

February 2, 2020

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Blessed Day”

J. Scriveyner

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort
as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises
will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises;
may we seek the reign you bring.
Blessed, too, are those who hunger
and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander,
for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and
mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly
of the joy we have in you.

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Those who share the peace God gives them
will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living
will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing
and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings
of the wondrous life you bring.

+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)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your
Holy Spirit that as the Scriptures are read and your
Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what
you say to us today. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 820] Micah 6:1-8

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 4] Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON "What Is success?" 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 "Blessed Savior, Empty Me" K. Wilkerson

+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

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Blue Hymnal pg. 37

COMMUNION HYMN "I Come with Joy" See Bulletin

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 "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Faith & Praise No. 581

+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 "Let Us Glorify His Name" D. L. Moore



- * 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.*

I Come with Joy

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Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE
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Holy Communion – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

The Communion Offering which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

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)

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 ½’. 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.

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 - TODAY, will be our annual Souper Bowl lunch. If you brought a soup, please give your recipe or email it to Nikki (nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) so we can compile a cookbook to share. Pots and baskets will be available to make a donation to the Boyertown Salvation Army food pantry. *We always have plenty of soups, so please do not feel you need to bring one to enjoy the fellowship.*

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - February 2

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch
Christian Education Meeting
after Luncheon

Monday - February 3

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - February 5

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - February 9

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Consistory Meeting
10:30 am Women's Guild
Meeting

Monday - February 10

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - February 12

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 February: Dottie Fronheiser & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Nursery Caregivers: Dottie & Dale Fronheiser

This week's flowers are sponsored in honor of Pastor Chuck's birthday.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dawn & Bill Endy in honor of our grandsons.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Joel & Nikki Weller

Flowers: Joel & Nikki Weller

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: 55

Last Week's Offering: \$4,186.00

**Note: Last week's offering includes a donation from the estate of Anna Giardiello.*

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,409.32

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