



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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“But the heartbeat of the kingdom of God is the local church. A specific address where a collection of disciples—sinners and misfits all—are trying to live into the ways of Jesus.”

~Richard Beck ~

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Dear co-worker in God’s Field:

We’ve have learned one thing that is vitally important to a ministry that seeks to reach people whose lives are unstable, subject to immediate changes and interruptions—sometimes violent interruptions, often daily and messy crises, and where self-sustaining resources are lacking . . . people whom we called back in my social action/community action days, *vulnerable populations* . . . that one thing we’ve learned: *be consistent*.

Outside of our usual Sunday morning gathered-church service, we have three year-round ministries and one seasonal ministry that intentionally seek to serve our Hill neighbors: Our Saturday sidewalk breakfast and church service, our Stevens Street Children’s Read Aloud, and the annual summer, 8-Wednesday evening Park BBQs we call “In His Midst.”

As for our Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast and Church Service, we’ve done them in pouring rain, freezing cold, snow storms, and gusty wind . . . each week at 10am. And, as for Maxine’s ministry to her neighborhood kids, she has had outdoor Saturday *Children’s Read Alouds* since last spring, even through the big snow storms this past winter (and the kids still came out!).

It is not just the food nor the reading and books, it’s that we do these each week, faithfully no matter what. This is what speaks to vulnerable populations that live in communities like the Hill. This is how unstable folks and families see and feel the love of God in Christ. This is what convinces under-resourced populations that we are serious about our love for Jesus and our love for our community—and our love for them.

We are so grateful for the kind and gracious gifts of support that have enabled us, Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill, to show this consistency in our ministry. This support allows Lisa and I to live in the Hill community, to ministry *in* the neighborhood where I pastor, and to be considered an authentic community pastor—and to many, *the* community pastor. Amazingly so—and so humbling.

This has been a tough year for Hill families—everything from the lockdown, social distancing, online school at home to the increased violence on our streets and in our neighborhoods, along with the lack of employment and the health (and mental health) effects of COVID-19. Your financial partnership would help to sustain our ministries, our presence, *and our consistency*. Because of our financial partners—whether given as a one-time gift or a monthly or, even, quarterly gift—we are able to reach out to our Hill neighbors, demonstrate the love of Christ, and grow a church in this unstable, vulnerable, and under-resourced community.

Let us “endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:10). Thank you for considering to support our ministry and church in the Hill.

Your co-workers in God’s field,
CPC in The Hill, Pastor Chip, & Lisa Anderson

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Our Kids' Read Aloud on Stevens Street and Our Carlisle Street Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast & Church Service

