

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024



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

Intermezzo; Voluntary

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

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Spiritual

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knocking at your door.

Knocks like Jesus.

Somebody's knocking at your door.

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Creator God.

In the beginning you called all things into being.

We give you our thanks and praise!

Creator God, creating still,

Come and bless us once again.

Lead us anew into the life and love revealed in Jesus Christ!

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Please be seated

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you make the hardware of our bodies

And the software of our minds.

We come before you and confess

We are stuck in the endless loops of old ideas,

And are bugged with phishy faith.

In our sin, we have fallen, and we cannot reboot.

The screen of our imagination is frozen,

And our life is about to crash.

Root out the worms and viruses

Of fear, false pride, hatred and apathy.

Delete our worn out ideas,

And empty the overflowing wastebaskets

Of endless platitudes.

Defragment our beliefs, and reconfigure our lives.

Install in our hearts, the great security system

Of your living Word, 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

Jesus says, "Ask it will be given you; seek and you will find;
Knock and the door will be opened to you."
Christ reveals God's transforming 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.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (*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.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS (*11:00 a.m.*)

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald; Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

*Paul Aren, George Coryell, Lavinia Coryell, Nicholas Delang,
Miriam Donahue, Robert Donahue, Michael Jarasz, Donnavan Kirk,
Antonio Quiroga, Lindsay Randolph, Dr. Carolyn Sloan, Haley Vingsness*

THANKSGIVING

* **HYMN 475**

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

Nettleton

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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.

SOLO

Ride on, King Jesus!

Spiritual, arr. Johnson

*Ride on, King Jesus no man can-a hinder me.
For he is King of kings, he is Lord of lords
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like him.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
Duh river of Jerdin he did cross.
King Jesus ride in de middle o' de air, Oh!
He calls duh saints from ev'rywhere.
Ah! Ride on King Jesus!*

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40 (*NT, page 59*)

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Turning Points

* **HYMN 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (*Hymn 562*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Schubert

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE 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,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

AMEN (*Hymn 564*)

Amen

Schubert

Amen, amen, amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ."

We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"

COMMUNION MUSIC

ANTHEM

Choral from Cantata 147

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of our desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,

Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.

Word of God our flesh that fashioned

with the fire of life impassioned.

Striving still to truth unknown,

Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this sacrament, we receive Christ by faith,
That he may live in us, and we in him.
Fed by Christ's Spirit, may we grow in joyful minds and hearts.
Unite us in faith,
Encourage us with hope,
Inspire us to love
And strengthen us to serve
In the ever-new and life-giving ways of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim *Hanover*

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 shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Agincourt Hymn *John Dunstable*

Here is the Status of our 2024 Pledge Campaign:

Campaign target: \$1,700,000
Pledges received to Date: \$1,409, 907
% of target achieved: 82.9%
Number of Pledges Received: 408
Number of Families who have not yet pledged: 642
% 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

If you have pledged – thank you.

If you haven't, please do as soon as possible. You can pledge by turning in a pledge card, pledging through the Realm App, or calling the church office.

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.

Today is the beginning of our Black History Month celebration, where we feature music composed and arranged by African American composers. Eurydice V. Osterman, a Fulbright scholar, is an author and composer whose works have been read and performed around the world. A listing of her works is cited in: *Music by Black Women Composers: A Bibliography of Available Scores* by Helen Walker-Hill. She is also the featured composer in the dissertation of Angelique Clay, "The Life and Music of Eurydice V. Osterman, and the author of two books, *What God Says About Music* and *Worship: From Praise Him to Praise Hymn*. Dr. Osterman earned the Bachelors and Masters degrees from Andrews University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition from The University of Alabama.

Francis Hall Johnson (1888 – 1970) was an American composer and arranger of African American spiritual music. Born in Georgia, he attended the Knox Institute and earned a degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. He also attended Atlanta University, the Juilliard School, Hahn School of Music, and the University of Pennsylvania. Of the spiritual, Johnson wrote: "True enough, this music was transmitted to us through humble channels, but its source is that of all great art everywhere—the unquenchable, divinely human longing for a perfect realization of life. It traverses every shade of emotion without spilling over in any direction. Its most tragic utterances are without pessimism, and its lightest, brightest moments have nothing to do with frivolity. In its darkest expressions there is always a hope, and in its gayest measures a constant reminder. Born out of the heart-cries of a captive people who still did not forget how to laugh, this music covers an amazing range of mood. Nevertheless, it is always serious music and should be performed seriously, in the spirit of its original conception."

Musicians: Leslie Mason, soprano; Merideth Estevez, oboe, 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.



The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by in loving memory of Don and Helen Stewart by their children, Tom and Ilene, and their families

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.

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



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