

November 17, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Thy Word”

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal” Blue Hymnal No. 299

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, Forgive:

Our preoccupation with ourselves;

our unkindness and indifference towards others;

the buried grudge, the half acknowledged enmity;

the bitterness of some past loss not yet offered to you;

the fear of failure which saps our initiative;

**the pessimism which is an insult to your will and
power.**

O Lord, forgive what we have been.

Amend what we are.

Direct what we shall be,

for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”

Faith & Praise No. 571

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***Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion
He understood; All I had to offer Him was
brokenness and strife, But He made something
beautiful of my life.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let your desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON [NT page 194] 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 80] Luke 21:5-19

SERMON "Do Not Be Led Astray" Rev. Charles 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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" A. Mason

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins
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Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy
name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the
earth.*

Jesus, ...

Spirit, ...

+OFFERING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 192

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell"

See Bulletin

+COMMISSION & BENEDECTION

+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

"Trumpet Jubilee"

P.L. Harris



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

November Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 24

If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.

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

Angel Tree Community Outreach Collection – The Angel Tree is up in the Narthex. Please take a tag or 2 and purchase the new item requested and bring it back unwrapped and place it in the red box in the Narthex. All gifts need to be back by Sunday, December 1st. This year we are helping a few families in Boyertown make Christmas special for their kids.

Soda Tab Collection - You see them every time you open up a soft drink or soup, sometimes even find them when you feed your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a BIG impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House. Drop Them! - in The Collection Box located in the Narthex and Sunday School hallway. Make An Impact ... Start Collecting Today! We will collect tabs through the month of November.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Wednesday, November 27th at 7 pm we will be having a joint worship service with St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church. The service will be at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a congregational meeting on December 8 following the worship service to discuss and vote on the following items: 2020 Budget; Discussion about amendment to reduce the number of consistory members; Discussion to join the Evangelical Association.

Christmas Decorating – Many hands are needed to decorate the Sanctuary, Sunday School and Hallways. Mark your calendars for December 7th at 1 pm.

Upcoming Events – Are you following St John Hill UCC on Facebook? Lots of upcoming events are listed on the page. Hint: If you click interested or going, Facebook will remind you of the event!

Boyertown Salvation Army – They are looking for volunteers a few hours at one of the Kettle stands. Two-hour shifts start at 9 am and end at 9 pm, Monday thru Saturday. The bells start ringing Monday, November 25th till December 24th. Contact Brenda Meitzler at 610-367-4091 if you are interested in helping out.

Free Concert - The Boyertown's Salvation Army will be kicking off the Red Kettle Season with a FREE Christian Concert featuring Heaven's Thunder Band on Saturday, November 23rd starting at 6 pm. The concert will be held in the chapel at the Boyertown Salvation Army.

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We've a Story to Tell

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions - That the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A
 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

CHORUS

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - November 17

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline

Monday - November 18

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - November 20

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Joint Choir
Rehearsal
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - November 24

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

Monday - November 25

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - November 27

7 pm Thanksgiving Eve
Worship

“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: Sally Shirk & Clarence Weller

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

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

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers:

2019 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: 56

Last Week's Offering: \$3,140.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,744.29

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