

# HILL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## APRIL 14, 2024 - 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Our Weekly Celebration of the Resurrection



## THE HILL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### HONORING THE PAST AND CELEBRATING THE FUTURE

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## ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

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### MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

### TREASURER

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### TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Elder Tom Graham  
Deacon Kyle Nevel  
Jon Harper

### PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Mark Davis, HR

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Nancy Slezak  
*Organist and Memorial  
Handbell Choir Director*

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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### CLERK OF SESSION

Elder Louise Evans

◆————— WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP —————◆

**GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**PRELUDE**

**“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

**Nancy Slezak**

*arr. by David Cherwien*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

ONE: Risen Lord, precious Savior, powerful One in Three,

**ALL: You keep showing up for us in unexpected places.**

ONE: When we face uncertainty, **ALL: You are there.**

ONE: When we worry about our tomorrows, **ALL: You are there.**

ONE: And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, **ALL: You are there.**

ONE: Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love,

**ALL: which convinces us to sing your praises aloud.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

Ever-present God, on this new day we gather to proclaim the splendor of your care for us. Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your Easter love, so that our faith in your transforming power flows from our hearts. Renew us with the immensity of your mercy and grace, as we lift up praise for your goodness, and offer thanks for your gentleness. In the name of the risen Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, let our lives bear witness to our faith and trust in you. Amen.

**\*HYMN #341**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

*(ASSURANCE)*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

Risen Lord, forgive us when we allow the power of the resurrection to fade quickly as we move from the empty tomb to the realities of our day to day lives. We must seem more like the disciples before Easter than the ones after it, wondering, “What now Jesus?” We turn to the world for answers instead of you. We trust other frail humans more than you. We go to their words for answers instead of yours. So many things become lord of our lives while you become only a Sunday morning idea. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you...

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN #579)**

*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.*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

◆————— WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD —————◆

**A TIME ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

*\*indicates where all are invited to rise in body or spirit*

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm (4:1-8 NIV)**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

**ANTHEM**

**Hill Memorial Handbell Choir & Russell Harper, guitar**

**“Tuya Es la Gloria” (“We Sing of Your Glory”)**

*by Susan T. (Nelson) Sylvester*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**SERMON**

**“Is He or Isn’t He?”**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

◆————— **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** —————◆

**HYMN #106**

**“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (v.2)**

*ALLELUIA NO. 1*

**AN INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Deacon Susan Catanzarito**

God of all we are, all we have and all we hope to be, we bring to you today a portion of that with which you have blessed us. We give as an act of gratitude for your generous provision. We give as an act of faith and trust in your power and love to provide for our future. We give as an act of obedience because you have called us to follow your example and to share what we have with others. We ask you to use and bless our gifts according to will and to your glory. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN #592)**

*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. Amen.*

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**PRAYERS OF PEOPLE**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

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 TO SERVE** —————◆

**\*HYMN**

**“Trust and Obey”**

*see insert*

**\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Postlude” by Fr. Walszynski**

**Nancy Slezak**



**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

To give a gift electronically, please scan the QR code.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

To send a request directly to Pastor Leigh, please scan the QR code.

**WORSHIP  
NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter  
Readings: TBD | Pastor Kathleen Davis**

## HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-1:30 pm**

**PASTOR LEIGH IS AWAY ON LEAVE APRIL 10-26**

**TUESDAY, 4/16: Women's Bible Study, Hall Lounge/Zoom, 9:30-11:00 am**  
**Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Hall Lounge, 7:00 pm**

**FRIDAY, 4/19: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room, 10:00 am**

**SATURDAY, 4/20: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Fellowship Hall, 11:00 am**

**SUNDAY, 4/21: Worship Service, 10:30 am**  
*4th Sunday of Easter* **Elementary Sunday School, Art Room, 11:45 am**  
**Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:45 am**

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### VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS TODAY

**OPENER/CLOSER:** Bob Kennedy

**LITURGIST:** Susan Catanzarito

**ORGANIST:** Nancy Slezak

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Kyle Nevel

**ACOLYTE:** Kaydence Hall

**GREETERS:** Bob Kennedy & Gerry Graham

**FELLOWSHIP:** Nurture Committee

**COUNTERS:** Louise Evans & Debbie Markiw

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** Given with love by  
Mark & Kathleen Davis in honor of  
the 40th adoption anniversary of their  
sons, John & Frank

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Becky Bayne &  
Sherry Neely

### APRIL 21 VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS

**OPENER/CLOSER:** Pete McElhaney

**LITURGIST:** Jim Ihlenfeld

**ORGANIST:** Karen Krenitsky

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Jon Harper

**ACOLYTE:** Kendall Nace

**GREETERS:** Pam Lentz & Alan Milanovich

**FELLOWSHIP:** Deacon of the Month  
Kyle Nevel

**COUNTERS:** None

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** Given with love by  
Susan Catanzarito in memory of  
her father, Eli Barber

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Barb Kamerer &  
Ray Dougherty

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### SESSION & TRUSTEES

Moderator: Rev Leigh Benish | Clerk of Session: Louise Evans  
(A) Administration | (N) Nurture | (M) Mission | (W) Worship  
(CE) Christian Education | (S) Stewardship | \*Committee Chair

#### **2024**

Kathleen Davis\* (M)  
Karen Earhart\* (CE)  
Lauren McElhaney (S)  
Pete McElhaney (A)  
Anne Miller\* (A)

#### **2025**

Janet Edinger (A)  
Gerry Graham (CE)  
Jim Kamerer\* (N)  
Debbie Markiw (M)  
Arlene Roth\* (W)

#### **2026**

Doug Hall (N)  
Lauren Nace (CE)  
Kathy Nevel (W)  
Dave Olenic (A)  
Ruth Scott\* (S)

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Barb Kamerer  
Vice Moderator: Deacon Susan Catanzarito  
Secretary: Kyle Nevel  
Treasurer: Becky Bayne  
Assistant Treasurer: Sherry Neely

#### **2024**

Chris Leroy  
Jack Montag  
Sharon Montag

#### **2025**

Barb Kamerer  
Marsh Miller  
Kyle Nevel

#### **2026**

Becky Bayne  
Ray Dougherty  
Sherry Neely

### MEALS ON WHEELS BAKING

The Deacons are hosting a collection baked goods for Meals on Wheels. Please place your items on the tables in the Giving Corner.

### DEACONS' CARE PACKAGES

**TODAY** is the last day to turn in the address forms for the care packages the Deacons are sending to college students and service members who are personally, or children or grandchildren of, church members. The orange forms to complete can be found on worship tables. A new form must be completed each semester.

### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRIES GALA & ART SHOW

**TODAY, 12:00-3:00 pm | St. Michael's Hall, Center Ave. | Free to attend**

Art Show featuring 5 artists, including Hill Church's Mark Hall; Refreshments; Basket, Quilt, & 50/50 Raffles (winners chosen at 2:00)

### FAMILY MOVIE DAY

Grab your *GOLDEN TICKET* and your movie theatre *CHOCOLATE* and join us to watch a popular 2023 musical prequel on **Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 pm**. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. ALL ages welcome!

### ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL youth in grades K-6 are invited to Sunday School **following worship**. Students may get a snack and then go directly to the Art Room.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

ALL women are invited to Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00** in the Hall Lounge or on Zoom. Kathleen Davis is teaching about the Gospel of John. If you would like the Zoom information, contact the church office.

### PASTOR LEIGH AWAY

Pastor Leigh is on a medical leave of absence until April 27. Please keep her and her family in prayer. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Rev. Mark Davis.

### 2024 PER CAPITA

If you would like to help cover the costs of ministry at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels, you are invited to contribute **\$44.20 per person**. Thank you!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY APRIL REQUEST: Cereal, Granola, and Oats

Donations may be placed in the food barrel in the Giving Corner.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HILL CHURCH?

If you have been considering becoming an official member of Hill Church, please scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/HillUPNewMember> to fill out the interest form. New Member conversations will be held in June. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Leigh.

## Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,  
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love  
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!  
 but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;  
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay;  
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,  
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
 for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,  
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 but is blest if we trust and o - bey.  
 are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

*Refrain*  
 Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be

hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

# **NOMINATIONS FORM CHURCH OFFICER & MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

I prayerfully submit the following people for nomination to the office of:

**ELDER:**

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**DEACON:**

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:**

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**I would like to volunteer myself for consideration for the office of:**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN AN OFFERING PLATE.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DISCERNMENT!**

## **CHURCH OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS**

The Nominating Committee is in the process of discernment regarding the slate of nominees for membership on the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Nominating Committee. You are invited to participate in this process by submitting names of individuals whom you feel are qualified to serve. You may nominate yourself as well.

Elders and Deacons take the same ordination vows as pastors with the exception of one specific, office-related question. All officers and Nominating Committee members-at-large are elected by the congregation

General qualifications for an officer include:

- membership on the roll of the church
- regular attendance at Sunday worship services
- regular participation in church activities
- commitment to the church and its vision, mission, and stewardship
- acting as a faithful witness to Christ in the areas of family, work, and community
- willingness to learn, openness to new ideas, and maturity of judgement

### **ELDERS**

Elders serve on the Session, which is the ruling body of the church. The Session is responsible for the order of church life, which includes worship, education, mission, and stewardship. Each elder will be assigned to a committee, and will also be expected to be a periodic representative at Presbytery meetings.

### **DEACONS**

The office of Deacon is one of service, sympathy, and witness. Deacons minister to those who are in need within and outside the congregation. A Deacon participates in monthly board meetings and is involved with the ongoing work of the Board of Deacons.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 7 people, 4 of which are considered members-at-large because they are not currently serving as officers.