

9:30 am

December 24, 2017

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer and Words of Consecration

Receiving the Elements

The congregation sings carols while the bread is distributed.

Carols “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
 “‘It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Receiving the Elements

The congregation sings carols while the wine is distributed.

Carols “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Receiving the Elements

The congregation sings carols while the empty wine cups are collected.

Carols “The First Noel”
 “‘Away In A Manger”

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM “Sing Gloria” L. Larson

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All
that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+CAROL “Joy to the World”

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. by E. Broughton



O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations mild, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of
Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

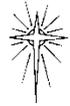


It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men From heaven's all gracious
King."

The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hasting on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own The Prince of Peace
their King,
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels
sing.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria
in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, our newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.



THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's
night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon their
knee,
And offered there in His presence Their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.



AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid
down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord
Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.



JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing; and heaven and heaven and nature
sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations
prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love. And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Poinsettias Have Been Sponsored By:

*Mr. & Mrs. Jan J. Fisher in memory of both their
parents: Wilmer & Laura Fisher and Earnest & Amy
Bechtel*

Richard & Mary Jane Kemp in memory of loved ones

*Pastor Mary Lake-Dillensnyder in memory of Ray &
Doris Dillensnyder & Betty & Allen Lake*

Linda & John Mauger in memory of our parents

Elmer & Kathy Miller in memory of loved ones

*David S. Mutter in memory of his father, George M.
Mutter*

*Robert & Clara Shakespeare in memory of their dear
friend, Marilyn Frycklund*

Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of their grandchildren

Tyler & Wendy Shane in memory of loved ones

Brynn & Kyah Wagner in memory of Pop-Pop Shiban

*Wagner Family in memory of Melvin & Emma Reichert
& Elmer & Florence Miller*

Dennis & Nancy Weller in memory of loved ones



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.

Communitas – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

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

2018 Offering Envelopes – The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers & Bulletins – The **2018** sign up charts for “Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship” are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins (note the price increase for flowers). 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!

Bethany Children's Home Thank You – The generous gifts you gave have been delivered to Bethany Children's Home. They were extremely grateful and appreciative of all the donations. Thank you to all who helped to make a brighter holiday season for the children of Bethany.

Caroling to Rev. Rogers – Following de-decorating on January 7 we will be carpooling to visit and carol to Rev. Jim Rogers. We will stop at a restaurant along the way to eat lunch. Hope you can join us!

Christmas De-decorating – Following worship on Sunday, January 7th we will take down the Christmas decorations in the church and Sunday School. If you are able, please stay for a short time to help de-decorate. Many hands make light work.

Thank you – Pastor Mary and Gary would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards and gifts.

Cutlery for Sale – The Women’s Guild has Rada Cutlery for sale. Tomato knives and paring knives are just some of the items. If you are interested see guild member, Teresa Skoog.

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the month of January. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be “single serve” if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

note: items with (*) are in most need

- *Tuna To-Go
- *Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- *Ready to eat Soup (must have a “pop-top”)
- *Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)

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.

Thank you – We would like to thank the Wagner family for their donation of the beautiful Christmas tree for the Sanctuary.



Merry
Christmas

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - December 24

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service
7 pm Christmas Eve Worship
10 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday - December 25

Merry Christmas!

Wednesday - December 27

No Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - December 31

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

Monday - January 1

Happy New Year!

Tuesday - January 2

7 pm Women's Guild Meeting

Wednesday - January 3

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.

- John Mauger----- recovering from surgery
- Royce Stauffer----- recovering from a stroke
- Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for December: Matt Weller & Bob Fleming

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Arlan Schaeffer in memory of loved ones.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: David Mutter

Flowers: David Mutter

2018 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.



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