

THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ON THE HILL

JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 ~ 10:15AM  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

*"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."*  
~ J.K. Rowling

*"To gather with God's people in united adoration of the  
Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer."*  
~ Martin Luther

*"I happen to be a Christian, but I know that there is  
one God. People worshipping goodness and love and  
kindness and truth are worshipping the same God."*  
~ Anne Lamott

*"Our job is not to change people; our job is to connect  
people to Jesus, and it's Jesus' job to change people."*  
~ Erwin McManus

Peace Prayer

Prelude                   **"Lift High the Cross"**                   *arr. Larry Shackley*

Introit                   **"Community of Faith"**                   *Joseph Martin*

Lord, You are God, the Author of our faith.  
Direct the paths we take; lead us, Lord, today.  
Let us live in gratitude and follow where You lead.  
Lord, we are Yours alone. You have made us free.  
A community of faith, loving one another.  
A community of grace, reaching out to others;  
a place of hope and caring, togetherness and sharing.  
This is our legacy. We are one family  
one great community of faith.  
Lord, we are Yours. You speak and we obey.  
We long to know Your will. Teach us, Lord, we pray.  
Let us serve in gratitude and follow where You lead.  
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*J. Paul Williams*

Call to Worship

*Psalm 133*

*Elder Jackie Colin*

How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live  
together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down  
upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down  
over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of  
Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life  
forevermore.**

▲ Hymn No. 826                   **"Lift High the Cross"**                   *Crucifer*

▲ The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (unison)                   *Pastor Lory Ryan*  
***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.***

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

Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from  
everlasting to everlasting.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed and empowered  
to live as joyful and passionate servants of God and  
one another.**

We are free to live,

**and empowered to serve. Amen.**

ON SCREEN Song of Assurance

**"Rock of Ages"**

*More, Baloché, Brown*

☺ **Children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade will exit to**  
**“Brick Room” for special Sunday School** ☺

Anthem **“If You Search with All Your Heart”** *Craig Courtney*

When you seek Me, you shall find Me  
if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you:  
plans of welfare, not of evil;  
plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage  
to the land I have prepared;  
I will bring you home to Me.

*Jeremiah 29:11-14*

**Chancel Choir**

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

Old Testament Lesson **Jeremiah 29:4-14**NRSV pg. 731, pew Bible

*Pastor Jeff Bassett*



<sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I

will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** *arr. Chuck Marohnic*

▲ Dedication Hymn No. 643

**“Now Thank We All Our God”** *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

New Testament Lesson **Ephesians 1:15-23** NRSV pg. 192, pew Bible

*Elder Lisa Keller*



<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Hymn No. 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *Balm in Gilead*

Message "I Never Cease to Give Thanks for You"  
"I Know the Plans I Have for You."  
*Pastor Turner*

Prayers of the People

▲ Hymn No. 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"  
*They'll Know We are Christians*

▲ Benediction *Philippians 4:13*  
"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

**ALL: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."**

And All God's People said:

**AMEN!**

▲ Postlude "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"  
*Peter Scholtes*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

**LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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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 and Appreciation of Pastor Bill Turner's 21 years of leadership and service from a grateful congregation.*

*A very special thanks to our worship leaders today. Jackie Colin and Lisa Keller have been amazing supportive staff colleagues, confidants and friends of Pastor Turner for many, many years; and, Reverend Lory Ryan (wife-Cynthia) and Reverend Jeff Bassett (wife-Jessica) are cherished colleagues and friends.*

*A very special and heartfelt thanks to Letitia Jensen and her caring team who planned and worked so hard in celebrating Pastor Bill's retirement Sunday.*

**Serving Today**

† Greeters: Jaine & Peter Williams

† Ushers: Team 3: Ed Kelsey, Capt., Jan Coppola, Del Kunert  
Linda Klose, Pat Meyers, George Woodnorth

† Flower Duty: Buffy Zazzo, Gail Loeser

† Trustee Duty: Michael Compoly, Rick Buckley

† Fellowship Host: Letitia Jensen and "Luncheon Team"

† Worship Prep: 2/3, Letitia Jensen



**Life on the Hill Notes**

January 28<sup>th</sup>

**PCOH NURSERY**

**TODAY**

Cheryl Miller

Feb. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 11 Bea Rogers  
Feb. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 25 Jean Brown



**Children & Youth Team Leaders**

**TODAY**

**Special Sunday School**

**4 Years – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle, Laura Ransom, Allison Brown, Emily Brown

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Pre-k & Kindergarten**

(brick classroom)

Jessica Compoly

Cheryl Schleuss

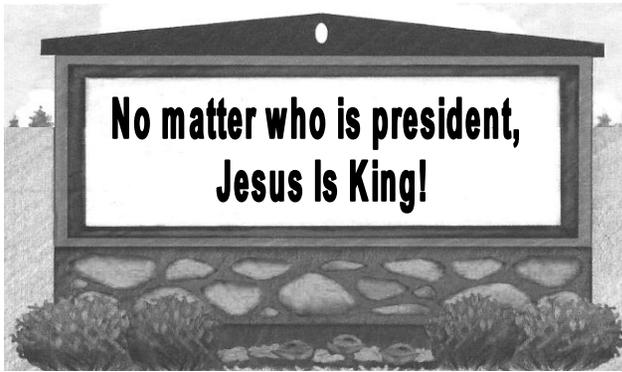
**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle

Judy Quitne

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(youth room)  
No Sunday School  
Holy Communion



“Church on the Hill is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose *faith* is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “*God alone is Lord of the conscience*” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

† **FAITH** † **LOVE** † **HOPE** † **FORGIVENESS** † **UNDERSTANDING** †

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