

*A Special Message from*  
**REV. DR. EDWIN ESTEVEZ**



Lent invites us into a sacred pilgrimage—forty days of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we walk with Jesus toward the cross and onward to the joy of the empty tomb. This year, our Lenten worship theme is Praying Like Jesus—an invitation to encounter the challenge, comfort, and transforming power of prayer.

Throughout the season, we will listen carefully to the prayers of Christ: his silence in suffering, his gratitude at table, his longing for unity, his joy in the Spirit, his lament over Jerusalem, and even his anguished cry from the cross. In learning how Jesus prays, we will learn how to trust the One whom Jesus called, “Abba, Father” more deeply—and to live with courageous faith.

Our journey begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**, with services at Noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Imposition of Ashes liturgy, remembering both our mortality and God’s grace. In the weeks that follow, we will celebrate Communion and Baptism, mark Bible Sunday, and commission Stephen Ministers, believers trained to walk with people through both difficult and joyful times. These are visible signs that Christ continues his work among us.

**Holy Week** will draw us to the very heart of the Gospel. On Palm Sunday, we will begin outdoors with a joyful reenactment of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. **Maundy Thursday** will feature Journey to Jerusalem, an immersive service of Scripture, music, candlelight, and the Lord’s Supper, preceded by our Family Communion Service with foot washing. On **Good Friday**, we will gather in solemn prayer at the foot of the cross. On **Easter Sunday**, from sunrise in the Columbarium to festive worship in the Sanctuary and celebration on the front lawn, we will proclaim with glad hearts: Christ is risen!

Our whole season is for seekers, children and their families, and long-time Christians. Whether you have long called the Kirk home or are seeking a place to belong this Lent, I invite you: Come and worship. Come and pray. Come and walk this sacred road with us. As we learn to pray like Jesus, may we be drawn ever closer to the heart of God—and may Easter morning find us renewed, restored, and rejoicing.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez  
Senior Pastor  
Kirk in the Hills

## OUTREACH & MISSION

# FÈM LAVI DETROIT

STORIES OF IMPACT

02-28-2026 7:00PM

**On Saturday, February 28**, Seeds to Sustainability will host its 3rd Annual Fem Lavi –“Stories of Impact,” at Kirk in the Hills. Fem Lavi (“Farm of Life”) highlights agricultural programs in Haiti that empower families through livestock, seeds, and education—bringing hope and transformation to communities in need.

**Tickets are \$25**; all are welcome.



FEM LAVI DETROIT

# 2026 LENTEN SEASON & EASTER

*at Kirk in the Hills*

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## Welcome to the 2026 Lenten Season at Kirk in the Hills!

### LENTEN SEASON SERMON SERIES: "Praying with Jesus"

## WORSHIP

**Sunday Worship Service Times:**  
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
(Unless otherwise noted)

#### February 18 | Ash Wednesday

Service Times: 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary | Imposition of ashes

**Sermon Topic:** "Forgive"

**Scripture:** "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us" (Matthew 6:9-15)

*Note: Both services will be livestreamed.*

#### February 22 | First Sunday of Lent

New Member Admittance Sunday

**Sermon Topic:** "Bless"

**Jesus' Blessings before the feeding of the multitude**  
(Matthew 14:14-21)

#### March 1 | Second Sunday of Lent (Communion)

**Sermon Topic:** "Sit"

**Scripture:** "Jesus' silent prayers" (Mark 1:35-39)

#### March 8 | Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. - Stephen Minister Commissioning

**Sermon Topic:** "Thank"

**Scripture:** "Father, I thank you that you have heard me—before Lazarus' resurrection" (John 11:41-42)

#### March 14 | A Bach Birthday Celebration

3:00 p.m. - Join us in the Refectory as we celebrate the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach with a program featuring some of his most beloved masterpieces! *The concert will benefit the Kirk's Renew and Resound campaign, with a suggested donation of \$15 (individuals) or \$25 (families).*

#### March 15 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sermon Topic:** "Unify"

**Scripture:** "May they all be one" (John 17:20-26)

#### March 22 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sermon Topic:** "Enjoy"

**Scripture:** "That they may have my joy made complete" (John 17:11 1b-21)

## HOLY WEEK

#### March 29 | Palm Sunday

**Sermon Topic:** "Lament"

**Scripture:** Jesus' lament over Jerusalem  
(Matthew 23:37-39)

Special Processional – Begins outside with a reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with live donkey with Palm Fronds. Don't miss it!

#### April 2 | Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - "Journey to Jerusalem" - an interactive drama that engages the congregation in participation, combining scripture, hymns, prayer, candlelight, choir, instruments, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The one-hour service will draw you into the emotion and inspiration of Holy Week. "Journey to Jerusalem" is an original drama that was conceived and written by Marilyn Biery (libretto) and James Biery (music) in 2017.

#### April 3 | Good Friday

**Sermon Topic:** "Why?"

**Scripture:** John 19:16-24; Mark 15:33-39

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sanctuary open for private prayer and reflection

**Good Friday Worship Service Times:**

12:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. | 7:30 p.m.

*Note: All services will be livestreamed.*

#### April 5 | Easter Sunday

**Sermon Topic:** "Believe"

**Scripture:** "While it was still dark..." (John 20:1-18)

6:45 a.m. - Sunrise Service – Columbarium

7:00 a.m. - Worship – Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. - Worship – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Front Lawn Celebration - Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting, donuts, bagels, hot chocolate, and coffee

11:00 a.m. - Worship – Sanctuary

*Note: The 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services will be livestreamed.*

Join  
Us!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Lenten Daily Devotionals | February 18 - April 5

Devotionals, written by our members, youth, friends, and our mission partners, will go out every day starting Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday!

If you're not part of our email list and you'd like to receive the devotionals, please send your request to [info@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:info@kirkinthehills.org).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### Lenten Dinner Church Series | February 25 - March 25

The 6-week series will focus on "Art and Faith: Christian Art in Italy" beginning with creation, and concluding with the death of Jesus.

We meet each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Room. A light soup and salad dinner will be served before the lecture starts at approximately 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us.



#### Feb 25: Art and Faith: Depictions of the Old Testament

*Presenter: Dr. Merideth Hite-Estevez*

#### March 4: Art and Faith: Non-canonical

*Presenter - Marilyn and Jim Biery*

#### March 11: Art and Faith: NT: Life of Jesus

*Presenter: Tracee Glab, Director of the Flint Institute of Arts*

#### March 18: Art and Faith: NT - Jesus' Birth/Mary

*Presenter(s): Reverend Jasmine Smart and Jenny Gallo*

#### March 25: Art and Faith: NT: Death of Jesus

*Presenter: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder*

*All are welcome to attend. A \$10 donation is suggested to underwrite the cost of the meal.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

#### February 22 | Micah 6 Combined Dinner Service

3:00-8:00 p.m. | Refectory Kitchen

#### March 1 | Family Bread Baking

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Refectory Kitchen



#### March 29 | Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Outside processional - Reenactment of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey

10:15 a.m. - Create your own Resurrection Eggs, led by Sarah Ford and Lauren Clopton, immediately following Sunday School pick up in Abbey Lounge - No Confirmation Class

#### April 2 | Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. - Family Communion and Foot Washing Service | Refectory

#### April 3 | Good Friday

5:30 p.m. - Family Movie Night - "The Lion of Judah" Heritage Hall - *Pizza, drinks, and popcorn provided*

#### April 5 | Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Front Lawn Celebration – Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting, bagels, donuts, and a hot beverage specialty cart. All are welcome! (*No Sunday School and No Confirmation Class*)