



THE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
ON THE HILL



DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017~10:15AM  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CONFIRMATION – NEW MEMBERS

© Children and Youth will remain in Worship today ©

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

*“Our yearning after God, our hope for a better way creates infinite possibilities to touch the lives of the untouched – to reach the hearts of the unreached – to heal the wounds of the unhealed – to feed the bodies of the unfed – to accept the personhood of the unaccepted – to love the being of the unloved.*

*Our gifts are gifts of hope and Joy; O God, touch, reach, heal, feed, accept and love us that we might love one another.” ~Ann Weems*

Peace Prayer

Prelude “People Look East” *arr. Joseph Bertolozzi*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – JOY**  
*The Pringle/Molinelli Families*

Call to Worship

How shall we prepare this house for the coming King?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His birth, His life, passion, death, and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**Glory to God in the Highest**

☩ -- LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED DURING THE SINGING -- ☩

▲ Hymn No. 147 “First Nowell” *The First Nowell*  
*(stanzas 1,2,3,4)*

▲ The Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*



Life on the Hill

- ◆ Today (Dec.17): ☩ Worship, 10:15am  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
**Special Festive Gathering**
- ◆ Tuesday (Dec . 19): 7:30pm, Women’s and Men’s Fellowship
- ◆ Thursday (Dec . 21): 9:30-11am, Moms & Young Gals  
11:30am-12:45pm Adult Study  
7:30pm Chancel Choir
- ◆ Sunday (Dec . 24): **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
☩ Worship, 10:15am, 5 & 7pm



RECEIVING OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Meghan Pringle**  
**Jon Molinelli**  
**Whitney Molinelli**  
**Kristin Worthley**

Leader: There are different gifts.

**People: But it is the Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through different individuals in different ways.

**People: But it is the same God who achieves the divine purpose through them all.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

**People: To use it for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ.

**People: And individually members of him.**

Leader: Though we have different gifts. . . Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if one wants to be first among you, that one must be the slave of all! Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Anthem **“Ukrainian Carol of the Bells”** *Leontovich/Wilbousky*

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells  
all seem to say “Throw cares away.”  
Christmas is here bringing good cheer  
to young and old, meek and the bold.  
Ding dong, ding dong, that is their song  
with joyful ring, all caroling.  
One seems to hear words of good cheer  
from everywhere filling the air.  
Oh, how the pound raising the sound  
o’er hill and dale telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring while people sing  
songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!  
Merry Christmas!  
On they send, on without end  
their joyful tone to every home.

*Peter Wilbousky*

**Chancel Choir**

*Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Marilyn Dicken, Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware, JP Hanly, Nancy Kinasczuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse, Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze, Judy Turner, Marcia Turpin*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Hear the burden of our hearts as we offer to you our silent prayers:**

Silent Prayers of Confession

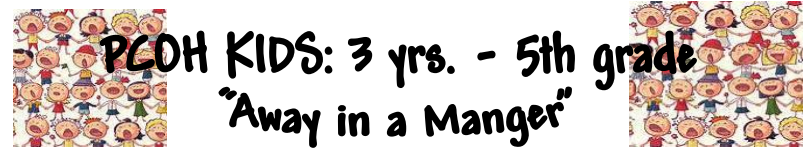
Words of Assurance:

God’s love is never ending.

**God is always present with and for us.**

As we come closer to the manger, may we come to know even more completely the depth and breadth of God’s love and forgiveness.

**Praise be to God. Amen!**



*Brody Kralyovich, Paige Kralyovich, Summer Kralyovich, Jha’nae LeGrande, Chanell Mauro, Mikari Moise, Tatiana Moise, Joey Molinelli, RaeAnne Molinelli, Sasha Nevins, TJ Nevins, AJ Pagnoni, Samantha Pagnoni, James Papp, Addison Paulson, Kadence Paulson, Audrey Phillips, David Pringle, Jack Pringle, Laney Pringle, Jack Pristas, Jake Pristas, Daniele Radisch, Pierson Ryan, Owen Schoeneick, Olivia Steckbahn, Sophia Steckbahn, Cody Tobin, Colin Tobin, Kailey Tobin, Billy Toth, Ryan Toth, Ian Vacchiano, Isabella Vacchiano, Evan Worthley, Madelyn Worthley, Emma Zarodnansky*

Scripture Lesson



(see bulletin or  
pg. 691, pew Bible)

*Amir Houllier, Confirmand*

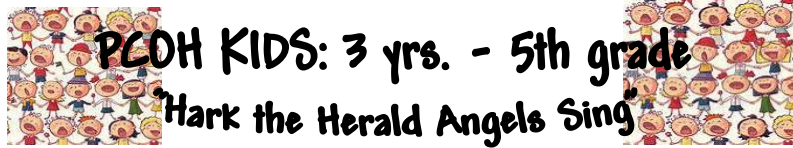
**Isaiah 61:1-4** NRSV

- <sup>1</sup> The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;
- <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;
- <sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
- <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,

the devastations of many generations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Scripture Lesson



(see bulletin or  
pg. 57, pew Bible)

*Julia Schleuss, Confirmand*

**Luke 1:46-56** NRSV

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,  
<sup>47</sup> “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
 from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
 in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”  
<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and then  
 returned to her home.

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory **“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”** *arr. M. Hayes*

▲ Doxology *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Preparation No. 69 **“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”** *Here I Am*



**CONFIRMATION**

†Allison Elizabeth Brown	†Emily Debra Brown
†Will Song Minjoon Hansen	†Amir Raphael Houllier
†Elijah Isaiah Huey	†Juliana Nicolle Radisch
†Katherine Noelle Rogers	†Michael James Ryan, Jr.
†Julia Miranda Schleuss	

A Simple Song **“This Little Light of Mine”** **INSERT**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*  
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*  
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*  
**Let it shine, shine, shine**  
**Let it shine!**

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine*  
*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine*  
*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine*  
**Let it shine, shine, shine**  
**Let it shine!**

Message **“Who Will Shine the Light?”** *Pastor Turner*

▲ Hymn No. 113 **“Angels We Have Heard On High”** *Gloria*

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“Gloria”** *arr. Wilbur Held*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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**Leadership and Administrative Staff**

**Bill Turner, Pastor**

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**Isaiah Mason, Director of Children's & Youth Music**

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**Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR**



*We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all.*

*As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God.*

*Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to Pastor Turner, or one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.*



*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Honor of my 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, December 16, by Helen Brandstetter.*



**Serving Today**

◆ **Greeters:** The Black Family

◆ **Ushers:** Team 3 – Ed Kelsey, Capt., Jan Coppola, Del Kunert, Pat Meyers, George Woodnorth

◆ **Fellowship Time:** Christian Education

◆ **Flower Duty:** Carol Cox, Elda Gall

◆ **Sunday Preparation:** 12/23, Laura Guilfoyle

◆ **Trustee Duty:** Rick Buckley, Kent Donahue

**After Worship Please join us!**

**Santa Claus, Pinatas, Food & Fun  
after worship in Fellowship Hall**

**Our kids are Singing!**

**Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - during our 5pm Candle Light Service**

**HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – be here ready to rehearse at 4:30pm in the sanctuary



**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**NURSERY CARE**

**TODAY**

**Alyssa Degurski**

**Dec. 24**

**Dec. 31**



**Children & Youth Team Leaders**

**Today Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**No Sunday School**

**Festive Worship Service**

**Dec. 24 & 31**

**Sunday School**

**Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Day**

**10:15am**

**Special Time for all kids**

**4 Years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Games, Crafts, Activities**

**(fellowship hall)**

*When you entered our Sanctuary from the front door, did you see our new benches?*

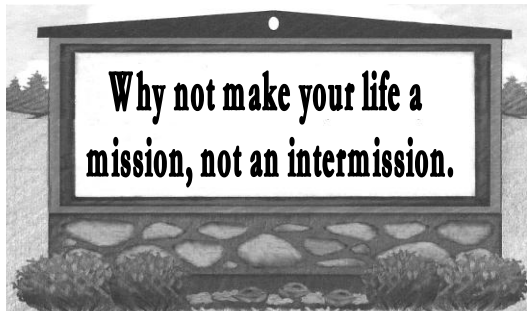
*Ethan Black, son of Janice & Jon, brother of Andrew, has been busy with his scouting team planning and building our four new cedar benches in partial fulfillment of his Eagle Scout award! All was just approved! Way to go Ethan!*





## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PCOH members and friends volunteer regularly at the Last Resort Food Pantry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park and have been doing so for many years. One of the principal volunteer opportunities is to be there from 10:45am to 1 p.m. each Wednesday and Friday to stock shelves and help with food distribution. Please let **Buffy Zazzo** know (732-222-7636) if you want to be added to the list or chat with her if you have questions.



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