



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

October 21, 2018 ~10:15am
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All youth from 6th thru 12th grade begin in the Youth Room

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

-Albert Schweitzer

Chimes

Prelude **"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

arr. John Ferguson

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

Introit **"The Times They Are A-Changin'"** *Bob Dylan*

Come gather 'round people wherever you roam
and admit that the waters around you have grown.
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone,
if your time to you is worth savin'
then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
for the times they are a-changin'!

Come senators, congressmen, please heed the call,
don't stand in the doorway, don't block up the hall.
For he that gets hurt will be he who has stalled,
there's a battle outside and it's ragin'.
It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls
for the times they are a-changin'!

Come mothers and fathers throughout the land
and don't criticize what you can't understand.
Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command,
your old road is rapidly agin'.
Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand
for the times they are a-changin'!

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Mark 10:35-45)

Leader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory.

People: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Leader: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy, suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

People: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Leader: Baptized into the reign of God,
Where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people
and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

People: **But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**

Leader: Why are we here?

People: **To drink the cup of fullness of life;
To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;
To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

▲ UNISON GATHERING PRAYER (*Psalm 91:9-16; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*)

Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 4 **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**
Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ UNISON PRAYER OF CONESSION (*Isaiah 53:4-12*)

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways. With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home. With so many things to distract us: work, school, and the general busyness of life – we lie unresponsive to your calls to kingdom service.

(Moment of 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 Property Community

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 Property Community. You can see what they do every time you walk into our beautiful church, participate in a learning experience or eat dinner downstairs. 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 19th.

Life on the Hill

Today (October 21):	✠ WORSHIP 10:15am
Monday (October 22):	✠ Stephen Ministry Training 7pm
Wednesday (October 24):	✠ Rev. Deb’s Bible Study 10am Session 7pm
Thursday (October 25):	✠ Moms & Young Gals 9:30am Rachel Circle 9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Saturday (October 27):	✠ “Reclaiming Jesus” Program 9am
Next Sunday:	✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Michael Compoly

First Scripture Reading Job 38:1-7 (NRSV)

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings^[a] shouted for joy?”

ANTHEM

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Angerman/Graham

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,

Oh what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield you;

You will find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1819-1886)

Second Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

SERMON

“Dibs on the Front Seat”

Pastor Deb Packard

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Reformed Worship)

We believe in God:

**who welcomes laughter
and moves us to wonder...**

We believe in Christ:

**who welcomes our questions
and loves us to trust...**

We believe in Spirit:

**who welcomes our doubts
and loves us to faith.**

This we believe! Amen!

▲ Hymn No. 22 **“God of the Sparrow”**

Roeder

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Let All Things Now Living”**

arr. Jan Sanborn

▲ 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. 299

**“You Servants of God,
Your Master Proclaim”**

Hanover

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

“Hanover”

arr. Robert Hobby

▲ *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

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The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in praise and celebration for the newest member of our family, Brody Allen Bell (nephew), by Jackie Colin

Serving Today

- † **Greeters:** Jamie Montero, Sharon Fix
- † **Ushers:** Team 5: Elda Gall, Capt., Rob Bataille, Bill Brown, Robin Compoly, Guy Rayner, Roger Stewart
- † **Flower Duty:** Robin Compoly, Stephanie Toth
- † **Trustee Duty:** Rick Degurski, Anne Pagnoni
- † **Fellowship Host:** Connie Perry
- † **Worship Prep:** 10/20 – Laura & Ed Kelsey, 10/27 – Elda Gall



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks again to our guitarist, George Liddy, for accompanying the Dylan song 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 21st**



**PCOH NURSERY
TODAY
Jean Brown**

October 28 _____ November 4 _____
November 11 _____ November 18 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

Carol Cox
Laura Morales

Kelli Tobin
Jill Vacchiano

**Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)**

**1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)**

**6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)**

October 28th

Jessica Pursell
Cheryl Schleuss

Meghan Pringle
Sherri Ryan

Anne Pagnoni
Nick Robinson

THANK YOU

The Mission Community would like to thank everyone who added “suggestion leaves” to the Mission Tree during our Minute for Stewardship! We received many great recommendations and are exploring opportunities for PCOH!

Operation Christmas Child



How can you help?

- ✓ **Pack a shoe box** –PCOH filled shoe boxes are **due on Sunday, November 11th**.
- ✓ **Volunteer** – **November 12th-19th** a sign-up sheet is on the rear table. For the past 17 years we have served as a relay center during collection week. Our church receives shoe boxes from other churches and various organizations. We in turn put them in cartons and transport them to Toms River, NJ.
- ✓ **Donations** – rental of the budget truck during collection week cost PCOH approximately \$450.00.
- ✓ **Pray** – **Pray** for the people filling the individual shoe boxes. **Pray** for those helping at the relay and collection centers and most importantly **Pray** for the children that receive the shoe box gifts that they may be changed forever as they allow Jesus Christ into their lives.

Questions see Lisa Keller

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Retreat
Princeton Seminary - March 8th - March 9th

More details to follow



*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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