

January 26, 2020

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” R. Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “As the Deer” Faith & Praise No. 71

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4614/worship-elements-january-22-2017-option-2>

God of light,

we live in the darkness of despair:

worried about our lives,

concerned for our health,

fearful that we are lost from you.

The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:

our unwillingness to forgive,

our fears of one another,

our reluctance to share what we have,

our divisions and quarrels.

We long to turn from the dark

and live in the light.

We yearn to leave what is evil

and follow the paths of righteousness.

Shine the light of your love upon us

and transform us with your love,

that your promised realm may draw near. 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)

**Come Holy Spirit! Come with the power of a great
wind, to clear out the cobwebs of our hearts, or
come stealthily, as close as our own breathing, to
whisper your truth into the silence of our lives.
However you come, come with the power to
change us that we might truly become the body of
Christ in the world. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 606] Isaiah 9:1-4

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 3] Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "Follow Me!" 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

arr. by L. Smith

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

+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

Blue Hymnal No. 243

“Make Me A Captive, Lord”

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

+HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us” Blue Hymnal No. 207

+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 “March in D” G.F. Handel; arr by R. Parks



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

~All hymns printed using CCLI# 11085161~

March Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 1, 8, 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

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi Service during the month of February. Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry. As always, if you wish to donate but don't want to shop, monetary or Giant gift card donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Crackers/Snacks

Note: They are also in need of the sugar free version of items above

Scrapbook Saturday – The Women's Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Minimum table size is 4'x2 1/2'. Cost is \$25 payable to St. John (Hill) Women's Guild which includes one meal. Food will also be available for purchase. Registration form available on church website at www.stjohnhillucc.org. Complete form and return to St. John (Hill) UCC, 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 Attn: Scrapbook Saturday by March 1, 2020. For additional information, contact Tracy Kochey at 610.473.0322 or Nancy Weller at 610.367.7704.

Inclement Weather – In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding 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)

Worship Assistants Needed – Do you want to help out on a Sunday morning? Nikki is working on a new schedule and would love to add your name to the rotation. Call or see Nikki if you would like to help out or for more details.

Angel Tree Thank You – We received a thank you from the Boyertown Salvation Army for your generosity with the angel tree. It is posted in the Narthex.

Souper Bowl Sunday - Sunday, February 2, will be our annual Souper Bowl lunch. If you would like to make a soup, please bring it to the kitchen before church in a crock pot so it will be ready to enjoy following worship. (Bread, crackers, dessert, and drinks will be provided.) Also bring your recipe or email it to Nikki (nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) so we can compile a cookbook to share. *We always have plenty of soups, so please do not feel you need to bring one to enjoy the fellowship.*

Point In Time Count - Volunteers Needed - Friday,
January 24, 2020 - 6:00 am - 12:00 pm (at the latest)

The Point In Time Count (PIT Count) is an annual census of the homeless population across the country. Early in the morning of January 24th, 2020, scores of volunteers will head out across the city of Reading and Berks County to count as many people experiencing unsheltered homelessness as possible. Volunteers will count people sleeping in cars, tents, parks, under bridges, and on the streets. The information from this count is used to guide public policy and is vital for securing resources to help end homelessness in our community. Volunteers will meet at Boyertown Area Multi-Service on 1/24/20 at 6:00 am to meet with Berks Coalition to End Homelessness and will have a plan on where teams will be going. Looking for drivers and walkers (physical ability to walk around town and parks), able to write and do data collection, speaking with individuals. Need people with empathy and compassion and a nonjudgmental attitude. If you are interested in helping out, contact Heather Lewis at hlewis@boyertownareamulti-service.org or 610-367-6957.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - January 26

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

Monday - January 27

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - January 29

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - February 2

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

Monday - February 3

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday - February 5

7 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) ----- health issues

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for January: Sally Shirk & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's flowers are sponsored by Paul & Sally Shirk in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Paul & Sally Shirk

2020 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: 24

Last Week's Offering: \$1,940.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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