

November 4, 2018

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 “For All the Saints” V. Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Lead, Kindly Light” Blue Hymnal No. 315

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and most merciful God our heavenly

Father, we humble ourselves before thee, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have graciously sinned against thee, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of thy glory, we have broken thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon thee with penitent hearts, and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins; take away our guilt; and grant us thy peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 619]

Isaiah 25:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 100] John 11:32-33

SERMON “Rejoice & Be Glad” Pastor Chuck 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.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE FOR PASTOR JAMES ROGERS

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE IN HONOR OF
PASTOR JAMES ROGERS

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Song of the Saints”

P. Choplin

+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.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 338

“According to Thy Gracious Word”

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy. God of love and majesty, the whole
world speaks of your glory, O God, most high!**

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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 “This Little Light of Mine”

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine,
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Won't let satin blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Won't let satin blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Shine all over Hill Church, I'm gonna let it shine,
Shine all over Hill Church, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

+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" arr. by R. Wilson



- * Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- * The weekly Communitas are available in the narthex.

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.

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

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.

Church Treasurer – We are now accepting applications to fill this position in order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

Blood Drive – The November 2018 Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 19 in order to accommodate the St. Joseph's Daycare Thanksgiving program. This is a change from the typical third Tuesday schedule.

Community Outreach - For November, we will be helping out Reading Berks Council of Churches. Their chaplains provide services at Berks County Jail and over Christmas they provide a chocolate treat for each inmate. They need to collect 1300 individually wrapped 1.55 oz. Hershey bars. Next trip out, pick up a bar or more and place it in the box in the Narthex. Note: ALL bars must be the same (see photo below). *If you are looking to buy lots, Amazon and Sam's have packs of 36 bars for \$20.* Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.



Thank You – We received a thank you letter from Operation Backpack for the food donations we collected. The donations filled approx. 65 backpacks!

Acolytes – We are in need of acolytes...Young or young at heart. Please see Nikki if you are willing to help out.

Christmas Eve – The worship team and consistory are working to plan the services for Christmas Eve and would like your input on service times. Please see any consistory member or contact Nikki in the office.

Women's Guild Fundraiser - Join us on Sunday, November 25th for some fun and crafting!!! We are hosting a "fun" fundraiser through Susie Camm from Make and Take and will be making a wooden pallet "BELIEVE" sign. The sign can be used as either an inside or outside decoration or used as a gift. (they will all have an outside finish placed on them). No worries - Signs will be stenciled in. All you need do is to paint within the lines and have fun!! Price is \$35.00. We will lunch at church before we craft. Crafting will begin at noon and end around 1:30. All church members, family or guests are invited. Register with Nancy Weller by November 11. Below is a sample of our craft.



Turkey Supper - Thank you to all who helped out yester and in the days prepping the dining hall. We need your help one more time on **Monday November 5 @ 6:00 p.m.** to move supplies from dining hall to church attic and winterize the dining hall.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - November 4

All Saints Sunday - honoring the late Rev. Rogers

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - November 5

9 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

6 pm Supper Clean-up

Wednesday - November 7

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - November 11

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - November 12

9 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Tuesday - November 13

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - November 7

7 pm 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: Rick Furches & Arlan Schaeffer

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's flowers are sponsored by Linda Mauger in honor of our wedding anniversary.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Teresa Skoog in honor of her son's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Edie Krause & family

Flowers: Jane & Steve Prutzman

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.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 44

Last Week's Offering: \$2,402.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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All Saints Offering

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,..."
— William W. How

The first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday. We celebrate long ago saints and those we know as saints today; people who inspired **us by grit and determination to "keep on trying."** Many of these people are pastors whose lives shaped and influenced our own.

Some of our PSEC pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because their retirement income is low, the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference supplement the cost of their health benefits.

The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ administers these supplemental gifts according to whomever has the greatest need. Last year your gifts provided \$3,658 to meet the Conference's \$7,434 commitment to the 9 pastors, spouses, and widows who received health and dental insurance assistance.

Join with our Conference churches this year to send **a message of care and support to those Saints** among us who have served the church so well in past years!

Please place your contribution for the 2018 All Saints offering in an envelope marked "All Saints."

Blessings

