

January 5, 2020

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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Epiphany Sunday

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Love Came Down at Christmas” L. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “We Three Kings” See Bulletin

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/september-1987/epiphany-liturgy>

Almighty and merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and one another in both our actions
and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus
our light has come,
Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows
and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins
And remove from us the veil of darkness
which shrouds our lives.**

**Illumine us by your Word
So we may shine with the radiance
of Christ's glory. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"My Tribute"

Faith & Praise No. 36

"My Tribute" words & music by Andraé Crouch ©1971 Communiqué Music CCLI License #11085161

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the glory for the things He has done. With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me; To God be the glory for the things He has done.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 654] Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 1] Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "God Is with Us" 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 "O Thou, Who by a Star Didst Guide"

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

“In the Bleak Midwinter” words by C. Rossetti, Music by G. Holst ©1906 CCLI License #11085161

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

+OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN

See Bulletin

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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 “Every Star Shall Sing a Carol”

**Every star shall sing a carol;
Every creatures, high or low,
Come and praise the King of heaven
By whatever name you know.
God above, Man below,
Holy is the name I know.
When the King of all creation
Had a cradle on the earth,
Holy was the human body,**

**Holy was the human birth.
God above, Man below,
Holy is the name I know.**

**Every star and every planet,
Every creature, high or low,
Come and praise the King of heaven
By whatever name you know.
God above, Man below,
Holy is the name I know.**

+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

"Procession of the Magi"

G. Blake



- * Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
- * Weekly Communitas are available on our website.

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January Sponsorship Opportunities

Bulletins: 12

Flowers: 12

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

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

152 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Salvation Army Food Pantry during the month of January. Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry and the hearts of their clients. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Cereal
- Cereal Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars

Altar Flowers & Bulletins – The **2020** sign up charts for “Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship” are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$35 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins. As always, we greatly appreciate and need your stewardship.

De-Decorating – Following worship on TODAY we will take down the Christmas decorations in the church and Sunday School. If you are able, please stay for a short time to help de-decorate. Many hands make light work.

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

Also, please keep in mind that power outages may affect our ability to use certain of the above resources, and the ability of some members to have access to those outlets. So we encourage church members to be in touch with one another to help spread the word about possible cancellations and changes. Thank you.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - January 5

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
De-Decorating the Sanctuary
& Sunday School after
Worship

Monday - January 6

9 am Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School
Meeting

Wednesday - January 8

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - January 12

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

Monday - January 13

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - January 15

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: Barb Helbig

Nursery Caregivers: Connie & Mark Hile

This week's flowers are sponsored by Glenn & Carolyn Rambo in memory of Jason's birthday.

This weeks bulletins are sponsored by Forest & Rosalie Fronheiser in honor of daughter, Duane's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

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: 63

Last Week's Offering: \$1,455.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,744.29

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