



## The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

October 14, 2018 ~10:15am

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### All youth from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade begin in the Youth Room

In Preparation (*Thought for Silent Reflection*)

*“Christendom adjusts itself far too easily to the worship of power. Christians should give more offense, shock the world far more than they are doing now. Christians should take a stronger stand in favor of the weak rather than considering first the possible right of the strong.”*

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Chimes

Prelude      **“Take Time to Be Holy”**      *arr. Charles Callaban*

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

Introit      **“Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”**

Come, let us with our Lord arise,  
our Lord who made both earth and skies:  
who died to save the world He made,  
and rose triumphant from the grave,  
our joyful hearts and voices raise  
and fill His courts with songs of praise.

Then let us render Him His own  
with solemn prayer approach His throne,  
with meekness hear the gospel word,  
with thanks His dying love record,  
our joyful hearts and voices raise  
and fill His courts with songs of praise.

*Charles Wesley*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Hebrews 4:12-16*)

Leader: The word of God is alive and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from  
marrow; it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our  
hearts.

**Many: We cannot hide  
for we are naked and laid bare  
to the one whom we must render an account.**

Leader: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus who was  
tested as you and I and yet was without sin.

**Many: We approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help  
in our time of need.**

▲ UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

O God, you sowed the seeds of justice when you created this world. Though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone, it is hardly divided fairly. There are those who struggle to get their daily bread each day and then there are those who have more than they can use in their lifetime. May we remember that all we have comes from you and that you have entrusted to us all that we have. May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as Jesus asks of us. Grant that we, O God, use this hour to work in our ministries to end this disparity. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”  
*Unser Herrscher*

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ UNISON PRAYER OF CONESSION

Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

*(Silent Reflection)*

▲ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 583 “Glory to God” *Gloria*

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

*(Sung once in unison, once as a canon)*

**Minute for Stewardship**  
**Worship & Christian Education Communities**

**Time to Step Up !**



October is stewardship month when we recommit our support of the community of faith we call PCOH. Our global world and local communities are changing AND PCOH is changing, but the word and promises of God are eternal. To face and embrace these changes, to build our communities, and to grow more fully into the people God wants us to be, the PCOH family needs to step up its commitment to be God's people. We do that, in part, by stepping up our financial commitments to the work and worship of the PCOH community.

Today we'll hear from our Worship and Christian Education Communities. You've seen what they do every Sunday here in church and every time you or your children participate in one of our faith-forming education experiences. Listen for today's update and for the additional good work we can do in the world if we step up! Look for your 2019 pledge card in the mail after October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Minute for Mission: **“Reclaiming Jesus”** *Rev. Katherine Cunningham*

Life on the Hill

Today (October 14): ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am  
Operation Christmas Child

Monday (October 15): ✠ Stephen Ministry Training 7pm

Tuesday, (October 16) : ✠ Rev. Deb's Bible Study 7pm  
Men's Bible Study 7:30pm  
Women's Bible Study 7:30pm

Wednesday (October 17): ✠ Board of Deacons 7pm

Thursday (October 18): ✠ Adult Study w/lunch 11:45am  
Mission Community 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Next Sunday: ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

**Presentation of Third Grade Bibles**

*Emily Haege, Samantha Pagnoni, Colin Tobin*

**Dismiss ALL children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



*Peter Williams*

First Scripture Reading Amos 4:1; 5:6-7, 10-15 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word, you cows of Bashan  
who are on Mount Samaria,  
who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
who say to their husbands, “Bring something to drink!”  
<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
<sup>7</sup> Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!  
<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
<sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
<sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

ANTHEM

**“Open Prayer”**

*Pepper Choplin*

Open my eyes.  
I'm passing people rushing by and never  
notice, never try to ease their pain or sympathize  
open my eyes.

Open my heart.  
When my heart is growing cold, warm me 'til  
compassion flows, loving people where they are,  
open my heart.

Too long I have been closed and guarded  
in the safety of my world.

Now help me to expand my vision,  
open up my eyes and open up my heart  
and let Your love shine, open my life!

Then open my hands.  
Release my grasp 'til I live to touch, to heal, freely give.  
Teach me how to love again, open my hands.

**Second Scripture Reading Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him,  
and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal  
life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder;  
You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear

false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.”<sup>20</sup> He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money<sup>[e]</sup> to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”<sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is<sup>[d]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another,<sup>[d]</sup> “Then who can be saved?”<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>[d]</sup><sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON      **“Swedish Death Cleaning”**      *Pastor Deb Packard*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *from the United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who had 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 trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve 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. 722      **“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”**  
*Canonbury*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY      **“The Times They Are A-Changing”**  
*Bob Dylan*

▲ 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 LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

▲ Hymn No. 724 **“O Jesus, I Have Promised”** *Angel’s Story*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ SUNG BENEDICTION - Hymn No. 535

**“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me,  
bless God’s holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits.

*(sung once in unison, once as a canon)*

Postlude **“Angel’s Story”** *arr. Noel Ramsthorne*

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

**Our worship has ended – now our service begins.**

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**

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

**Dr. Jeff Unger**, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST

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**Judy Quitne**, DEACON MODERATOR

**Jackie Colin**, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR

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**Bill Turner**, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED

**Deborah A. Packard**, INTERIM PASTOR

*The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, John & Faye Nirider, by Deanne Nirider*

*The bouquet of flowers is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my new grandson, Alexander Paul Wright (son of Rob & Carolyn Wright) by Wilma Wright*

**Serving Today**

† **Greeter:** Jackie Colin

† **Ushers:** Team 4: Lloyd Pearson, Capt., Maureen Bonney, Bob Bonney, Jamie Montero, Charlie Shaw

† **Flower Duty:** Carol Cox, Sherri Ryan

† **Trustee Duty:** Chris Tobin, Sharon Fix

† **Fellowship Host:** Worship & Christian Ed Communities

† **Worship Prep:** 10/13 – Carol Cox, 10/20 – Laura & Ed Kelsey



**Music Notes from Dr. Jeff**

Thanks again to George Liddy for his guitar playing this morning!



**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**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**



**PCOH NURSERY**

**TODAY**

**Amy Steckhahn**

October 21    Jean Brown    October 28 \_\_\_\_\_

November 4 \_\_\_\_\_    November 11 \_\_\_\_\_



**Children & Youth Team Leaders**

**Today**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Pre-k & Kindergarten**

(brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell  
Andy Pursell

Shirley Carle  
Stephanie Toth

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

(fellowship hall)

Judy Quitne  
Meghan Pringle

Carol Cox  
Laura Morales

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

(youth room)

Nick Robinson  
Jill Vacchiano

Kelli Tobin  
Jill Vacchiano

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Women's Retreat**

**Princeton Seminary - March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup>**



*When you are shopping,  
please remember that:*

**Trinity Needs Food**

*When you are cooking,  
please remember that:*

**The Center Needs Meals**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



**“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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