Round Hill Presbyterian Church

A caring community in Christ. Making Disciples for Christ. Equipped for ministry by Christ.

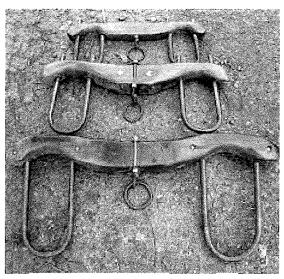
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Assisted listening devices are available for those who have difficulty hearing. Ask an usher for assistance.



May 22, 2022

Verse for Meditation:

Matthew 11:29

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

WELCOME

INTROIT

* INVOCATION Pr. Matt Stith

HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 625

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE:

"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.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:12-19

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

Leader: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"An Old Irish Blessing"

⁶ For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷ "It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 5:1-12

SERMON "Yokes" Pr. Matt Stith

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that, if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. ⁴ You who want to be reckoned as righteous by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

⁷ You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? ⁸ Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹ A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. ¹⁰ I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. ¹¹ But my brothers and sisters, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel freedom from the guilt of sin, from the condemning wrath of God, and from the curse of the moral law. He has also freed them from the evil world we live in, from enslavement to Satan, from the dominion of sin, the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and from everlasting damnation. In Christ believers have free access to God and can obey him, not out of slavish fear, but with a childlike love and a willing mind. All these freedoms were also held by believers under the law. However, under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians has been enlarged to include freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected. Christians also have greater boldness of access to the throne of grace and a fuller gift of the Spirit of God than believers ordinarily had under the law.

*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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

* HYMN:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 370

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN:

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE:

God be with you 'til we meet again, if life's trials should confound you, God will put His arms around you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

Be Joyful
Patient in hope,
in affliction, Faithful
in prayer.

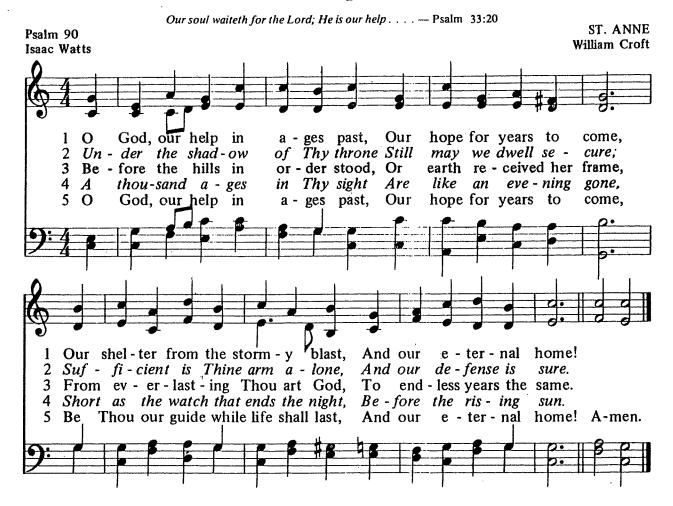
Romans 12:12

Lord, Speak to Me



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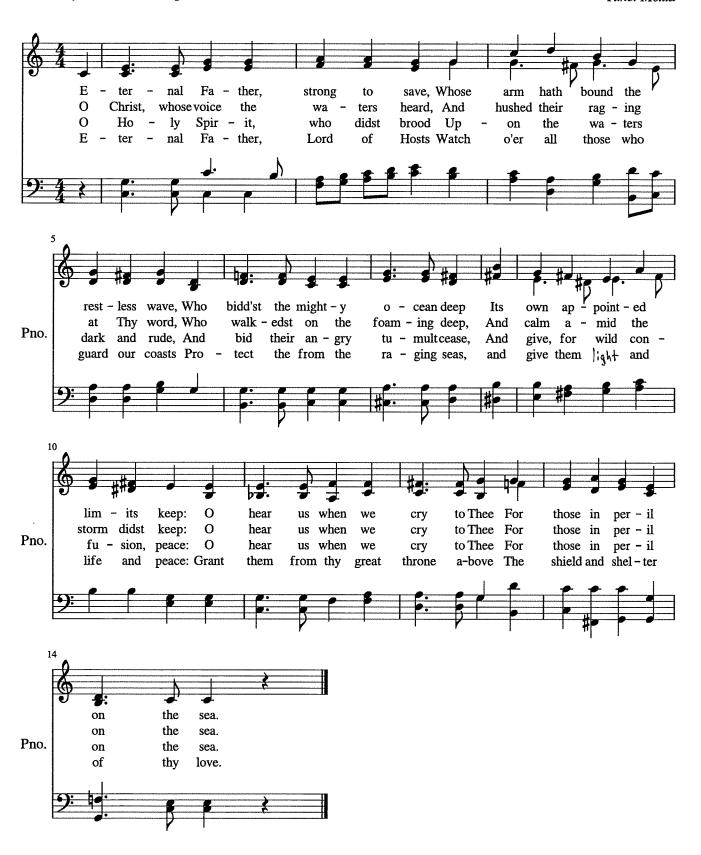
O God, Our Help in Ages Past



Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Words by William Whiting

Music by John B. Dykes *Tune: Melita*



Liturgist – Mayim Stith Greeter – Bill Leggett

| <u>STAFF</u> | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Pastor | Rev. Dr. D. Matthew Stith | | | |
| Music Director | Mark Neff | | | |
| Choir Director | Mayim Stith | | | |
| Nursery Director | Karen Simon | | | |
| Secretary | Mary Beth Katonik | | | |
| Custodian | Custodian Tim Guffey | | | |

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| Fellowship / Laurie Conley | Instruction / Dianne Chontos | | | | |
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| Fellowship / Gayle Larcinese | Worship / Tom Russell | | | | |
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| <u>Class of 2022</u> | | Class of 2023 | | | Class of 2024 | |
| Marilyn Christen | Marilyn Christenson | | Linda Leggett | | Alyssa Coleman | |
| Tanya Jackson | Tanya Jackson | | Eileen Russell | | Barb Gaylord | |
| Joyce Sandor | | Leslee Schwirian | | | Lois Lawson | |
| Karen Welsh | | Janice Sherman | | | Julius Simon | |
| Moderator of Deacons / Linda Leggett | | | | | | |
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| | APRIL 2022 | | | | | |
| Fund | Mo | nthly Income | Monthly Expenses Fund B | | Fund Balance | |
| | | | | | Available for Use | |
| General Funds | \$ | 17,377.70 | \$14,674.40 | | -\$8,801.59 | |
| Dedicated Funds | | \$4,626.00 | \$3,705.00 | | \$36,500.77 | |

| YTD Pledge Income Budgeted | \$178,000.00 |
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| YTD Pledge Income Received | \$60,552.00 |
| YTD Pledge Income Needed | \$117,448.00 |
| Per Capita Per Member | \$37.50 |





Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests for the following were received <u>this past week</u>; please include them in your prayers:

Melody Coleman, Bev & Bill Harchelroad, Kati, Janet LaFrankie, Ron Minkus, Jim Puckey, Sr., Rick, Joyce Sandor, Alan Schwartz, Robert Sherman, Joram Stith, Glenn Wagner, Rita Wagner

On-Going Requests: William Adams, Alimjan, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggleman, Tom Russell, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Churched, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, President Biden & Governing Leaders

<u>Military</u>: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Corey Hobaugh, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

<u>College Students</u>: Kate Baron, Cody Danto, Michael Danto III, Hailey Russell, Joram Stith, Morgan Winwood, Autumn Wright

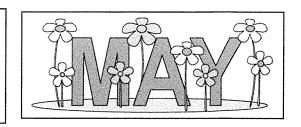
Prayers for POA Churches: New Covenant Evangelical (pulpit vacant)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Kevin, Jena, and family (Middle East)



RHPC Announcements

May 22, 2022



BLOOD DRIVE TO HONOR GLENN WAGNER

When: Friday, June 3, 2022 12:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Where: Blaine Hill VFC Social Hall, 409 Oxford Ave., Elizabeth

To schedule an appointment (recommended):

https://centralbloodbank.org

Choose Donor login to use your Donor ID number or Choose New Donor at the "Schedule Appointment Today" option, scroll down and enter group code: F0010139. If you cannot schedule online, please call 412-209-7000 for assistance. Remember: Your donation saves lives.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we will be collecting donations for New Life Options Pregnancy Resource Center in Monongahela. In the narthex, there will be baby bottles that you may take and have your family fill with change, cash, and checks then return by Father's Day. If you prefer not to take a bottle but still want to contribute you may put your donation in the large baby bottle on the table in the narthex. Any checks should be made out to New Life Options. If you are unable to be in church, you may mail a donation to New Life Options, 308 Chess Street, Monongahela, PA 15063. Be sure to note on your check or donation "RHPC Baby Bottle campaign." *Information about the ministry of New Life Options will be on the table or ask Linda or Bob Leggett*.

NEEDED: COMMISSIONERS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Any elder not currently serving on Session that would like to go as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the EPC please talk with either Pastor Matt or Bob Leggett. It will be at Ward Church in Northville, Michigan from June 21st to 24th. We can send two ruling elders plus Pastor Matt.

VBS – PA GOVERNMENT CLEARANCES REQUIRED

If you are planning to assist with this year's Vacation Bible School, you will need to provide copies of your PA Child Abuse History Clearance AND PA State Police Criminal History Clearance. The applications can be completed online. Go to: DHS.PA.gov and select Clearances. Links to the applications will be displayed. If you have expired clearances, access your account and create a new application (your previous input will be populated and you will only need to update the information). If you have not had clearances in the past, you will need to create an account and complete the forms as prompted. The process takes 10-15 minutes. Please print out the clearances and give a copy to Lisa Wagner.



GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Will be meeting in the home of Bonnie Craig (415 Cedar Drive, Elizabeth) on Thursdays, June 2nd and 16th, July 7th & 21st, and August 4th & 18th at 10:00 a.m. Call Bonnie with any questions (412-400-9284) Beginners are always welcome!

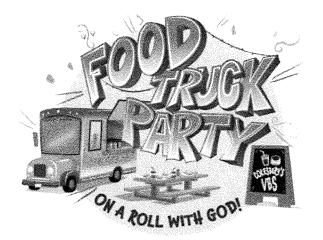
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry is requesting jams & jellies for the month of May and picnic supplies (plates, cups, napkins) for the month of June. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door in the CE building. Thank you for helping those in need!

COMING SOON

Yes, we know it isn't even summer yet, but our spring virtual bible study has concluded, and we are making plans for a new one in the fall. This gives you plenty of time to buy the book and get a head start. The book is "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" by Max Lucado. It is meant to be studied five days a week for ten weeks. It will again be on Sunday evenings via Google meet which means that means you can come in your PJs and eat dinner while we talk! Dates and times TBD. Contact BONNIE CRAIG for further info at (412) 400-9284.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS July 18-22, 2022



Greater Elizabeth Church Association invites you to **Vacation Bible School** at Round Hill Presbyterian Church (Elizabeth, PA) for children ages preschool through recently completed 5th grade

Family Dinner 5:45-6:30pm (adults stay with children during this time)

VBS Program 6:30-8:30pm (pick up and drop off in Sanctuary)

Give us this day our daily bread Matthew 6:11 NRSV

Watch the @RoundHillChurch Facebook page and RoundHillChurch.org website (QR code here) for more information and to register





Donating to the church electronically - Would you like to give your offering to the church electronically? Scan this QR code using your phone's camera and follow the link to Round Hill Church's Donation page. Once on the webpage, scroll down to the 'Donate' button and click. You can donate using PayPal or a credit/debit card. Thank you for supporting Round Hill Presbyterian Church with your financial gifts.



Flower Chart - The Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. If you would like to have flowers placed on the chancel, please sign on the chart indicating 'Provided by', 'In Memory of' or 'In Honor of' on the date you would like. The price for two vases of flowers is \$20; checks may be made payable to Round Hill Presbyterian Church. Please indicate FLOWERS on the envelope.

| Calendar for May 23rd through May 29th | | | | | |
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| Monday | May 23 | 7:00 p.m. | VBS Meeting | | |
| Tuesday | May 24 | 10:00 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer | | |
| Wednesday | May 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Food Pantry truck arrives Last RECHARGE till fall | | |
| Thursday | May 26 | 8:30 a.m. | Clothes Closet/ Food Pantry | | |
| Friday | May 27 | | - | | |
| Saturday | May 28 | <u></u> | - | | |
| Sunday | May 29 | 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School Worship Service | | |

Dates to Remember for May 2022

May 30

Memorial Day (church office closed)

