,  
the words of encouragement  
and witness we have not spoken,  
the deed of helpfulness  
and love we have not performed.  
We are truly sorry for every way in which we have  
displeased you.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins,  
as we freely forgive those who have sinned against us.

Cleanse our hearts and so strengthen us by your  
Holy Spirit,  
that we may from now on,  
walk in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Something Beautiful"

Faith & Praise No. 571

"Something Beautiful" words by Gloria Gaither, music by William Gaither ©1971 William J. Gaither  
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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)

**Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word  
with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can  
be captivated by correctness, intent on right  
answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God,  
do not let your desire for information dominate  
our need for transformation. Let us hear the word  
and be moved to greater faith and obedience.  
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 599] Isaiah 1:10-18

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 78] Luke 19:1-10

SERMON "Unexpected Saints" 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 "Headin' for the Promised Land" N. Sleeth

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins  
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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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN

See Insert

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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:

SERAPHIC HYMN (sung)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

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

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*This morning we will receive the Communion Elements by coming to the Communion Table. The servers will escort worshippers to the front of the sanctuary. Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. Please partake of each element as you receive it.*

+HYMN "Faith of our Fathers" Blue Hymnal No. 282

+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 "Fight the Good Fight" R. Wilson



- \* 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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**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.

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

**Community Outreach Collection** - Look for our angel tree in the Narthex next week. We will be sponsoring a few kids through Boyertown Salvation Army and Boyertown Multi-Service. Please bring new, unwrapped gifts back to the church and place them in the red bin in the Narthex. More details when the tree is up. Any questions, see 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! We will collect tabs through the month of November.

**Office Hours** - Please note Nikki will be out of the office October 31-November 5. While away, Nikki will check phone messages and e-mails.

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

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 The Sacred Harp, 1844  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - November 3**

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

**Monday - November 4**

9 am Bible Study  
6 pm Turkey Supper  
Clean Up

**Wednesday - November 6**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT 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

“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: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

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

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Teresa Skoog in memory of loved ones.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Edie Krause & Family

*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: 47

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,920.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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