

Visitors

We want to welcome you to the church and introduce ourselves to you! We also have some information available if you'd like to know more about Hill Country Church. Please fill out the visitors card located on the back page so we can know more about you and thank you for visiting us!

Please take a moment to fill out the form on the inside back cover of this bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate as it passes.

To Parents

During corporate worship, God meets with His people in a special way. We believe, because of the promises of God, that our children are as much a part of the church as everyone else, and that they are welcome to participate in worship along with their families as much as they are able.

Nurseries

We do have nurseries available during the worship service for infants and toddlers up to 3 years.

Children in Worship

We understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time. We want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in worship in a meaningful way.

We completely understand that, generally speaking, kids tend to be a bit noisy and squirmy. Please know that it is something we expect, and that there is no reason to feel embarrassed if your children have some trouble adjusting to corporate worship. We've all experienced the blessed struggle of training our children to participate in worship, so if yours are still in the process, you're certainly not alone!

We do not at all believe that we get to have worship on our own terms, but on God's terms. God welcomes your children into this service of worship, squirminess and all, and so do we.

Our Vision

"Recruiting and preparing people for worldwide Kingdom service."

We seek to fulfill our vision as a church through...

*Worship

Corporate worship as the family of God is vital to Christian living and this is a high priority at Hill Country Church.

*Recruiting

We embrace the unique opportunity we have to reach the military community and desire service members to be ambassadors for Christ as they deploy worldwide.

*Preparing

We are committed to training our members to serve Christ and his Kingdom worldwide. This is fulfilled through the faithful proclamation of the Word, in-depth Bible studies, evangelism training and many other opportunities for growth.

*Growing

Christianity was always intended for community and not isolation. We are committed to bearing one another's burdens and providing a safe refuge for life lived in union with Christ and his Church.

*Serving

We long to be a community that fulfills the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our community.

Hill Country Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For more information about Hill Country Church, visit www.hillcountrypca.org and 'like' us on Facebook!

For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), visit www.pcanet.org.

As you find your seat, please move toward the center of your section, leaving the aisle seats for those coming in after you.

Thanks.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 23, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 29:10-11

“The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!”

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Lou Best

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Angels' Candle

Pastor: Today we light the Angels' candle. They were God's messengers, subject to the authority of their Creator, just as we are. They were witnesses to His divine plan for salvation, just as we are. God sent them with this message:

Reader: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” The angels praised God saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.” (Luke 2:10-14)

God's Supremacy

*Call to Worship

Pastor Lou Best

Colossians 1:20, Ephesians 2:17, Luke 2:14

Pastor: Come, all who seek peace

People: For Jesus came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Pastor: Come, all who seek peace

People: For Jesus came to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Pastor: Come, all who seek peace

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

*Hymn of Adoration

Trinity Hymnal #208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Lou Best

*The Lord's Prayer

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

*Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #733

God's Renewal

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession

Trinity Hymnal #728

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (2x)

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of Peace,

You created a universe designed with order and a people designed for peace. But as we look at our world around us and our hearts within us, we discover the rewards of our rebellion. Our rebellion has earned us a world filled with violence and a people filled with strife. Lord, we long for our world to be made right and our hearts to be made pure. We long for the day when you will restore and renew your creation!

We give you praise for sending your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to secure the peace we long for. He emptied himself, so we could be full. He poured out his blood, so we could be clean. He was forsaken by you, so we could be accepted by you. He denied his birthrights, so we could receive adoption and full rights. We rejoice together today for the salvation that is found in him alone! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

I Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

*Hymn of Assurance

Trinity Hymnal #189

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (Stanzas 1-2)

God's Grace

The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor Lou Best

Administering the Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor Adam Viramontes

Shane Cannon

At the parents' discretion, children are now dismissed and invited to participate in our Children's programs.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Lou Best

*Hymn of Preparation

Trinity Hymnal #726

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6

Pastor Adam Viramontes

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Adam Viramontes

The Sermon

"Prince of Peace"

Pastor Adam Viramontes

*Hymn of Response

Trinity Hymnal # 197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Stanzas 1-3)

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Preparation for The Lord's Supper

This is a time for all of us to seek the Lord. For Christians, the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or The Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving") is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. The Lord's Supper is a joyful celebration in which the family of God together delights in the presence and salvation of their Redeemer King. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ.

A Word to Parents:

To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the Session (elders) of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table and ask that you speak with the pastor when you believe your child is ready to begin the process.

Words of Institution

Pastor Adam Viramontes

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

At Hill Country Church, we hold the elements until all are served and partake together. Grape juice is light in color and wine is dark in color. We welcome to the table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior, acknowledge him as Lord, and are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church that loves and proclaims the gospel).

*Hymn of Response

Trinity Hymnal #197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Stanza 4)

God's Blessing

*Benediction

Pastor Adam Viramontes

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Pastor: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."

Postlude

Mrs. Connie Trumbo

Sermon Notes

“Prince of Peace”

Isaiah 9:6

Hill Country Church, PCA- Pastor Adam Viramontes

December 23, 2012

Weekly Prayer Guide

We are praying that God would do mighty, transforming works in our hearts, in our families, in our church, in our city, and in our world. Here are some categories which we use to pray during our corporate worship services. You are encouraged to use this list at home during your private and family worship times to help you join with us as we together petition our Father, asking that His Kingdom would come in ever greater measure.

Growth in the Gospel: For spiritual growth as individuals and as a church

Local Mission: Praying for the work of the Gospel in the Killeen and Fort Hood area

Global Mission: Praying for God's work around the world

State, Society, World: Praying for civil authorities and Christians' witness in the world

Special Care: Praying for people who are sick or in other need

Vision: Praying for God to build his Church

Deployed Soldier of the Month: Brett Ringheiser



Please pray for Brett as he serves our country in Afghanistan. You can also encourage Brett through letters, email and care packages...

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Serving Our Little Ones:

December 23: Jeremiah & Kristin Rollins

December 30: Kim Pearson & Abby Webber

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Events and Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for extra help in the nursery and children's program. If you would consider serving in this vital ministry in the life of our church please contact one of our Nursery Coordinators (Contact info above)

Women's Bible Study

Women's study will resume meeting in January. Please email Shirley Best for more details (shirleybest72@gmail.com)

Men's Group

Meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of the month @ 8:00pm at the church. Our next meeting will be January 15th.

Christmas Schedule

We will be having two worship services this Sunday, December 23rd. Please join us tonight at 6:00pm to celebrate the Advent of Christ together! The evening service will be followed by snacks and refreshments upstairs.

Visitors

We want to welcome you to the church and introduce ourselves to you! We would love to answer any questions you may have and tell you more about Hill Country Church. If you would like to receive updates from us, please note that on the visitor's card below!

Please take a moment to fill out the form below and drop it in the offering basket.

Today's Date _____

Mr./Mrs./Ms. (first) _____

(last) _____

Spouse (if applicable) _____

Children	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email: _____

Add to the HCPC email list? Yes___ No thanks___

Attendance (please circle one)

First Time Guest

Repeat Guest

___ I would like to be contacted to receive more information about Hill Country Church