



**Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.**

**—1 Chronicles 16:34**

## **The Presbyterian Church on the Hill**

November 18, 2018 ~10:15am

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Preparation (*Thought for Silent Reflection*)

*“Why must people kneel down to pray? If I really wanted to pray I’ll tell you what I’d do. I’d go out into a great big field all alone or in the deep, deep woods and I’d look up into the sky -- up-up-up -- into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its blueness. And then I’d just feel a prayer.”*

*-L.M. Montgomery*

Chimes

Prelude **“Come Ye Thankful People Come”**

*arr. Janet Linker*

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

Introit **“All That Have Life and Breath”** *Donald Moore*

All that have life and breath, praise ye the Lord.

Sing to the Lord, exult his name.

For He is good, his mercy is over all, alleluia.

*Charles Whiting*

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(based on Hebrews 10:22-25)*

Leader: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

**People: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.**

Leader: Come with joyful expectation.

**People: We gather in full confidence of the gospel’s promise.**

Leader: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God’s instruments of grace.**

### UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world. We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. While the journey towards peace that lies ahead is long, our incremental steps continue to take us closer to that promised day. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

▲ Hymn No. 367 **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

*St. George’s Windsor*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ LITANY OF CONFESSION

In response to the words, *We beseech you, O God*, please sing:



Have mer - cy up - on us

Let us take this time to pray silently for God's forgiveness of our sins...

*We beseech you, O God,*

*(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 18): ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am  
Being Presbyterian Class 6:30pm
- Tuesday (November 20): ✠ Men's Bible Fellowship 7:30pm  
Women's Bible Fellowship 7:30pm
- Wednesday (November 21) ✠ Being Presbyterian Class 10am
- Saturday, November 24: ✠ Hanging of the Greens 10am
- Next Sunday: ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am  
Being Presbyterian Class 6:30pm

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

ANTHEM

**"Reap What You Sow"**

*Pepper Choplin*

*Sandy Papp, soloist*

You will sow what you reap, reap what you sow.  
What you plant in the Kingdom will surely grow.  
And what you grow with love will surely bloom  
and the fruit of the Spirit will come back to you.

Do not tire from doing good and never give up  
when your road gets rough.  
For one day soon a great reward you'll see  
from the good you've done when the harvest comes.

You will reap what you sow, sow what you reap.  
What you plant in the Kingdom will surely keep  
until the day when you hear the words of the Lord:  
"Well done, my child, come taste the joy of heaven's reward."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



*Stephen Lofthouse*

First Scripture Reading Psalm 113 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,  
<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?  
<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

### Second Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 1:2-10 (NRSV)

<sup>2</sup> He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup> Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion,<sup>[b]</sup> because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?” <sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD.<sup>[c]</sup> Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly.

SERMON

“New Vision”

Rev. Deb Packard

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*  
The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. (9.01)

The new life takes shape in a community in which [humans] know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. (9.22)

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of [hu]mans in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than [hu]man schemes will finally prevail. (9.25)

God’s word is spoken to [God’s] church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction. (9.30)

▲ Hymn No. 837 **“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**  
*Shovalter*

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Now Thank We All our God”** *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.**

▲ Hymn No. 336 “We Gather Together” *Kremser*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude “Kremser” *arr. Howard Helvey*

▲ *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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**Deborah A. Packard**, INTERIM PASTOR

*The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my children, Kim and Joy, by Marilyn Dicken*

*Serving Today*

- † **Greeter:** Wendy Robinson
- † **Ushers:** Team 3: Ed Kelsey, Capt., Linda Klose, Del Kunert, Pat Meyers, George Woodnorth
- † **Flower Duty:** Janet Lee, Stephanie Toth
- † **Trustee Duty:** Maureen Bonney, Kurt Kaboth
- † **Fellowship Host:** Wendy Robinson
- † **Worship Prep:** 11/17 – Letitia Jensen, 11/24 – Diana & Tom Griffith



**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 one of the Deacons. 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 18<sup>th</sup>



### PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Rebecca Hanly

November 25 Cheryl Miller      December 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
December 9 \_\_\_\_\_      December 16 \_\_\_\_\_



### Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

#### Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle  
Stephanie Toth

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

(fellowship hall)

Cheryl Miller  
Sherri Ryan

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

(youth room)

No Sunday School  
Sr. High Retreat

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Jessica Pursell  
Cheryl Schleuss

Meghan Pringle  
Laura Morales

Nick Robinson  
Jill Vacchiano

## 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!



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

**FAITH**  **LOVE**  **HOPE**  **FORGIVENESS**  **UNDERSTANDING**

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