

EXPRESSIONS

CHURCH IN THE HILLS PC (USA)



This month I will be discussing the Gloria Patri which is the song following the Assurance of Pardon. As mentioned before, the Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (or Forgiveness) form the center of our worship and proclaim the gospel every week. The gospel is that Jesus Christ is the son of God and died for our sins and was raised from the dead. This gospel is enacted through our confession and pardon. Once forgiveness has been assured, it's time to give God all the credit. The Gloria Patri is Latin for "Glory be to the Father." Once we are assured of God's forgiveness, we give all the glory to God. The Gloria Patri is a short hymn of praise giving God the glory for our forgiveness and salvation. Though it's called "Glory Be to the Father," the song itself is trinitarian. All the glory for our salvation goes to God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit.

We usually sing the traditional "Gloria Patri" but we change it up occasionally. We change the hymn for the Gloria Patri in the hope that the congregation will renew its attention to this important part of our service. Sometimes changing the hymn irritates people because they've become conditioned to the traditional hymn but even irritation can help. Every aspect of worship is an opportunity to open our whole heart to God. If we get used to singing the same song every week, we may only go through the motions of worship and not pour ourselves into it. If a change is irritating, hang in there and when it changes back to what you are used to, rejoice in the comfort of the familiar.

The reoccurring theme in all these articles concerning worship is the importance of opening and engaging your heart in worship. If we slip into a mindset believing that repetition without engagement is valuable, we cease to worship the living God. We go through the motions of worship just to appease our fears or to feel self-righteous. If we truly love someone, we put our heart into it and worship is no different. Put your heart into it. If something irritates you, turn it into a learning experience. Try to be open in every moment of worship to what God is doing, and whatever happens, give God the glory!

The Peace of Christ be with you!

David Ramage

The BYI Board & the children of Bellaire wish to thank those volunteers who worked to make our great shed for the Skating Rink, the wooden props for our Performing Arts Play, and the help on our Student Garden. We could not have done it without you! We are now accepting donations for the produce plants and flower plants for our garden. Please contact Dee Lynch at 231-377-7077 to donate.

Sincerely, "Thanks to all"
Dee

ANTRIM COUNTY

High Tea

FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION
Sunday, June 30, 2019

Shanty Creek Resort

The Lakeview Hotel's Grand Ballroom

12-12:45 pm: Doors Open & Table Viewings
12:45 pm: High Tea Luncheon & Dessert

\$50 per person - contact Judy Houser at
231-377-7075 or 256-527-1780

New Members Class

A New Members Class will be offered on Sunday, June 2nd after worship. We will discuss what Presbyterians believe, the history of Church in the Hills and the advantages of membership. All interested people are welcome to attend but you are not required to join if you do attend. A light lunch will be served. A signup sheet is on the credenza at the back of the church.

WESTERN NIGHT

AT CHURCH IN THE HILLS

SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2019



Dust off your hats, boots and jeans and join us for a "Rootin'-Tootin' good time"! The Membership Committee is planning a Western style picnic for the whole Congregation outside the Undercroft Cafe on Sunday, June 23rd. There will be a campfire, sing-a-long, good eats and lawn games for all ages. The committee will furnish grilled hotdogs and drinks. Please bring a covered dish or snack to share and also lawn chairs.

This would be a great chance to invite a friend to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will meet from 5-8:00 P.M.

Please sign up so we will know how many people to expect. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Deacon on call for June

Nancy Edleman 533-8586

PENTECOST OFFERING FOR YOUTH

Each year on Pentecost Sunday (**June 9** this year), we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit is still with us, connecting us with the *church of the past*, continuing to inspire the *church of the present*, and pointing us to the *church of the future*. We celebrate this birthday by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults.

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with Church in the Hills to be used for work with children and youth.

CHECK THIS OUT!

The book for June (the 2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study) may seem out of date but all are encouraged to check it out, because Church in the Hills is featured in it. Check out page 92 to see why we're famous!

Although there is no longer a printed version, each year the PCUSA publishes the Mission Yearbook and for Prayer and Study and makes it available online at www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/ The page for the current day comes up when you open it, and you can learn about (and pray for) the work of not only individual mission workers, but also congregations, presbyteries, and synods. Check it out!

Beginning June 5th

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
will take place weekly on
Wednesday's at 10:00 am

Please mark your calendars and look forward to two concerts booked at CITH for this summer. **Sunday, July 28th at 4:00 pm** brings us pianist Rich **Ridenour** and his "fiddler friend" Dr. Barry **Ross**, violinist. Then on ***Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 pm** we are fortunate enough to host the **Tom Hagen Trio** with a concert titled "The Great American Composers." Tickets for each concert are \$20/adults; \$15/students.

***PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**



Rich Hannan	03-Jun
Dottie Schaefer	05-Jun
Joel Lemmer	08-Jun
Max Schwandt	08-Jun
David Ramage	10-Jun
Jack Glyshaw	13-Jun
Dee Owens	15-Jun
Greg Stover	15-Jun
Jean Berry	16-Jun
Carol Lewellen	19-Jun
Chris Bostater	19-Jun
Brenda McLellan	21-Jun
Bob Stinson	23-Jun
Bob Drudge	23-Jun
Grant Rowe	24-Jun
Don Hoyt	30-Jun
Nick Taddeucci	30-Jun



Rich and Anna Hannan	12-Jun
Nick and Nancy Taddeucci	12-Jun
Ron and Cynthia Tschudy	12-Jun
Dick and Connie Garcia	16-Jun
Tom and Garnett Anderson	18-Jun
Ken and Barb Salo	20-Jun
Max and Ann Schwandt	20-Jun
Phil and Gloria Weiss	23-Jun
Bruce and Bev Dickinson	25-Jun
Thomas and Jane Craigie	28-Jun

A delightful angelic little boy was waiting for his mother outside the ladies room of the gas station.

As he stood there, he was approached by a man who asked,

"Sonny, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right. It's on the left."

The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how bright he was and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. If you and your mommy come to church on Sunday, I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle; "You're kiddin' me, right? ... "You can't even find the Post Office."

Swaddled in God's law of love

Pastor John Edgerton tells of swaddling his 2-week-old baby to help her feel secure. She loved being wrapped tightly in a soft blanket and would lie quietly — until she managed to work a tiny arm loose. Then she'd scream until someone rewrapped her.

Edgerton likens that behavior to his own connection with God's law, given so people can live in peace. "I know that I'm supposed to do the right thing, but I'm always wiggling out of it," he writes. "And very quickly my life falls into a state of disarray."

We've all experienced this. We know we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we often ignore their needs. Jesus says to love our enemies, but we wiggle around it: "That's too naïve for this day and age." But then relationships crumble, life feels crazy and we recognize that, in large part, we've done it to ourselves. Over and over, we wiggle out of the soft swaddle of God's law of love, only to flail. Thankfully, like a loving parent, God wraps us up anew, holds us close and saves us from ourselves — again.

DEACONS

Class of 2019

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Ann Schwandt	231-377-2745

Class of 2020

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Terrie Ramage	231-392-1704

Class of 2021

Tamara Byerly	248-470-8857
Barb Salo	231-533-4122
Gloria Weiss	231-377-7168

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM NEW MEMBERS CLASS After Worship Service	3 PASTOR'S DAY OFF DEACONS 10:00 AM	4 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM	5 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM CHOIR 3:30 PM	6 MEN'S RAP 9:00 AM FINANCE 1:00 PM	7	8
9 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM MISSION 12:00 PM	10 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	11 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM	12 SESSION 9:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM CHOIR 3:30 PM	13 MEN'S RAP 9:00 AM	14	15 JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
16 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM	17 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	18 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP 3:15 PM	19 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM CHOIR 3:30 PM	20 MEN'S RAP 9:00 AM	21	22
23 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM "WESTERN" PICNIC 5:00 PM	24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	25 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM BOOK GROUP 1:00 PM	26 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM CHOIR 3:30 PM	27 MEN'S RAP 9:00 AM	28	29
30 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM						

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Service of Worship: Sunday 10:00 AM
Children's Program: Sunday 10:00 AM

OFFICE STAFFED
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Lisa Luxton, Office Manager

Church in the Hills is a member of the
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Class of 2019

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Class of 2020

Paul DeLange	Bldg & Grnds	377-7333
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Class of 2021

Jean Rowe	Personnel	533-8131
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