

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 11, 2024





**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

Today, our Bridge Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, Philip J. Reed, begins a 4-part sermon series, "Why I Love Being a Presbyterian at the Kirk!" Presbyterians are full of personality! Our faith makes us unique and distinctive, an exciting alternative to the generic forms of Christianity more prevalent in the United States. This series is a biased and unapologetic exploration of the genius of being a Presbyterian at the Kirk. Here the schedule:

**August 11:** Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 1: "Presbyterians are Deep!"

**August 18:** Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 2: "Presbyterians are Called!"

**August 25:** Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 3: "Presbyterians Love Church!"

**September 1:** Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 4: "Presbyterians and the Spirit of Joy!"

Special thanks to Rev. Anne Schaefer and Rev. Rick Peters for their worship leadership at the Kirk this summer. Both Anne and Rick are honorably retired Presbyterians Pastors and members of the Presbytery of Detroit. Anne has a 50 plus year relationship with the Kirk. She served as Interim Pastor at almost twenty different churches within the Presbytery of Detroit during her career. Rick retired several years ago as Pastor/Head of Staff at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Anne and Rick have been terrific worship leaders this summer and have done a great job supporting Pastor Phil and keeping him on track!! Thank you, Anne and Rick. We are grateful for your ministry among us and look forward to seeing you both when you join us for worship from time to time at the Kirk!



9:00 a.m., Outdoor Worship

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Rick Peters

\* **HYMN 12** (see page 5)

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
forgive our shallow thoughts.  
Forgive our snap judgments and unreflective commitments.  
Forgive us when we settle for platitudes  
instead of seeking true wisdom.  
May we be transformed by the renewing of minds,  
so that we may discern your will,  
what is good, acceptable, and perfect. Amen.

## Kyrie

Merbecke



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

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
 "For God so loved the world  
 that whosoever believes in him  
 shall not perish, but have everlasting life."  
 The good news this morning is that in Jesus Christ  
**we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God!**  
**Amen.**

**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.**

*Greatorex* (Hymn 581)



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Philip J. Reed

## WORD WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Children are encouraged to remain in the garden to worship with their families. Children's bulletins are available at the garden entrance.*

**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.**

## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Anne Schaefer

## WORD

### SOLO

#### God Is My Shepherd

*Antonin Dvořák*

<i>God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.</i>	<i>And though in death's dark valley</i>
<i>My rest is in the pleasant meadows,</i>	<i>My steps must wander,</i>
<i>He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!</i>	<i>My spirit shall not fear,</i>
<i>My fainting soul doth he restore,</i>	<i>For thou art by me still;</i>
<i>And guideth me in the ways of peace</i>	<i>Thy rod and staff are with me,</i>
<i>To glorify his name.</i>	<i>And they shall comfort me.</i>

### SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Andrew Clopton

**Luke 5:1-11** (NT page 62)

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

### SERMON

#### Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 1: Presbyterians are Deep

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

## SENDING

\* **HYMN 726** (see page 6)

#### Will You Come and Follow Me

*Kelvingrove*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (seated)

### VOLUNTARY

*Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near ramp or at the door to the cloister as you exit to the front patio as you depart. Please see notes on page 11.  
Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!*

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

# Aria

Flor Peeters

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

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from PCUSA "Brief Statement of Faith")*

Rev. Rick Peters

In life and in death we belong to God.  
**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
 the love of God,  
**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**  
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**\* OPENING HYMN 12**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
forgive our shallow thoughts.  
Forgive our snap judgments and unreflective commitments.  
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instead of seeking true wisdom.  
May we be transformed by the renewing of minds,  
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## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

## Kyrie

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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#### Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 1: Presbyterians are Deep

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### \* HYMN 432

#### How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

## THANKSGIVING

### CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

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

### OFFERTORY

#### I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Antonin Dvořák

*I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises on a ten-stringed psaltery.  
Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name.*

*Great is God, and great is his mercy.  
Who shall tell of all his greatness?  
Who shall his power declare?  
My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts.*



*They are wonderful, past our knowing.  
Yea, we shall tell of thy great kindness, and of thy wondrous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.*

\* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

*Old Hundredth*

## PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Anne Schaefer

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hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
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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

\* CLOSING HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Kelvingrove*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

La Romanesca

*Antonio Valente*

## WORSHIP NOTES

## INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

### Music Notes

Come sing in the choirs! We are looking for members for all the choirs at the Kirk starting in the fall. For information on the children and youth choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle at [bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org) (St. Cecilia and Cantamus choirs). If you have a younger chorister, contact Carol Beth Litkouhi for the Young Children's Choir at [cbliitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:cbliitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org). Registration for these choirs is now available on the website, as is information on all three groups.

The Kirk Chancel Choir would love to welcome you to sing with us. We recognize that a year-round commitment may not fall into everyone's schedule, so please consider joining for a portion of the year, like Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter. The Kirk Chancel Choir seeks to provide meaningful music for worship, with the goal of leading us all to a more profound "Amen." We love to sing, we love to laugh, we love to work hard, we love to learn new music, we love to reconnect with classics and most of all, we love to welcome new people! For more information, contact Marilyn Biery, Director of Music Ministry at [mbiery@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:mbiery@kirkinthehills.org), or come up to the organ to chat with her after the closing voluntary.

From the University of Oxford: "The physiological benefits of singing, and music more generally, have long been explored. Music making exercises the brain as well as the body, but singing is particularly beneficial for improving breathing, posture and muscle tension. Listening to and participating in music has been shown to be effective in pain relief, too, probably due to the release of neurochemicals such as  $\beta$ -endorphin (a natural painkiller responsible for the "high" experienced after intense exercise). Singing has also been shown to improve our sense of happiness and wellbeing." Want to feel great? Join one of the Kirk Choirs!

Musicians: Trinity Green, alto; Terence Farmer, tenor; David Enos, Organist

**Stephen Ministers** are available for personal, confidential prayer in the Garden after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship and 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. If you are interested in being connected with a Stephen Minister, please call Robin Brinks at 248-310-2034.



**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.

**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Cameron Jones by his daughter, Ann and Mark Chaffin and grandsons, Gordon and Neil Chaffin.

**A garden memorial** is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Lorelee Susan Willard by her mother, Cherie Dubats, her son, Matthew James Willard, her daughter, Kathrin Patricia Willard, and her brother, Jim Simpson

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**Meet Our Membership Coordinator!** Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our new Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign you up for one of our upcoming New Member Classes.



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



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