

HILL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024 - 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

4th 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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CLERK OF SESSION

Elder Louise Evans

◆———— WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP —————◆

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kathleen Davis

PRELUDE

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Karen Krenitsky

arr. by D. Wood

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

ONE: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

ALL: The one who has created, sustains and redeems us,

ONE: who walks beside us in good times and bad,

ALL: and who calls us to follow.

ONE: This is our God!

ALL: Let’s worship God together!

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

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 #417**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Kathleen Davis

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Pastor Kathleen Davis

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**

Pastor Kathleen Davis

***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**

◆———— WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD —————◆

A TIME ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Kathleen Davis

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV)

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Alleluia” arr. by A.A. Miller

Karen Krenitsky

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

Pastor Kathleen Davis

SERMON

“Stop here. Wait for Shepherd”

Pastor Kathleen Davis

◆————— **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

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld

As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of what is to come, so you might lead us into your future; may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus’ name. 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

Pastor Kathleen Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Pastor Kathleen Davis

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 #387**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Kathleen Davis

***POSTLUDE**

“Marziale” by L. Buttazzo

Karen Krenitsky



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 28, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Birthday Sunday
Readings: 1 John 4:7-21; Acts 8:26-40 | Pastor Leigh Benish**

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, 4/23: Women's Bible Study, Hall Lounge/Zoom, 9:30-11:00 am
Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Hall Lounge, 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, 4/25: Christian Education Committee, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, 4/26: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room, 10:00 am

SATURDAY, 4/27: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Fellowship Hall, 11:00 am

SUNDAY, 4/28: Worship Service, 10:30 am

5th Sunday of Easter **Elementary Sunday School, Art Room, 11:45 am**

Birthday Sunday **Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:45 am**

Yarn Group, Hall Lounge, 11:45 am

VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS TODAY

OPENER/CLOSER: Janet Edinger

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

APRIL 28 VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS

OPENER/CLOSER: Pete McElhaney

LITURGIST: Kathy Nevel

ORGANIST: Nancy Slezak

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Tom Graham

ACOLYTE: Anna Earhart

GREETERS: Lorna Whittington &
Jack & Sharon Montag

FELLOWSHIP: Susan Catanzarito, Betty
Scarnato, & Becky Bayne

COUNTERS: Kathy Nevel & Karen Earhart

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Given with love in
honor of Kathleen Davis for her love,
kindness, and many gifts, by friends.

FLOWER DELIVERY: Jack & Sharon Montag

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: Elder Jim Ihlenfeld
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

PASTOR LEIGH AWAY

Pastor Leigh will be away until April 27 for a leave of absence to address health concerns. Please keep her and her family in prayer during this time. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Rev. Mark Davis.

GARDEN CLUB

Thank you to all who **SPRING-SPRUNG** into action and volunteered to help clean up the church grounds and spread mulch last Saturday, April 13. Everything looks **WONDERFUL!**

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL youth in grades K-6 are invited to Sunday School **following worship**. Students are invited to grab a snack and take it directly to the Art Room.

FAMILY MOVIE DAY

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

YARN GROUP

The next meeting of the Yarn Group is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28 at 11:45 am** in the Hall Lounge. ALL are welcome!

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers meet the first Wednesday of every month to make small crafts to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients. ALL are welcome to join the fun on **Wednesday, May 1 at 9:30 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Luellen.

HILL QUILTERS

The Hill Quilters will continue to gather the first Friday of every month to make lap quilts for members and loved ones in need of support. The next scheduled meeting is this **Friday, May 3 at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall.



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.

HILL CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Hill Church Book Club will meet on **Sunday, May 5, following worship** to discuss “Playing for Pizza” by John Grisham. ALL are welcome!

PENTECOST MUSICAL ENSEMBLE

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

We are looking for some volunteers to put together a vocal ensemble for worship on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19**. There will be two rehearsals:

Sunday, May 5 immediately following worship and **Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 am**.

ALL voices are welcome (seriously)!

NOT A SINGER? COME PLAY A BOOMWHACKER!

Join our children and youth as they play Boomwhackers, which are long hollow tubes of varying lengths that make noise when “whacked” on the ground. Rehearsals will be during Sunday School and on **Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am**.

Want to know more? See Nancy Slezak or Kathleen Davis.

DEACONS’ CHILI COOK-OFF

Join the Deacons on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19**, for a “Tongues of Fire” chili cook-off following worship! Stay to sample the various offerings and vote for your favorite!

To enter a pot of your special chili, please see Deacons Becky Bayne, Sherry Neely, or Barb Kameron. Wear something red, orange, or yellow to commemorate the day!

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.

NOMINATIONS FORM CHURCH OFFICER & MEMBER-AT-LARGE

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

ELDER:

DEACON:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

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

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.