

**December 9, 2018**



+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“O Thou Joyful”

Blue Hymnal No. 117

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*O thou joyful, O thou wonderful Grace revealing  
Christmas-tide! Jesus came to win us From all sin  
within us: Glorify, glorify the Holy Child!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures  
to be written for our learning;  
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,  
and inwardly ingest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us  
in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 184]

Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-20

[NT page 56]

SERMON

“Overflowing Love”

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Sleepers Awake”

L. Larson

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

“In the Bleak Midwinter” words by C. Rossetti, Music by G. Holst ©1906 CCLI License #11085161

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a  
shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise  
Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him;  
my heart.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 100

“O How Shall I Receive Thee”

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 89

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

+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

“Flying Wide the Door”

arr. H. Balcombe



\* 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.

**Be sure to join us NEXT SUNDAY, December 16 for our annual Children's Program, Cantata, Special Guest, Luncheon and Caroling!**

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

**Apple Dumpling Sale!** Prebaked and individually wrapped - \$4.00 each. The scouts will take orders after church on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be after church on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Bill Richmond at 484-624-9503. The boys will make \$1.25 per apple dumpling. Thank you in advance for all your support of Hill Church Troop 518.

**Angel Tree** – Angel Tree gifts are due today. Thank you for making someone's Christmas brighter.

**Readers Needed** – For the Advent season we are looking for 3 families to help with the advent wreath one Sunday. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Nikki.

**Congregational Meeting** – There will be a congregational meeting TODAY after church to review and hopefully approve the budget for 2019.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** – The envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

**Altar Flowers & Bulletins** – The **2019** sign up charts for "Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship" are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins. 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!

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - December 9**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
2019 Budget Meeting after  
worship  
7 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Monday - December 10**

9 am Bible Study & Prayer  
Group

**Tuesday - December 11**

7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday - December 12**

7 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - December 16**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service  
with Cantata & Children's  
Program  
Special Guest & Luncheon  
following Worship  
1 pm Caroling to our Shut-ins

**Monday - December 17**

9 am Bible Study & Prayer  
Group

**Wednesday - December 19**

7 pm 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) ----- disabled

Family of Wilhelm Roscher ----- passed away last week

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for December: Clarence Weller & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored in memory of Wilhelm Roscher.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Jan & Eileen Fisher

Flowers: Matt & Kira Weller

*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: 65

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Last Week's Offering: \$3,105.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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