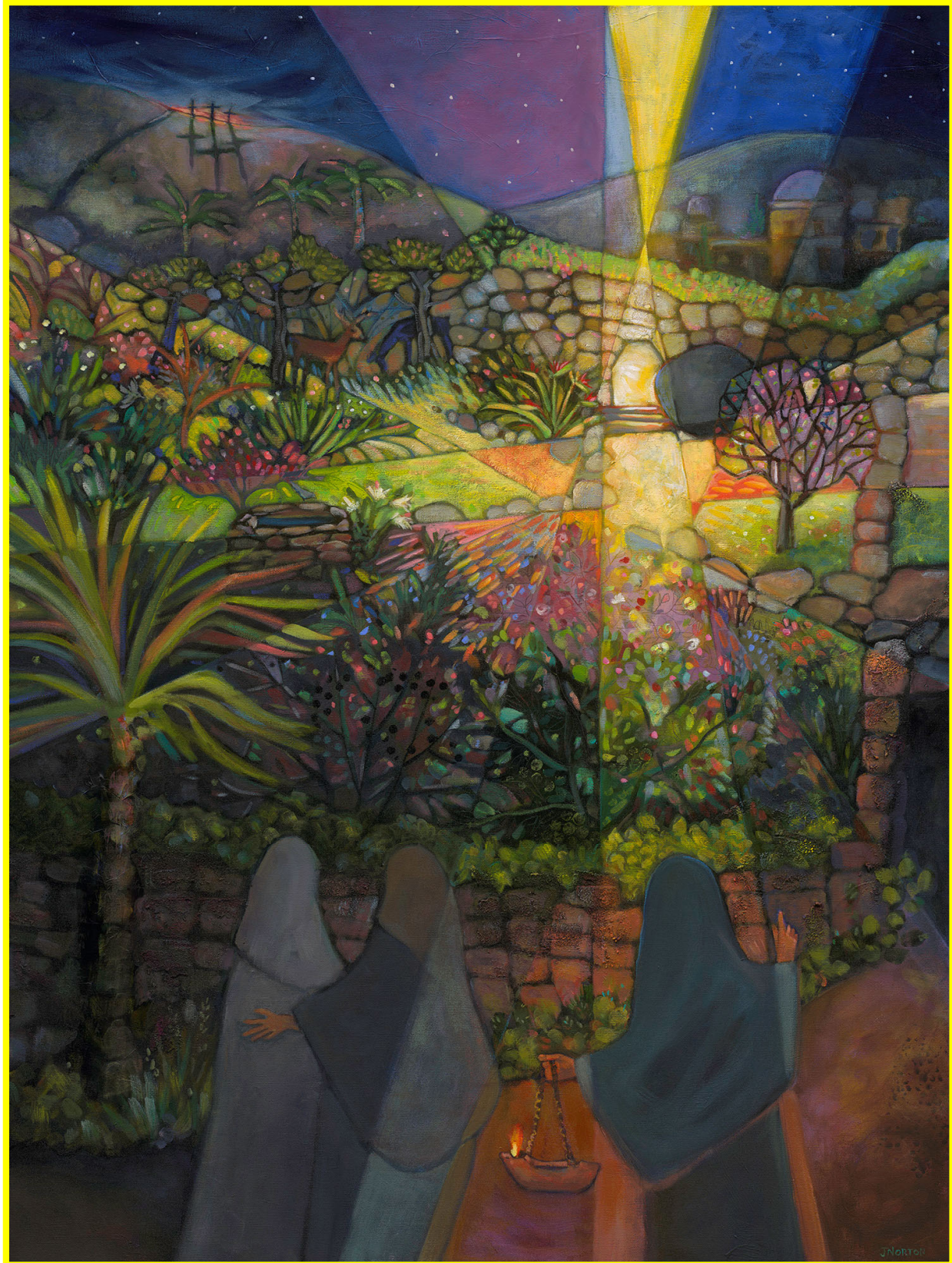


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026



Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! A Blessed Feast of the Resurrection and a joyous welcome to you and yours. We welcome you to our Easter Services at Kirk in the Hills and the wonderful activities that invite all our families and people of all ages to mark this day with joyous celebration. I pray that you would encounter the Risen Christ in a way you never have before.

As we celebrate this day, I invite you to ponder the words of the Apostle Paul, nearly 2,000 years ago in his letter to the Church in Corinth:

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, and yet I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. This perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality; and when the perishable is clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the ancient promise will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." And so the cry goes forth, bold and unafraid: "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?" For the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law—but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

— **The First Letter to the Corinthians 15:21–26; 52–57**

In Christ,



Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez | Senior Pastor | Head of Staff

Join us in worship Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Cedarholm Chapel | Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship | Word with Children

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

THE SERVICE FOR EASTER SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Adagio and March from *The Occasional Oratorio*
¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó (Alleluia! Christ is Risen)
Festival Procession

G. F. Handel
arr. Hoyt Pascal
Richard Strauss

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower 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. Jasmine Smart

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
and was raised on the third day.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**He appeared to Mary Magdalene,
to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.**

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At last, he comes to us —
Calling us by name,
breaking bread among us,
and sending us into the world
to bear witness to his Resurrection.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship the Living God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

Almighty God of love and life abundant,
**In raising Jesus Christ from the dead,
you have broken the power of sin and death
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

Yet we confess that we are tempted, like the first disciples,
to be fearful and uncertain,
slow to believe the promise of new life,
quick to return to old patterns of sin and despair.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Breathe upon us your Holy Spirit,

that we may live as people of the Resurrection—

Fill us with Easter joy,
that we may proclaim with our lives
what we confess with our lips:
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

* **RESPONSE**

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. Annemarie Kidder

Friends, in the empty tomb,
God declares that nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* **ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

WORD

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

Sarah Ford

Following the Word with the Children, children remain in worship with their family.

INVITATION HYMN

Come Together, Come and Hear!

Rev. Jasmine Smart (text); Marilyn Biery (music)

(As the children come forward for the Word with Children the congregation sings while seated)



**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 **Lord, Open Our Hearts and Minds** *Hoyt Pascal*
*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:1-18** (NT, page 115) Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **Let This Day Be Filled with Wonder** *Hoyt Pascal*
*Loving God, we praise you for the day that you have made;
For the life that you have given, for the church that you have called. Alleluia!
Let this day be filled with wonder, let our lives proclaim the message;
let your church sing out the news that Christ, our Lord and savior,
is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia! (David Gambrell)*

SERMON **While It Was Still Dark** Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* **HYMN** (see page 6) **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(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 **Hallelujah from *The Occasional Oratorio*** G. F. Handel
*Hallelujah, your voices raise, hallelujah!
Jehovah, Lord of Hosts, to praise, hallelujah!*

* **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. — see page 5) Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

SENDING

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 233** **The Day of Resurrection!** LANCASHIRE
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (seated) Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
 3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set
 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 heart and will on things a - bove that we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing, "Christ hath

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing,
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be

choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - -
 still he comes to give us life and
 grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that
 to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to

- peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has
 by his pres - ence stills all strife, "Christ has
 by our lives we tru - ly say: "Christ has
 Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, all the

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

MUSIC: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

EASTER MEMORIALS 2026

The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary and throughout the Kirk are presented to the glory of the Risen Christ in loving memory or in honor of . . .

In honor of the Kirk Pastors, with praise and thanksgiving from the Kirk congregation.

In honor of Dr. Ed Yousif, teacher of the Bill Robinson Bible Study *by members of the class.*

In honor of Elizabeth and Parker (Aunt and Uncle) *by Marge Salmonowicz.*

In honor of Norman Hofley *by his family.*

In honor of Grace McDowell (Aunt) *by Marge Salmonowicz.*

In honor of Jennifer Morris *by Susan Jones.*

In honor of Zachary Mittelstaedt who was confirmed March 28 *with much love from his Grandma.*

In honor of the Kirk Staff with appreciation from the Kirk congregation.

In honor of the Kirk Trinity Stitchers *by Marcia Miller.*

In honor of those they have lost and remember *by Bruce, Terri and Alexis Miller.*

Love and Blessings to their families, friends and church community *by Terri, Brad and Carl Hanpeter.*

Loved ones they have lost *by Kathy and Will Heritage.*

Russell C. Anderson *by The Russell C. Anderson Family.*

Benjamin L. Arnold III *by The Arnold Family.*

Hette and John Block and Marie and Donald Krenke *by DonnaMarie and Jon Block.*

Phyllis and Darrell Borgstrom *by Beverly Borgstrom.*

Donald T. Breen *by his wife, Camille Breen.*

Jean and Paul Brown, deceased In-laws of Pam Brown.

Alyce and Harold Chargot, deceased parents of Pam Brown.

Monte and Charlotte Clark and their daughter, Michelle (Shelly) Rene Clark *by Michelle Anne Clark.*

Reagan David *by Molly, Donald and Chloe David.*

Darrell Duffield and Florence and Carl Wells *by James Wells.*

Gary L. Field *by The Riendl Family.*

Paul Fink, Jr. *by The Maloziacs.*

Susan Gentilia *by The Gentilia Family.*

George and Helen Hall and Dean L. Ellis *by Annie Ellis.*

Richard T. Hartzell *by his family.*

Jeffrey K. Haynes *by Karen Haynes and family.*

Robert E. Hoisington *by his family.*

Aaron Holme *by Cheryl Adams.*

Rex and Carol Holton, their grandson, Kyle and their son-in-law, Wm Little *by Linda Little.*

Martin and Edith Hutt *by John and Wendy Hutt.*

Fred and Rosemary Juracek *by Linda Juracek-Lipa.*

John King *by Larry Neal.*

Eugene, Marilyn and Alan Klein *by Kelley Klein and family.*

Edith Kuhn, the family LOVES YOU and misses you every day *by Ronald Kuhn.*

David Lau *by The Lau Family.*

David Laurent *by his wife and daughter.*

Dr. John H. Libcke *by his wife, Jean and children, Bob, Martha and Jane and families.*

Albert and Jeanne Maas *by Marge and Allan Whittemore.*

Robert E. McGee *by The Riendl Family.*

Alex and Evelyn McKeen *by The McKeen Family.*

Roderick and Grace McKinnon *by John and Wendy Hutt.*

George A. Meschke *by his wife, Diane Meschke.*

Susan Elizabeth Trowl Milliken *by her loving family.*

Robert and Peg Nampa *by The Boswell Family.*

Sue Owen *by Melissa Korff and Laura Breckner.*

Anita Pinson *by Kirk Singers and Kirk Spiritual Book Study.*

Joel Pott *by his family.*

Charley and Margaret Sarlund *by Curtis, Wendy, Will and Molly Myers.*

Kevin Schaefer *by Anne Schaefer.*

M. Lynne Scheiber *by Dennis E. Scheiber, Jacquelyn, Logan, Kaitlynn and family.*

Bob Schindler *by Jeff and Jean Kallgren.*

Virginia and Edward Shelton and Margaret Rende *by Samantha Shelton.*

Maynard Timm *by Noreen Markley.*

Amelia Lauren Tomlinson *by her parents, Daniel and Lucinda Tomlinson and her brother and family, David, Pamela, Sutton Jaye and Harper Belle Tomlinson.*

Charles Trowl *by his loving family.*

Gloria Watt *by Susan Jones.*

Mae and Henry Wolfe and Esther and Emil Pyorala *by Jim and Py Wolfe.*

Warren Wolfe *by The Woodward Wolfe Family.*

Craig Woodward *by The Woodward Wolfe Family.*

Beloved wife, mom, and nana, Edie Kuhn *by The Jakubiak and Kuhn Families and Ron Kuhn.*

Her late husband, Mark Brown *by Pam Brown.*

Her mother, Opal O'Kelley, grandparents, Sidney and Maude Gibson, and baby, Grandson, Jacob DeWolf *by Sydrena Epstein.*

Her mother, Jean Ann Cheng *by Dr. Joann H. Cheng.*

Diane's sister, Donna Heliste *by Hugh "Sandy" and Diane McLeod.*

Jean's parents, Edmund and Mary Schindler *by Jeff and Jean Kallgren.*

Parents, George and Pat Black *by Steve Black.*

Parents, Roger and Maxine Ulstad *by Beverly Borgstrom.*

Their beloved Dads and Grandpas, John Stong and Edward Hanpeter *by Terri, Brad and Carl Hanpeter.*

Their beloved Grandparents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by their 18 Grandchildren and their partners and their 13 GREAT Grandchildren.*

Their granddaughter, Shannon McBeth *by Hugh "Sandy" and Diane McLeod.*

Their grandparents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by Emily, Jessica and Taylor.*

Their parents *by Janna and Craig Snyder.*

Their parents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by Jeff, Doug, Scott, Chris, Ted and Peter Kallgren.*

Their parents, and in honor of the men and women serving in our military *by Don and Grace Guthrie.*

Their parents, Marjorie and Donald Rader and Earl and Lucia Harris *by Judy and Waller Harris.*

Their parents, Bruno and Zosh Ragan and John and Sally Marshall *by Bruno and Cathy Ragan.*

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians: Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe; Derk Lockhart and Anderson Romero, trumpets; Kristi Crago, horn; Jaewoo Lee, trombone; Nathan Shook, tuba; Colin McCall, timpani; James Biery, organist; Marilyn Biery, director.

About the music: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Welcome to Easter Sunday at Kirk in the Hills—we are delighted that you are with us as we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death. Let us rejoice and sing with our hearts and minds. Let us worship God—Alleluia!

David Gambrell is Associate for Worship in the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is co-editor of the Book of Common Worship and editor of the Connections Worship Companion series. David is also the author of *Presbyterian Worship: Questions and Answers* and *Breathing Spirit into Dust: Fifty Hymn Texts*. Hoyt Pascal (b. 1956) is a Minnesota composer who has written choral and organ music; most recently he was composer in residence at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Occasional Oratorio by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) was written by Handel in 1746.

George Frideric (or Frederick) was a German-British Baroque composer well-known for his operas, oratorios, anthems, concerti grossi, and organ concerti. Born in Halle, Handel spent his early life in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712, where he spent the bulk of his career and became a naturalised British subject in 1727.

Charles-Marie-Jean-Albert Widor (1844–1937) was a French organist, composer and teacher most remembered for his ten organ symphonies, especially for the toccata we hear today—the last movement of his fifth organ symphony. Widor was the longest-serving organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a role he held for 63 years (1870–1933). He also was organ professor at the Paris Conservatory from 1890 to 1896 (following César Franck) as well as professor of composition at the same institution. Widor was a prolific composer, writing music for organ, piano, voice and various ensembles.

At the conclusion of the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services we hear a full peal (random ringing) of five of the carillon's lowest bells; listen as you exit the sanctuary for this joyful sound!

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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.



Feeling called to join the Kirk Church Family? Mercy Adams—Kirk Member, Stephen Minister, Usher, and staff support for New Members Evangelism and Outreach & Mission—can help you take your next steps. Whether you're exploring Membership, a Ministry, or connecting with Outreach & Mission or Women of the Kirk events, Mercy is here to guide you. Meet Mercy after Sunday Worship, during Coffee Hour or call/text her cell 248-631-4565 to learn more about Membership at the next "Fireside Chat with a Pastor", or scan the QR code to register for New Member Class.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. David Littleton in grateful and joyful celebration, for the promise of Easter is true.

THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION

Death has been swallowed up in victory.—1 Corinthians 15:54b

Today, Easter Sunday, we remember with gratitude those who have died between Easter 2024 and Easter 2025.

We give thanks to God for their lives and claim the promise of the resurrection for them.

The names below were read out loud during our 6:45 a.m. Columbarium Service.

Janet Alberts	Arnold (Arne) S. Hull	Carole Tomlinson
Sarah Hoffman Allison	Dorothy Hunter	Melvin VanderBrug
Russell C. Anderson	Hayden Kendall (Jake) Jacobs	Gaye Walker
John A. Artz	Dian Johnson-Jansma	Jeanne Weston
Susan S. Blank	Paula Jones	David J. Wood
Winifred (Wini) T. Boudreau	Roderick W. Kallgren	Kathryn Wood
Ray Bradley	William D. Little	Bruce H. Yuille
Sandra M. Branch	Mary Jane (Midge) LoPiccolo	Jack Zinser
Eileen Brooks	Thomas Maentz	
Kathy Cheek	Don Marple	
Joanne Curtis	Diana Marquardt	
Roanne Damoff	C. Walter Mayhew	
Morse "Bill" Davis	Rev. Dr. Scott McKee	
Darrell Flint Duffield	Janet McKinley Jenner	
Steven Dunsmore	Kathleen Mielock	
Virginia Edwards	Loren Nauss	
Shannon Ernat	Sue R. Owen	
David M. Gates	Eleanore Pekkala	
Lillian (Lou) M. Gordon	Margaret Ruth Pentecost	
Frederich A. Greenslate	Arthur J. Perkins	
Edward C. Hanpeter	Conrad B. Piche	
Jeffrey K. Haynes	Marilyn Pike	
John Heersma	Anita Pinson	
Melvin Hellem	Dave Pippel	
Irene Henderson	Stephanie Ranney	
Diane Hernandez	Bob Schindler	
Carol Higgs	Margaret Mary Smith	
Ken Holden	Tommy Lee Teague	
Nancy J. Hopp	Maynard L. Timm	

*These are the names the church office received.
If there is a name you'd like added, to be read next year,
please contact the church.*

WORSHIP NOTES



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