



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

September 23, 2018 ~10:15am
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Please note: All youth from 6th thru 12th grade begin in the Youth Room (basement)

In Preparation (*Thought for Silent Reflection*)

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.
-C.S. Lewis

Prelude **“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”**

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus challenges us in today’s gospel:

People: **Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.**

Leader: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them:

People: **Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.**

Leader: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

People: **May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!**

Leader: Will all the children present please lift up your voices so all of us adults can hear you? Say your name and say “Hello!”

Children: *In unison, say their names and “Hello!”*

All: **Welcome, children!**

▲ UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

Dear God, Jesus has called us to welcome all children as a way to welcome you. Teach us the way to make the first last and to be servants of all. Guide us in your way of humility and service. Show us how to become disciples of Jesus Christ your Child and our brother. We ask for blessings on all your children in our holy family. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 20 **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”** *Royal Oak*

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect, and poverty. We know that if

we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and the world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace.

(Silent reflection)

▲ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

▲ Hymn No. 583

“Glory to God”

Gloria

(Sung once in unison, once as a round)

Life on the Hill

Today (September 23):

✠Worship 10:15am

Youth Group 6pm

Monday (September 24):

✠Stephen Ministry Training 7pm

Tuesday, (September 25) :

✠Presbytery Meeting, Hightstown 4:30pm

Wednesday (September 26):

✠Rev. Deb’s Bible Study 10am

Session 7:00pm

Thursday (September 27):

✠Rachel Circle 9:30am

Mom’s & Young Gals 9:30am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Next Sunday:

✠WORSHIP 10:15am

Leadership Dinner 5:30pm

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



Peter Williams

First Scripture Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (NRSV)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you

have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for^[a] those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet^[a] something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

ANTHEM

“Draw Nigh to God”

Duane Blakley

Draw Nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse your hands, ye people, and purify your hearts.

Humble yourselves in the sight of God, and He shall lift you up.

James 4:8, 10

CHILDREN’S TIME

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

SERMON **“The Rabbi’s Gift ”** *Pastor Deb Packard*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love ourselves and others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!**

▲ Hymn No. 305 **“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**
Darvall’s 148th

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

arr. Edward C. Deas

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

▲ DOXOLOGY – Hymn No. 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

▲ Hymn No. 744 **“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”** *Festal Song*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION - Hymn No. 748

“Go with Us, Lord”

(sung once in unison, once as a round)

Postlude **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”** *arr. Matt Limbaugh*

▲ *Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

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.

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Albert W. Compoly, Sr. by Robin & Michael Compoly

The bouquet of flowers is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jo-Ann White on her birthday by Helen Brandstetter & Jackie Colin

Serving Today

- ‡ **Greeter:** Robin Compoly
 ‡ **Ushers:** Team 1: Rick Degurski, Capt., Jon Black, Helen Brandstetter, Jackie Colin, Rebecca Hanly, Chris Tobin
 ‡ **Flower Duty:** Buffy Zazzo
 ‡ **Trustee Duty:** Kent Donahue, Kurt Kaboth
 ‡ **Fellowship Host:** Jaine & Peter Williams
 ‡ **Worship Prep:** 9/22 – Laura & Ed Kelsey, 9/29 – Letitia Jensen



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?



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters

Life on the Hill Notes
September 23rd



PCOH NURSERY
TODAY
Jean Brown

September 30 _____ October 7 Jamie Montero
October 14 _____ October 21 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Sept. 30th

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

Cheryl Schleuss
Kristin Worthley

1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)

Judy Quitne
Sherri Ryan

Carol Cox
Laura Morales

6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)

Kelli Tobin
Jill Vacchiano

Anne Pagnoni
Kelli Tobin



*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 Stephen Leader Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054)

“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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