



**The Presbyterian Church on the Hill  
February 25, 2018 ~10:15am  
Second Sunday of Lent**

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

*“The greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That’s the day we truly grow up.” John C. Maxwell*

*“Is there something you want to pat yourself on the back for? It’s ok to do it privately—even to share it with God. But striving to remain humble is the sign of a person seeking God.” Tony Dungy*

Peace Prayer

Prelude **“The God of Abraham Praise”** *arr. Mark Hays*

Introit **“Living for Jesus”** *C. Harold Lowden*

Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
striving to please him in all that I do,  
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee;  
for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne,  
my life I give, hence forth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone

Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
doing each duty in his holy name,  
willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
deeming each trial a part of my cross.  
*Thomas Obediah Chisolm (1866-1960)*

Call to Worship

Lent leads us in the way of the cross.

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

These times are troubling. The journey is hard...

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

▲ Hymn No. 49 **“The God of Abraham Praise”**

*Leoni*

▲ 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 (Feb 25): ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Thursday (Feb. 29): Moms & Young Gals 9:30am – 11:00am  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Saturday (Mar 3): Trinity Soup Kitchen 9:30am – 1:30pm

Next Sunday: ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Anthem

**“In His Steps”**

*Kevin Boesiger*

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Lay down your life every day.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Safe in His steps, He’ll show you the way.

In His steps there is mercy.  
In His steps there is love.  
In His steps there is healing from above.  
In His steps there is kindness.  
In His steps there is truth.  
Safe in His steps He'll see you through.

In His steps there's forgiveness.  
In His steps there is hope.  
In His steps there's contentment  
and peace we can know.  
In His steps there is goodness  
In His steps there is peace.  
Safe in His steps we are free!

We need Thee, O we need Thee;  
every hour we need Thee.  
O bless us now, our Savior.  
We come to Thee.

**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, Marcia Turpin.*

☺ Children thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade will exit to Sunday School ☺

Silent Confession

O Lord, hear our personal prayers as we admit to our sins.  
Hear our confession:

Personal Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Jesus knows our every weakness  
**And loves us still.**

Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace:

**We are forgiven, loved, and free**  
We trust in and believe the good news:  
**In Jesus Christ we are restored and made new. Amen.**

Song of Assurance

Hymn No. 2216 **“When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”**

*Kingsfold*

New Testament Lesson Mark 8:31-38 NIV

*Stephen Lofthouse*



He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” **34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? **37** Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? **38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** *arr. John Carter*

▲ Dedication Hymn No. 708

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”** *Schumann*

*We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn No. 799 **“I Love the Lord”** *I Love The Lord*

Message **“H.A.T. - Hurt Avoidance Tactics”** *Rev. Merideth Mueller*

Prayers of the People

▲ Hymn No. 213 **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”** *Rathbun*

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“Rathbun”** *arr. John Carter*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Lisa Keller**, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE

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**Bonnie Carle**, NURSERY SUPERVISOR

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**Michael Compoly**, TREASURER

**Judy Quitne**, DEACON CO-MODERATOR

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**Letitia Jensen**, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR

**Bill Turner**, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED

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 one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in  
celebration of Our Family and Our Church Family by  
Maureen & Bob Bonney*

Serving Today

† **Greeters:** Susanne Schmidt

† **Ushers:** Team 1: Rick Degurski, Jon Black, Jackie Colin, Helen Brandstetter, Chris Tobin, Rebecca Hanly

† **Flower Duty:** Robin Compoly, Giselle McCormick

† **Trustee Duty:** Michael Compoly, Kent Donahue

† **Fellowship Host:** Nancy Kinasczuk

† **Worship Prep:** 2/24 Diana & Tom Griffith, 3/3 Laura & Ed Kelsey

**Life on the Hill Notes**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**



**PCOH NURSERY**

TODAY

**Jean Brown**

**Mar 4** Jamie Montero **Mar 11** Rebecca Hanly

**Mar 18** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mar 25** Cheryl Miller



**Children & Youth Team Leaders**

**Today**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-k & Kindergarten**

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle  
Stephanie Toth

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

(fellowship hall)

Judy Quitne  
Laura Ransom

Meghan Pringle  
Sherri Ryan

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

(youth room)

Anne Pagnoni  
Jill Vacchiano

No Sunday School  
Holy Communion



**Sign Up Sheets**

*(posted on rear table in sanctuary)*



**Fellowship Time Hosts**



**Scripture Readers**



**Greeters**



Notes from Dr. Jeff

Congregational Choir will be singing "Be Thou My Vision" next Sunday. Rehearsal at 9:40.



***The Ministry of Flowers***



**New 2018 Chart is now posted!** If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Judy Quitne. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church

Saturday Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury is in need of volunteers on Saturday, March 3 from 9:30-1:30. Signup sheet is in the rear of the church. Any questions please call or text Holly Hansen at 848-466-0284.



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**PCOH 2018 Goal \$6000**  
**Current Total \$1065**



***When you are shopping, please remember that:***

**Trinity Needs Food**

***When you are cooking, please remember that:***

**The Center Needs Meals**



**“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”**

*If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Dot French, Stephen Minister Coordinator at 732-774-4307.*

“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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For pastoral care, please call the church office and leave a message on extension 12.

**Church Office HOURS: Mon. - Wed. - Fri. 9am-1pm**

#### TRANSITION ON THE HILL

- ⊗ March Worship Preachers already assigned;
- ⊗ Transition team of Session/Deacons will facilitate the immediate needs of worship, day-to-day operation, etc.;
- ‡ When ready, committee chosen to search for interim pastor;
- ‡ When interim pastor is chosen, a brief self-study of PCOH needs and goals will be conducted and shared.
- ‡ When the self-study is completed, a Pastor Nominating Committee will be chosen to search for a new pastor.