

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
CELEBRATING VETERANS | NOVEMBER 9, 2025



*So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God. — Ephesians 2:19*



A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Welcome to worship at Kirk in the Hills!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a longtime member, we are grateful for the opportunity to worship beside you. Each Sunday, the Spirit gathers us—different stories, one faith, united in grace.

Today we honor **Veterans' Sunday**, remembering those who have served our nation with courage and sacrifice. Their devotion points us toward a higher allegiance—to the Kingdom of God, where mercy triumphs over might and peace is waged in place of war. To mark this day of service and honor, we welcome our guest preacher Chaplain Glen L. Bloomstrom (Colonel) USA

(Ret.) who does incredible work around mental health, not only for veterans, but people of all ages. While serving his country with distinction, Chaplain Bloomstrom will help us explore the Apostle Paul's letter where he reminds us, *"Our citizenship is in heaven."*

In this season of **Full Sail Church: The Ships of Faith**, we reflect on what it means to live as citizens of that heavenly realm—to embody bold compassion, justice, and hope wherever we are sent. Our faith calls us to navigate the waters of this world not with fear, but with trust in the One who reigns over every nation and guides every soul.

So far, we've explored Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship. Continuing our voyage together:

- **November 9 – CITIZENSHIP (Veterans' Sunday)** *Philippians 3:20 – "Our Citizenship Is in Heaven"*
- **November 16 – STEWARDSHIP (Pledge & Commitment Sunday)** *2 Corinthians 9:6–8 – "God Loves a Cheerful Giver"*
- **November 23 – LEADERSHIP (Anniversary & Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday)** *Mark 10:42–45 – "The Son of Man Came Not to Be Served but to Serve"*

May today's worship stir our gratitude, renew our faith, and anchor us once more in the peace of Christ—our true and eternal King.

Let us worship God.

In Christ,

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



Today's Guest Preaching Pastor

Glen L. Bloomstrom | Chaplain (Colonel) USA, (Ret)

Since 2012, Glen served as the Director, Faith Community Engagement at LivingWorks Education where he partnered with clergy, faith leaders, seminaries, denominations, faith communities, Department of Defense and veterans' groups to prevent suicide through education and intervention training. Glen has also served as an Adjunct Professor for Pastoral Counseling at Bethlehem Seminary in Minneapolis Minnesota where he specialized in pastoral counseling and marriage education. Glen retired from full-time employment with LivingWorks in December 2024. From 2008-2011, Glen culminated his 30 years of active duty with 18 months of deployment during his final 36 months as part of Joint Special Operations Task Forces in the Central Command Area of Operations supporting combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and other locations.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

Grace Eternal

Marilyn Biery

The prelude is a setting of a tune written by Bob Moore. Bob is Director of Music Ministry at The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville, where in addition to his liturgical music work, he is championing the legacy of Harriet Beecher Stowe, a founder of the church. The Other World: a Requiem, a setting of her poetry for soloists and chamber ensemble, was premiered to great acclaim in 2022. It was followed in 2024 by a concept album based on the essays of her memoir, Palmetto Leaves.

Bob is a United States Army veteran.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* INTROIT

This Is the Day

Marilyn Biery

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Our citizenship is in heaven,
As pilgrims here, we are aboard a vessel for salvation
through Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for those who have served with courage and sacrifice,
Reflecting the love of the One who gave his life for all.
Let us worship the Living God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Sovereign God,
You call us to serve your kingdom above all others,
but we confess we are tempted to give our hearts to lesser loyalties.
We sometimes forget the cost of freedom,
and we neglect the call to love both neighbor and enemy.
Forgive us, and make us faithful citizens of your Peaceable Kingdom,
through Christ our Lord. 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. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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

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.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION AND PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

Captain: Hannah Jakubiak, **Junior Captain:** Joseph Ashoo

Acolyte Corps: Hannah Ashoo, RJ Belt, Bryce Coburn, Lila Costello, Rowan Douglass, Caroline Eriksen, Vivian Flowers, Collin Graff, Carson Janczyk, Dakota Janczyk, Sienna Janczyk, Charlie Jones, Nora Mason, Sophia Mason, Lyla Sheard, Annie Way, Luke Webb, Tyler Webb

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

Ephesians 2:13-22 (NT, page 192)

9:00 a.m.: Elder Ruth Reading

The Word of the Lord.

11:00 a.m.: Elder Karen Ludden

Thanks be to God.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their flowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.*

All things bright and beautiful...

*The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;*

All things bright and beautiful...

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them, every one.*

All things bright and beautiful...

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.*

All things bright and beautiful...

The St. Cecilia Choir

*My life goes on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn,
That hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars
I hear the truth, it liveth,
And though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging,
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble in their fear,
And hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?*

*In prison cell and dungeon vile,
Our thoughts to thee are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?*

The Cantamus Choir

SERMON

The Ships of Faith: Citizenship

Chaplain Glen L. Bloomstrom
(Colonel U.S. Army, retired)

* HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

Exsultate justi

Lodovico da Viadana

*Rejoice in the Lord , O ye just:
Praise is fitting for the upright.
Give praise to God upon the harp,
Play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.
Sing to him a new song,
Sing skillfully with a strong voice.*

* 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**

(Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America in recognition of Veterans' Day, November 11, 2025.)

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

PRAYER

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

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

**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 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

POSTLUDE

Voluntary VIII

William Selby

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians: The St. Cecilia and Cantamus choirs, Bobby DeLisle, director; Marilyn and James Biery, organists and directors; Adam Lenhart, carillonist.

Come sing in one of our children and youth choirs: We would welcome new members! For information on the St. Cecilia and Cantamus choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle at bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org. If you have a younger chorister, contact Carol Beth Litkouhi for the Joyful Noise Choir at cbliitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org. Registration for these choirs is available on the website, as is information on all three groups.

About the music: William Whiting (1825 – 1878) was an English writer and hymnist, best known for "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." He was born in Kensington, England, and became master of the Winchester College Quiristers (Choristers). It is used by the Royal Navy for church services and was adopted by the United States Naval Academy and so is often called "The Navy Hymn." The composer of the tune (named "Melita") is John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). At the age of ten he became the organist of St. John's in Hull, where his grandfather was vicar. In 1849 he became the precentor and choir director at Durham Cathedral, where he introduced reforms in the choir by insisting on consistent attendance and more rehearsals.. To the chagrin of his bishop, Dykes favored the high church practices associated with the Oxford Movement (choir robes, incense, and such).

William Selby (1738–1798) was an organist, harpsichordist, choirmaster and composer who was born in England and emigrated to the United States. Selby emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts in 1773, following his brother John, also an organist, who emigrated in 1771. In 1774, Selby became the organist at Trinity Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Three years later, Selby became organist at King's Chapel in Boston.

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 Baptistry, 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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. John H. Libcke by his wife Jean and children, Bob, Martha, and Jane and their families.



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