



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

October 28, 2018 ~10:15am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

“You can trust us to stick to you through thick and thin – to the bitter end. And you can trust us to keep any secret of yours – closer than you yourself keep it. But you cannot trust us to let you face trouble alone, and go off without a word. We are your friends, Frodo. Anyway: there it is.”

–J.R.R. Tolkien

Chimes

Prelude **“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”** *arr. Robert Hobby*

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

Introit **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ”** *Martin Luther (1529)*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work his woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.

People: **First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

People: **Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.**

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors – to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the

call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body. We pray for our nation that we be united as a people tied to a single garment of destiny. We pray for those who we elect to serve all citizens that they may be guided not by ego, politics or money, but by compassion for all people. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation to follow the path of love. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” *Marion*

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

People: **God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all and that some are undeserving.**

Leader: Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

People: **God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.**

Leader: Again and again, you urge us to seek you first. We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: **Yet we fear that our “land of milk and honey” has become a land of moral famine and economic hardship, and we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.**

Leader: Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding but in all our ways to acknowledge you and yet

People: we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason. Remind us again to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and the world.

Silent Reflection.

▲ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, amen.**

Stewardship Sunday

COMMITTING OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2019

We live in changing times, here at PCOH and in our wider world, but the Word of God is eternal. To face these changes, to build up our community, and to grow more fully into the people God wants us to be, we need to step up. We will do this, in part, by stepping up our financial commitments to the witness and work of PCOH.



**The times they are a changin’
Time to STEP up!**

As we bring our pledge cards forward, please approach the front of the chancel via the center aisle, place your pledge card in the plate, and return by the side aisles.

Life on the Hill

Today (October 28): ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am
Middle Schoolers & Sr. Highs 4:30pm
Monday (October 29): ✠ Stephen Ministry Training 7pm
Thursday (October 31): ✠ Moms & Young Gals 9:30am
Adult Study w/lunch 11:30am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Next Sunday: ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

Passing of the RED PAD: The person sitting in the pew closest to the center aisle fills out the RED PAD, then passes it down the pew so that each family would do the same. THEN, pass it back so that we can put names and faces together.

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Bob Bonney

First Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSV)

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your^[a] faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.

- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

ANTHEM

“Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart”

Martin/Nix

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Lean not unto your own understanding.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
with all your strength, with all your might.

O trust in God all the days of your life.
Delight yourself in all his ways.
Trust in his mercy. Rest in his grace.
Make your life a sacrifice of praise!

Second Scripture Reading Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher,^[g] let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

“Seeing and Being Seen”

Rev. Linda Goeddel

▲ Hymn No. 175

“Seek Ye First”

Lafferty

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Lift High the Cross”** *arr. John Carter*

▲ 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.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

▲ Hymn No. 320 **“The Church of Christ in Every Age”**
Wareham

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude **“Wareham”** *arr. Charles Callahan*

▲ *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

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Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His infinite blessings.

Serving Today

† **Greeter(s)**: Stewardship Community

† **Ushers**: Team 6: Ralph E. Jensen, Capt., Letitia Jensen, Carol Hadfield, Jim Hadfield, Jaine Williams, Peter Williams

† **Flower Duty**: Gail Loeser, Janet Lee

† **Trustee Duty**: Mike Ryan, Kurt Kaboth

† **Fellowship Host**: Stewardship Community

† **Worship Prep**: 10/27 – Elda Gall, 11/3 Laura Evernham



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Next week is Congregational Choir. Rehearsal at 9:40am! We will be singing Hymn No. 2265 – “Time Now to Gather.”



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



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

November 4th

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell
Cheryl Schleuss

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle
Sherri Ryan

Judy Quitne
Carol Cox

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

Anne Pagnoni
Nick Robinson

No Sunday School
Holy
Communion

Operation Christmas Child



How can you help?

Life on the Hill Notes

October 28th



PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Cheryl Miller

November 4 _____ November 11 _____
November 18 _____ November 25 _____

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

Rev. Linda Goeddel

Rev. Linda Goeddel served as Director of Children’s Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church at Red Bank before attending seminary as a “third career” student. She currently serves as a Chaplain at a senior living community in Ocean County.



*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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