

College Hill

Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

Preservice Music

Greetings and Announcements

PRELUDE "O Waly Waly"--English melody arranged by Chris de Silva (b.1967)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech; night to night declares knowledge.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable to you,

Oh Lord our Rock and our Redeemer.

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN #463** "How Firm a Foundation" (Foundation)

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you love us more than we can know. We recognize and confess that we hide from your love, that we turn away from neighbors in need, that we fail to see ourselves as precious in your sight. Forgive us. Create a new heart within us. Hear us now as we pray in the silence of our hearts...

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***ACCLAMATION#582** *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.
And of the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose grace has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace

CHILDREN'S TIME

Proclaim God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (OT, 436)
Luke 4:14-21 (NT, 61)

SERMON *It Takes a Church*

Give Thanks to God

***HYMN #308** "O God in Whom All Life Begins" (Noel)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING "There Is a Balm in Gilead"--African American Spiritual/arr. by Kevin Boesiger (b.1965)
and Mary McDonald (b.1956)

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
Just tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.*

Please sign, pass and return the red friendship pad!

***DOXOLOGY #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Let your word be fulfilled, O God, in our hearing and in our sharing for the sake of your work.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #837** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Showalter)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Sweet By and By"--Joseph P. Webster (1819-1975)/arr. by Joel Raney (b.1956)

*Please rise, in body or spirit

Service Notes

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist	Judy Steinberg
Ushers	Yvette Ehabe, Chris Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Curtis Tindall
Zoom Producer	Jeffrey Heagele

Flowers are given by the Swank Family in honor of all January birthdays.

Flower chair for the month of January is Lauren Joujan.

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Nursery School Director	Megan Schaeffer
Office Manager	David Kmetz

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MUSIC: George Esparza would often come up after church and talk about the pieces I played that Sunday on the organ or on the piano. So I know that he especially liked certain composers. Not too many weeks ago, he said to me, "Keep the arrangements by Chris de Silva and Joel Raney coming!" And so I have chosen to do that this Sunday.

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor:
This Week's Announcements

**ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9,
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP**

On February 9 2025, immediately following Morning Worship, we will hold our Annual Meeting of the Congregation and of the Corporation. Items on the agenda will include the receiving of the Annual Report and electing two elders and two deacons.

LET'S DO A LITTLE DREAMING! As part of our new Strategic Plan, the Session of the church is doing some dreaming about how to best use our building and grounds in the next chapter of this church's story. To help them do that, we want to ask you to share your dreams as part of the worship service on Sunday, February 9.

FAITH FORMATION



Fish N' Chyps, our middle and high school youth group, will meet on February 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm. The youth will have a movie night! Please reach out to Lauren Joujan (kids@collegehillpc.org) with questions or for more information.



The “Souper Bowl” is Back!

But different this year! This year instead of asking for soup cans, we will be asking for monetary donations on “Souper” Bowl Sunday which is **Sunday, February 9, 2025**. We will have some special helpers to help us collect any **cash** donations you bring! Thank you for helping us to support the work of the food bank.



Ask Matt! – Kids Question Night

Join us for a family friendly evening on Saturday, February 15th from 5-7pm. We will share a potluck meal and children will have the chance to ask Pastor Matt all their burning questions about the Bible, God, church or faith! Watch your Enews and bulletin for a Sign-Up Genius.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for an afternoon of bowling fun! Everyone is invited- even if you do not want to bowl. Why not come for some fellowship and fun?

When: Saturday, March 8th from 1-3pm

Where: Bar-Don Lanes, 3700 Nicholas Street, Easton, PA 18045

Please watch your Enews and the bulletin for more information!