

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



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COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All God's people—
Boys and girls, women, men, young and old:
Come and worship!
Mothers, fathers, shepherds, wise men and women,
saints and angels
Come and worship! Come and worship!
All who long for comfort and hope, all who need a Savior,
Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!
Let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love,
All year long we pursue power, money,
and advance our careers,
Yet you come to us meek and mild.
**All season long, we covet great materials gifts,
When you alone offer what we really need and what truly lasts.**
May Jesus Christ, who comes among us full of grace and
truth, forgive us, heal us, and correct us.
**Then open our lips that we may sing your praise with the angels,
And remake our lives.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of the Lord:
See your salvation has come!
You are a holy people, forgiven and redeemed by God.
Believe the Good News.
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ, we are made a new creation.
Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23 (*NT, page 2*)

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

After the Manger: God Speaks in a Dangerous World

INVITATION

THE 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.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** HYMN 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship. 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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The flowers in Cedarholm Chapel are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Tremain and Bobby Tremain by the Tremain family.

The wreaths, garlands, and poinsettias decorating the sanctuary and transepts are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Edgar and Mary Annette Flint, Howard Flint II and Marilyn Flint, *by Martha and David Kistler, Heather and Mike Putz, David Fischer Jr., and Mary and Chris Pardi.*

The wreaths on the Sanctuary doors are presented to the glory of God *by Mr. and Mrs. David B. Littleton* in joyful gratitude for God's gift to all people of his son, Jesus Christ.

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