

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

JANUARY 18, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your eyes to the hills—from where does our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
From the mountains of old, God has spoken, called, revealed, and restored.
Let us ascend in worship, that we may be sent in faith.
Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

* HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
You have called us to meet you in holy places,
Yet we confess that we often remain in the valleys of self-interest, fear, distraction, and control.
We can seek mountaintop experiences without obedience, comfort without calling, glory without transformation.
Forgive us, O God,
When we might resist your voice when it sends us beyond ourselves.
When we're tempted to build monuments to past encounters, instead of trusting you for what lies ahead.
Meet us again, O Lord.
Renew us by your mercy,
And restore us by your grace,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:
The God who meets us on the mountain
Is the same God who walks with us in the valley.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we become a new creation.
Praise be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22 (OT, page 17)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

SERMON

Mountaintops: Abraham & Isaac on Mount Moriah

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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 369

Blessing and Honor

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BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

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