

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
REFORMATION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 26, 2025



*...they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.
So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them.
And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. — Luke 5:6-8*



A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Welcome to worship at Kirk in the Hills!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been part of this community for generations, we are so glad you are here. Worship is where our hearts are renewed, our faith is deepened, and our sails are filled once again with the wind of the Spirit. Each Sunday, we gather as one family of faith—bringing our joys and burdens, our stories and hopes—trusting that God meets us here in grace.

This week, we celebrate **Reformation and Bible Sunday**, remembering that faith is never static because it is shaped by the Holy Scripture that bears witness to the Living Word—Jesus Christ. The Word grows, reforms, and renews. The Reformers set their sails to the winds of God’s Spirit, trusting that Christ would steer His Church toward truth and grace. Christ still steers today, calling us into the deep waters of **discipleship**—to listen, learn, and follow Jesus wherever He leads. Thanks to a generous donor and disciple of Christ, an endowment supports our Bible ministry so that children and youth can be equipped in their faith.

Our reading from *Luke 5:1-11*, where Jesus tells the fishermen to “put out into the deep water,” reminds us that faith often requires courage. It means trusting God when the nets seem empty and the night feels long. Yet it is in those moments that the Lord surprises us with abundance, calling us to cast our lives anew in service to Him.

This Stewardship Season continues with our theme, “**Full Sail Church: The Ships of Faith.**” Each “ship” represents a vital part of our shared journey of faith as we become God’s Full Sail Church.

- **October 26 – DISCIPLESHIP (Reformation Sunday)** *Luke 5:1-11 – “Put Out into the Deep Water”*
- **November 2 – FELLOWSHIP (All Saints’ Sunday)** *Acts 2:42-47 – “They Devoted Themselves to Fellowship”*
- **November 9 – CITIZENSHIP (Veterans’ Sunday)** *Philippians 3:20 – “Our Citizenship Is in Heaven”*
- **November 16 – STEWARDSHIP (Pledge & Special Offering Sunday)** *2 Corinthians 9:6-8 – “God Loves a Cheerful Giver”*
- **November 23 – LEADERSHIP (Anniversary & Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Sunday and one service only at 10:00 a.m.)** *Mark 10:42-45 – “The Son of Man Came Not to Be Served but to Serve”*

May this Sunday inspire us to go deeper—to follow Christ with open hearts and willing hands. Together, may we trust the One who calms the storms, fills our nets, and guides our sails toward the Kingdom of Peace.

Let us worship God.

In Christ,

Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Fantasia on “Will You Come and Follow Me”

James Biery

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* INTROIT

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Joachim Neander

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Jesus said, "Put out into deep water, and let down your nets." **By grace, we are saved; by faith, we are sent; and by Christ, we are sustained.**

Like the Reformers before us, we trust the Spirit's wind to carry us into deeper faith and faithful discipleship.

Let us worship the Living God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

The Spirit of God calls us to transformation, ever reforming—to trust grace more than our own strength.

Let us confess our need for mercy and renewal.

We sometimes prefer the safety of shallow waters to the challenge of deep obedience. We cling to our understanding, forgetting that your Word alone is our guide. Forgive us if fear or pride holds us back from trusting you. Reform our hearts by your grace, draw us again into the deep waters of faith, that we may follow you with courage and joy. Amen.

* **KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy

John Merbecke



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. Jasmine Smart

The Lord delights to show mercy, casting all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Thanks be to God!



WORD

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

Sarah Ford

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

INVITATION HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Franklin Chen, Nell Ford, Connor Kozemchick, Lily Szabo, Allison Ursing, Juliana Ursing, Zachary Yousif

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let Your Word Rule in Our Hearts

James Biery

Loving God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfilment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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

9:00 a.m.: Elder Ruth Reading

The Word of the Lord.

11:00 a.m.: Elder Lynda Wilds

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Heavenly Light

Alexander Kopylov

*Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine,
O Light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!
All those whose feet may falter,
Lead unto the sacred altar!*

*O shine from above, Divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray!
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be!
Light Divine, we praise thee!*

SERMON

The Ships of Faith: Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

*** HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time;
there is indeed no other who could fight for us
than you, our God, alone. (Martin Luther, sung in German)*

*** DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him* all creatures here below;
Praise him* above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
* or God**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (and The Lord's Prayer at 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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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

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (seated)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ Be With Me, Christ Within Me

ed. C. V. Stanford

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the music: The Prelude is a setting of our middle hymn, to the tune we call Kelvingrove. It was composed by Artist in Residence James Biery, and published by Augsburg Fortress in 2025, along with a new harmonization of the tune.

Martin Luther made a significant contribution to church music with his hymns in the language of the people, and the text of today's anthem, "Verleih uns Frieden" in the original German, comes from his writings. These words have been set to music by various composers over the centuries, and Mendelssohn's composition is one of the most sublime.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924) was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. Born to a well-off and very musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge and then studied music in Leipzig and Berlin. While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. At the age of 29 he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. Among his pupils were Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Musicians: Marilyn and James Biery, organists and directors; Adam Lenhart, carillonneur

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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. If you are interested in being connected with a Stephen Minister, please call Robin Brinks at 248-310-2034.



Are you feeling called to be part of the Kirk Church Family or into servant leadership with our neighbors, community and global partners? Mercy Adams, our Kirk Member, Usher and Staff support, is here to help you take the next step. Meet Mercy in the Narthex after Sunday Worship or during Coffee Hour to be connected to Small Groups, Women of the Kirk, a Ministry leader or to learn more about Membership or Outreach & Mission. Registration is open for the 2025 Advent season's Kirk Life & Membership Brunch & Learn Sunday December 7. Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.

Deacon Flower Ministry: If you or someone you know needs a little cheering up, our Deacon flower ministry has bud vases each Sunday in the narthex. Please take a flower to remind someone of God's love or to remind yourself of the same.

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

Camera and Phone Usage Guidelines: Out of respect for your fellow worshipers and those leading worship, we kindly ask you to silence cellphones and other communication devices and to refrain from taking photos or video during worship. Recordings of past worship services and other sanctuary events are available at kirkinthehills.org/worship/past-messages.



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