

February 25, 2018

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “O Lord of Life” arr. by L. Smith

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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

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

+HYMN “Fairest Lord Jesus” Blue Hymnal No. 182

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*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 42] Mark 9:2-9

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM “God Is So Good” L. Smith

+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

+HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" See Insert

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Classical Postlude" R. Hughes



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.

Scout Sunday – Today we welcome Hill Church Scout Troop #518 as our greeters and ushers. The scouts are: Matt & Kyle Conrad, Matt & Nathan Woody, Ben Haughy, & Will Davis

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

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

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

Cemetery Flowers – Please remove all flower arrangements from the cemetery by Sunday, March 18. If not removed by that date, cemetery personnel will remove flowers. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Boyertown Multi-Service during the month of March. 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
- Jelly
- Bars of Soap

Souper Bowl Recipes – Remember all those yummy soups we enjoyed a few weeks ago? The recipes have been compiled and are available for you in the narthex.

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 between January 15th and March 15th.

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).

Be Thou My Vision

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Irish hymn, c. 8th century

SLANE

Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Irish melody

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

1. Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart- Nought be all
2. Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word- I ev-er
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise- Thou mine in-
4. High King of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won, May I reach

else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa-ther,
her-it-ance, now and al-ways; Thou and Thou on-ly,
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night- Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.
I Thy true son- Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.
first in my heart- High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.
ev-er be-fall, Still be my Vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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HAPPENING THIS 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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - March 4

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Monday - March 5

9 am Small Group Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday - March 6

6 pm Women's Guild
Meeting at Dryville Hotel

Wednesday - March 7

7 pm Lent Worship & Study
7:45 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - March 10

7 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Workday

"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

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

Bradlee Benjamin-----recovering from knee surgery

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Terry Shane & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Acolyte:

Nursery Caregivers: Connie Hile & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Ray & Tracy Kochey.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of their granddaughter Olivia's 10th birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Cheryl Anderson

Flowers: Cheryl Anderson

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: 40 Sunday School: 21

Last Week's Offering: \$1,356.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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