

**February 18, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “You Raise Me Up”                      by Selah

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast  
love;

**According to your abundant mercy blot out my  
transgressions.**

+PRAISE SONG              “You Are My All in All”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;  
**Thanks be to God.**

+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*

+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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 7] Genesis 9:8-17

HYMN Faith & Praise No. 800  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 221] 1 Peter 3:18-22

SERMON Rev. Mary

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sonata in F Minor" arr. by. T. Chesterton

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

+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

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

+PRAISE SONG "God on the Mountain"

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Go Forth in Triumph"

F. Ritter



**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.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – The annual congregational meeting will be held February 25th during the worship service.

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

**Altar Flowers & Bulletins** – The **2018** sign ups are in the Narthex. There are many of dates available!

**Fundraiser** – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

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

**Help Needed** – Many of you may remember Linda Frack. She was a member of Hill Church who has returned, assisting the past few years at the suppers and other events. Linda is moving to an apartment in St. Luke's Knoll in Gilbertsville. She has requested help moving on Saturday, February 17th. We are seeking volunteers to assist. Time will be flexible depending on volunteers. We are hoping to complete in 3-4 hours. Contact Connie or Mark Hile for details. Please find this in your heart to extend your faith in deeds.

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for Boyertown Multi-Service during the month of February. Below is a list of items needed. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Ladies Deodorant
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Chef Boyardee Meals
- Spaghetti's
- Canned mixed veggies
- Apple Juice (64 oz)

**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.

**Scholarship** – The DJ Wetzel Fund was established at Berks County Community Foundation in 2017 to provide scholarships to members of Berks County UCC churches. Scholarships will be awarded to members of Berks County UCC churches who are continuing their education after high school at a college or university, graduate school, vocational school, or in a life enrichment program. To be considered for this scholarship, apply at [www.bccf.org](http://www.bccf.org) between January 15th and March 15th.

**Newsletter Deadline** – The March newsletter deadline is TODAY, 2/18. Please submit all your information to [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org)

**Once Upon a Prom** – Will be hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman's Club on March 3, 4, and 10, 11 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 400 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. The event will be held at the Miracles in Motion Studio in Gilbertsville. Girls are invited to take a dress home, donations are optional and any monetary donations collected will benefit our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories contact Anita Zuber (610-858-6796) or Chris Karver (610-367-7735).

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 18**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service w/  
Joyful Noise Offering  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - February 19**

9 am Small Group Bible  
Study

**Wednesday - February 21**

6 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Lent Worship at St.  
Joseph's Lutheran Church

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - February 25**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service &  
Annual Congregational  
Meeting

**Wednesday - February 28**

7 pm Lent Worship & Study  
7:45 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) ----- disabled

Keith Weller ----- health issues

George Benjamin Sr. -----recovering at home

Bradlee Benjamin -----recovering from knee surgery

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Terry Shane & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Acolyte: Samantha Jo Dolansky

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick & Linda Furches in honor of Chris' birthday.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Zach Weller in honor of Daddy's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Ray & Tracy Kochey

*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: 62 Sunday School: 18

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,887.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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**Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor**

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