

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 28, 2024





## Message from Dr. McDonald

In the last few weeks, we have been looking at the sense of call. This week, we conclude our mini-series with a look at 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. We are called by God to be together. Not just to passively “be,” which can bring up images of being a couch potato, or being a passenger just along for the ride. The call as vocation is about actively responding to God’s call in a life of fulfillment and deep meaning. In the bible, the Christian call is deeply connected with being-together-in-community.

If one were to sum up what it means to be a Presbyterian, you would find it in 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. We are called to being – to the fulfillment of life – by being together and acting together as the body of Christ. Paul writes how ridiculous it is to think we can do it all by ourselves alone. Or to think that we can live faithfully alone. As if all the body needed was a nose. Or an ear. Each part of the body plays a part, and only as all come together does the body experience the fullness of life.

So it is in the church. We need each other. Every member plays a part. Every part matters. If one suffers, we all suffer, because we are one body. If one is honored, we all are honored, because we are one body.

One of the most moving rituals of the church is the ritual of ordination. The laying of hands upon the new elders and deacons goes back to the time of Jesus and the Apostles. It is an image of how we are all connected together, connected to Christ, and connected to Christians throughout history and throughout the globe. When we can see that truth, it is a breath-taking moment.

It is a time of renewal for the body at the Kirk, as we recognize the call of God in appointing new trustees, elders and deacons. This act of the body of Christ signifies the health, vitality and strength of the whole body, as we move into the future.

I look forward to sharing this powerful ritual event with the whole body of Christ this morning.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Andrew McDonald

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

### Variations on Sine Nomine

*Richard Proulx*

\* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.*

## \* INTROIT

### Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

*Spiritual*

*Somebody's knocking at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.  
Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knocking at your door.*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge, 11:00 a.m.

God of grace and God of glory,  
You have given us minds to know you,  
Hearts to love you,  
And voices to sing your praises.

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
That we may celebrate your glory,  
Love our neighbors as ourselves,  
And worship you in spirit and truth.**

## \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Edwin Estevez, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge, 11:00 a.m.

Almighty God,  
you poured your Holy Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold lives, open ears, and a new community of faith.  
We confess that we hold back the power of your Spirit.  
We do not listen for your prophetic word,  
or speak words of grace and love.  
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
in Jesus Christ.

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Edwin Estevez, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge, 11:00 a.m.

Jesus says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find;  
Knock, and the door will be opened to you."

God abounds in love and mercy,

That we may live in the fullness of grace.

Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**In Jesus Christ we are a new creation!**

\* GLORIA PATRI (*Hymn 581*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.**

*Greatorex*

**As it was in the beginning,**

**is now and ever shall be.**

**World without end. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Mission and Outreach

Amy Davis, 9:00 a.m.

Ann Manning, 11:00 a.m.

ANTHEM

**If Ye Love Me**

*Thomas Tallis*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,*

*And I will pray the Father,*

*And he shall give you another comforter,*

*That he may abide with you for ever, even the spirit of truth.*

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m.)

Sarah Ford

*Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.*

**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.**

THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (*verses 1 & 3*)

*Nettleton*

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

*Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings are part of our worship of God and support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.*

OFFERTORY

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Dale Wood*

*The text may be found in the hymnal, #394, stanzas 1, 2, and 4.*

\* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

*Old Hundredth*

## WORD

SCRIPTURE READING	1 Corinthians 12:12-27 ( <i>NT, page 174</i> )	Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald
	The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
SERMON	<b>The Call to Be Together</b>	
* HYMN 69	<b>I, the Lord of Sea and Sky</b>	<i>Schutte</i>

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### **Litany of Service** (*based on 1 Corinthians 12*)

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**But it is the same God who fulfills these purposes  
through them all.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of Christ.**

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON CLASS OF 2025 (9:00 a.m.)

*Gloria Chon, Sadie Douglass (Youth), Jenny Gallo, Kim McGlynn,  
Leslie Sikes, Priyanca Skilton (Youth), Dan Tomlinson, Christian Yousif*

## INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE CLASS OF 2025 (11:00 a.m.)

*Steve Briggs, Jay Cooke, Steve Fogle, Beth Kerr, Kelley Klein,  
Ford Meiser, Bruce Miller*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER CLASS OF 2025 ( 11:00 a.m.)

*Jennifer Fickel, Lee Gardner, Jeff Haynes, Jill O'Hara, Carole Pearl,  
Jeff Reitmyer*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

**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.**

## SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 295	<b>Go to the World!</b>	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
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## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*Tomer*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherds' care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

*Aaron Shows*

**WORSHIP NOTES**

## INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

### Worship/Music Notes

The Kirk Choir is looking for new members, and interested musicians are welcome to join for Lent and Easter, if they are not able to make the year-round commitment. Please contact Marilyn Biery for more information on how to join the Kirk Choir. For more information on the youth choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle and Carol Beth Litkouhi.

Richard Proulx (b. 1937, St. Paul, Minnesota — d. 2010, Chicago, Illinois) was an American composer and editor of church music, including anthems, service music, hymn concertatos and organ music. The pronunciation of his name rhymes with the word *new*. He served as a consultant on several important hymnals, including The Hymnal 1982 of the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Hymnal and the Roman Catholic hymnals *Worship II* (1975) and *Worship III* (1986).

Dale Wood (1934-2003) was a renowned American composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions. When he was 13 years old, he won a national hymn-writing contest for the American Lutheran Church. He served as contributing editor to the *Journal of Church Music*, music director at the Grace Cathedral School for Boys in San Francisco, editor for The Sacred Music Press and chair of the publication committee of the Choristers Guild.

Aaron Shows (b. 1989) is an organist and composer originally from Montgomery, Alabama. He serves as the organist at the First United Methodist Church in Pasadena, CA. He earned a BFA in Church Music from Shenandoah University and his MFA in Film Music Composition from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Musicians: David Enos, carillonist; Marilyn Biery, organist and director

**Stephen Ministers** are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel immediately following each service Sunday. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



**Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday!** Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after the 11:00 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

**Join us for coffee and fellowship** in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill and Sally Singleton by their son, Dan Singleton and family.

**About today's cover art— *Celebration*** by John August Swanson from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

### Here is the status of our 2024 Pledge Campaign:

*Campaign target: \$1,700,000*

*Pledges received to date: \$1,408,597*

*% of target achieved: 82.9%*

*Number of pledges received: 406*

*Number of families who have not yet pledged: 644*

*% change in pledges from 2023 for those who pledged both years: 9.1%*

*Number of new pledges: 49 (from anyone who did not pledge in 2023)*

**MAKE  
LOVE  
YOUR  
GOAL**  
1 Corinthians 14:1

*You can pledge by turning in a pledge card, pledging through the Realm App or calling the church office. Please pray for us to have a successful campaign.*



*We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.*



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