

November 24, 2019

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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24th Sunday after Pentecost **November 24, 2019**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Thanks to God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 729

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God,

**we confess that we have been brisk in the service of
self, slack in the service of others;**

Eager to get, reluctant to give;

lofty in our profession, low in our practice;

full of good intentions, backwards to fulfilling them;

severe with our neighbors, indulgent with ourselves;

eager to find fault, resentful at being found fault

with;

little able for great tasks, discontent with small ones;

weak in adversity, self-satisfied in prosperity;

helpless apart from you,

and yet so little willing to be bound to you.

Merciful God, grant us yet forgiveness,

for His Holy name’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)

**O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, as
sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your
Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your
Word with truth and grace – so that the good news
of your love would shine before our eyes and
delight our senses...so that we cannot help but
respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 194]

Jeremiah 23:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 188]

Colossians 1:11-20

SERMON

"Reconciled"

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

ANTHEM

R.E. Schram & A.N. Williams

“Song of Joyful Thanks”

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“Glorify Thy Name”

Faith & Praise No. 77

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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

PRAYER HYMN

“Give Thanks”

Faith & Praise No. 68

THANKSGIVING PRAYER (responsive)

O Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

For our families, for children and parents,
**grandchildren and grandparents, husbands and
wives, sisters and brothers, we give thanks.**

For food on our tables and clothes on our backs
**For warm homes in which we find shelter, we give
thanks.**

For good neighbors, who will help us out,
**For a land where we can live in peace and freedom,
we give thanks.**

For our health and strength
For the ability to help others, we give thanks.

For our church family, where we can sense the warmth
of your love,

For music that lifts our hearts, and your Word that gives us hope, we give thanks.

For God and God's creation of the earth for all creatures and all living things God gave us to care for, we give thanks

For God's love to us, from Father, Son and Holy Spirit For grace, even though we cannot begin to understand God's awesomeness, we give thanks

O Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 6
"All Creatures of Our God & King"

+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 "Thank You, Lord" B. Price



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

December Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 29

Bulletins: 1, 8, 29

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.

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

Christmas Concert – The Reading Choral Society will be presenting Handel's Messiah under the direction of Dr. Graham Bier on Sunday, December 1st at 4 P.M. in the Muhlenberg High School Auditorium, 400 Sharp Avenue, Reading, PA 19605. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be obtained from Eileen Fisher or \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$10. Start your holiday season with an afternoon of joyous music!

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.

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.

Upcoming Christmas Worship, Fellowship & Events

December 1

1st Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

December 7 at 1 pm

Decorating the Sanctuary & Sunday School

December 8

2nd Sunday in Advent

Women's Guild Christmas Lunch at Giannotti's

December 15

3rd Sunday in Advent

No Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Worship with Cantata & Children's Program

Special Guest Visit following worship

Luncheon (all are welcome) following worship

1 pm Christmas Caroling to our Shut-Ins

December 22

4th Sunday in Advent

December 24

7 pm & 9 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight Service & Holy Communion

December 29

Pastor Chuck will be Away

9:30 am Special Worship Service of Carols

Lead by Eileen Fisher



HAPPENING THIS 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

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - December 1

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Poinsettia Orders Due
10:30 am Consistory Meeting
7 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Monday - December 2

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday - Decmeber 4

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 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: Sally Shirk & Clarence Weller

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

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

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Ray & Tracy Kochey

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: 59

Last Week's Offering: \$1,635.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,744.29

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