

**January 12, 2020**

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

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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**Baptism of Christ Sunday**

**January 12, 2020**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     "Gentle, Holy Savior"     arr. E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN     Blue Hymnal No. 193  
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

+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)

**Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of  
your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our  
minds and hearts that we may understand and  
embrace the message of the Scripture. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 636] Isaiah 42:1-9

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 3] Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON “Water & the Spirit” 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

“Living Water”

A. Kissiday

+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

Blue Hymnal No. 192

"Gracious spirit Dwell with Me"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell"

See Bulletin

+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

"A New Year Dawn"

H. Turner



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

\* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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## ***February Sponsorship Opportunities***

Bulletins: 2

Flowers: 2, 16

*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** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Salvation Army 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.

- Cereal
- Cereal Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars

**Scrapbook Saturday** – The Women's Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Minimum table size is 4'x2 ½'. Cost is \$25 payable to St. John (Hill) Women's Guild which includes one meal. Food will also be available for purchase. Registration form available on church website at [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org). Complete form and return to St. John (Hill) UCC, 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 Attn: Scrapbook Saturday by March 1, 2020. For additional information, contact Tracy Kochey at 610.473.0322 or Nancy Weller at 610.367.7704.

**Inclement Weather** – In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding 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)

## We've a Story to Tell

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H. ERNEST NICHOL, 1862-1928

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their  
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their  
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions—That the Lord who  
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A  
 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And  
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And  
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.  
 shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.  
 show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.  
 come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

## CHORUS

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - January 12**

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

**Monday - January 13**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - January 15**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - January 19**

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

**Monday - January 20**

9 am Bible Study

**Wednesday - January 22**

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) ----- health issues

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for January: Sally Shirk & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Carey & Cheryl Anderson in honor of Andrea & Samantha's birthdays.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Elmer & Kathy Miller

Flowers: Elmer & Kathy Miller

*2020 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: 59

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Last Week's Offering: \$3,520.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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