

March 3, 2019

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

610-367-8114 · www.stjohnhillucc.org

Transfiguration Sunday

March 3, 2019

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” G. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

See Insert

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/confession-transfiguration-sunday_29.html

God of glory and light,

**forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable
with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.**

**Keep calling us down from our mountains of
privilege.**

Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.

**Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose
name we pray. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”

Faith & Praise No. 571

“Something Beautiful” words by Gloria Gaither, music by William Gaither ©1971 William J. Gaither
CCLI License #11085161

***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.***

ORDINATION OF DEACON

Congregation Respond when asked:

Do we, the members of this congregation, accept Sally as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We Do.

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church?

We Do.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 [OT page 79]

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:18-36 [NT page 66]

SERMON "Light Like None Other" 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 "Moment by Moment" P. & D. Williams

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins ©1976 Maranatha! Music CCLI License #11085161

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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 337

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord God!

It is good that we do!

We give you thanks, Lord God, creator and Father, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming all persons in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love.

We praise you especially for Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; Who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross.

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things.

We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life.

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your Holy name:

SERAPHIC HYMN (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Grant O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us a means of grace; that receiving them we may be made one with Christ and he with us, and remain members of His body, until we feast with Him anew in His kingdom.

In the strength Christ gives, we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

This morning we will receive the Communion Elements by coming to the Communion Table. The servers will escort worshippers to the front of the sanctuary. Note that the outer rings are filled with wine, while the inner rings have grape juice, and are a lighter color. Please partake of each element as you receive it.

+HYMN "Open My Eyes" Faith & Praise No. 830

+COMMISSION & BENECTION

+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 "A Tune for the Trumpet" arr. D. Paxton



- * 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.

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

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi-Service Food Pantry during the month of March. Below is a list of items needed to help with their Easter Meals. Nikki will also be making a shopping trip for fresh/frozen/refrigerated items prior to dropping off the collection; if you would like to make a donation to this shopping trip, please see Nikki. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Canned Pineapple
- Box Dessert Mixes
- Icing
- 64 oz Apple Juice
- Money/Giant Gift Cards towards shopping trip for fresh items needed (ham, potatoes, butter, veggies)

Thank you – Together we have donated over 472 items to Boyertown Multi-Service in January & February!

Inclement Weather & Sunday Worship -

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)

BASH Band Fundraiser - The Boyertown Director's Big Band is holding a fundraiser dance to support the Boyertown Sr. High Marching Unit 's new equipment truck fund. Come out and enjoy a night of Big Band Music on Saturday March 9th starting at 7:00 p.m. Dance will be held at the Boyertown Keystone Fire Company. \$10.00 tickets are sold in advance or at the door. Contact Jayne at 610-367-5178 for tickets.

Women's Retreat - April 13th from 8:30 am - 3 pm at St. Paul's UCC in Douglasville. Tickets are \$25 and included breakfast & lunch. Theme is "Friendship" Sisters for a Journey with speaker, Jessie Seneca. Contact Connie Hile for more info.

March Sponsorship Opportunities

Bulletins: 10

April Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 14, 28

Bulletins: 21, 28

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



Ash Wednesday at 7 pm

March 6 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Midweek Worship at 7 pm

Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

March 13 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18; Romans 13:8-10

March 20 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Hosea 11:1-12; Romans 8:35-39

March 27 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Luke 6:27-38

April 3 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 14:15-31

April 10 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Deuteronomy 7:7-13; 1 John 4:7-21

Maundy Thursday at 7 pm

April 18 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Good Friday

April 19 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

Prayer Vigil (*sign up in the Narthex*)

7 pm Joint Cantata "The Living Last Words"

2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor
 3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful



high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
 bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -
 lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,



hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
 li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.
 find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is
 Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and
 But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what



not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in
we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - March 3

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
w/ Holy Communion

Monday - March 4

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - March 6

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Ash Wednesday
Service
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - March 10

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

Monday - March 11

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - March 13

6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7 pm Lent Service
8 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

Krista Miller -----undergoing testing for health concerns

Vaughn Skoog-----in rehab after bad fall

Debbie Stauffer----- recovering after back surgery

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for March: Terry Shane & Ray Kochey

Worship Assistant: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Kira & Matt Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Jan & Eileen Fisher in memory of loved ones.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Bob & Clara Shakespeare in honor of Ryan's 16th birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Virginia Reichert

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: 63

Last Week's Offering: \$2,856.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

+

Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor

215-896-0196 e-mail: chuckmaxfield@gmail.com

Elmer Miller, Organist

610-367-5613 e-mail: elmerhm@dejazzd.com

Nikki Weller, Secretary

610-367-8114 e-mail: nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

Nikki's Office Hours:

Mon. 11 am – 3 pm; Tues. & Thurs. 9 am – 3 pm

Wendy Shane, Treasurer

610-468-9772 e-mail: niah4444@dejazzd.com