



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

November 11, 2018 ~10:15am
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

In Preparation (*Thought for Silent Reflection*)

“The depth and strength of a human character are defined by its moral reserves. People reveal themselves completely only when they are thrown out of the customary conditions of their life, for only then do they have to fall back on their reserves.”

-Leonardo da Vinci

Chimes

Prelude

“My Hope Is Built”

arr. Robert Powell

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

Introit

“When the Poor Ones”

Oliver/Manzano

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 127)

Leader: Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

People: We have come into this house, built by the Holy One, to worship the God of Creation.

Leader: Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

People: We have come to listen to the stories of people who

Leader: The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will take care of us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journeys through life.

People: So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God’s people here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

Ever living God, instill in us, we pray, the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to live beyond our own desires. So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be overcome with its liberating courage and sustenance. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 81 **“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”**

Austrian Hymn

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, hear our confession of our sins.

Leader: We know that we are already rich, but refuse to see those in our midst who live on meager resources. In fact, we find it comes naturally to ignore those who have the most to teach us. We don't want to acknowledge that it is often those with the least who give the most. It embarrasses us each time we are reminded of the examples of Ruth and the poor widow. We are experts with prayers that make us feel important and we assume that special recognition is due to us. We expect special privileges. We speak of our belief that you will provide for all that we need – resources and partners on life's journey. Yet, we still don't give ourselves over to your promises. Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth, we need help to live faithfully.

All: Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to live boldly as witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus.

(Moment of silent reflection)

▲ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲ 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.**

Life on the Hill

Today (November 11):

✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

Hillkidz, Middleschooler & Sr. High 5pm

Tuesday (November 13):

✠ Worship 6pm

Finance 7:30pm

Wednesday (November 14)

✠ Being Presbyterian Class 10am

Board of Deacons 7pm

Thursday (November 15):

Moms & Young Gals 9:30am

Adult Study w/lunch 11:30am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Friday, November 16):

✠ Sr. High Retreat

Saturday, November 17:

✠ Sanctuary Spruce Up 9am-Noon

Next Sunday:

✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Laura Evernham

Vicki Howard

Joanie Kralyovich

Pat Lee

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Invitation
Requests
Vows

Leader: Are you prepared to meet these requests that we ask of you?

Stephen Minister Candidates: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

Stephen Minister Candidates: Yes, with the help of God

Leader: Now, I ask you, members of The Presbyterian Church on the Hill, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

CONGREGATION: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: I also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. If you are prepared to meet this request, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

CONGREGATION: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at The Presbyterian Church on the Hill?

Stephen Minister Candidates: Yes, with the help of God.

Commendation
Laying on of Hands
Prayer with Blessing

Leader: May you share Christ’s ever-abundant love with others so that they and you may grow in His wholeness. May you see Jesus Christ in all people and be moved by His life to care for them as He has cared for you.

CONGREGATION: May God bless you richly and walk with you in your ministry. Amen

MINUTE FOR MISSION: **Stephen Ministry**

ANTHEM

“Foundations”

arr. Joseph Martin

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can we say than to you He hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Sisters will you join and help me with those struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that He will be found.
Pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new.
Then He’ll call us home to heaven, at his table we’ll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.
Sing alleluia!

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



Ed Kelsey

First Scripture Reading Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (NRSV)

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See,

he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.” ¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin;^[1] and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Second Scripture Reading Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON

“Acts of Love”

Rev. Deb Packard

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God’s love frees me to be the person I am without needing to be more attractive, more intelligent, more popular.

God’s love frees me to live in confidence, not self-absorbed, but ready to listen and to hear the stories of others.

God’s love frees me to take risks, to surprise even myself with courage, sometimes to fall flat on my face - but always to move on; encouraged by the Spirit.

God’s love frees me to view the world not from the standpoint of wealth gained or ambition achieved, but from the perspective of relationships lived and human love shared.

God’s love frees me to put my sins behind me, to know that no sin is too great or too small to be left open and healed by the gentle touch of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Joel Raney

▲ 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. 697 **“Take My Life”** *Hendon*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude **“Hendon”** *arr. Albin Whitworth*

▲ *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.

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Keller, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE

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Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR

Bill Turner, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED

Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Joseph Duez, by Barbara & Stephen Lofthouse

Serving Today

† **Greeters:** Stephen Ministers

† **Ushers:** Team 2: Diana Griffith, Capt., Sharon Fix, Pat Lee, Stephen Lofthouse, Judy Quitne

† **Flower Duty:** Elda Gall, Giselle McCormick

† **Trustee Duty:** Sharon Fix, Anne Pagnoni

† **Fellowship Host:** Stephen Ministers

† **Worship Prep:** 11/10 – Laura Guilfoyle, 11/17 – Letitia Jensen



The Ministry of Flowers

Flower Chart is posted outside the Office. 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
November 18th



PCOH NURSERY
TODAY

Jamie Montero

November 18 _____ November 25 Cheryl Miller
December 2 _____ December 9 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

November 18th

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell
Cheryl Schleuss

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)

Megan Zarodnansky
Laura Morales

Cheryl Miller
Sherri Ryan

6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)

Anne Pagnoni
Kelli Tobin

No Sunday
School – Sr.
High Retreat



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals

FAMILY PROMISE--SAVE THE DATES!

Church on the Hill will host Family Promise guests, (anticipated to be 5 families!) for the week of **December 23 - 30**. As is the tradition of Family Promise, the guests are able to celebrate Christmas at a local hotel through donations from FP supporters, so we expect that all of the guests will begin their week with PCOH on Dec. 26th at 5pm. (Details to follow.)

The PCOH Mission Community greatly appreciates anyone that can volunteer during this week, please see Wendy Robinson or Marilyn Dicken if you have any questions. Thank you!



“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), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

FAITH LOVE HOPE FORGIVENESS UNDERSTANDING

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