

2026 | Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – FEBRUARY 20, 2026



Exciting Sunday & Important Notice: Congregational Meeting Alert!

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Board of Session to be held this Sunday, **February 22, 2026** after the 9:00am worship service to vote on the Associate Pastor Candidate for Congregational Care and Evangelism. The candidate will be preaching during the 9:00am service.

Livestreaming services will be suspended for the 9:00am Preach for the Call.

Preach for the Call!

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

9:00am – Candidate preaches in the Sanctuary (no direct livestream of this service)

10:00am – Coffee in Heritage Hall

10:05am – Sermon replayed on monitor in Cedarholm Chapel

10:25–10:35am – Ballots distributed at the Sanctuary doors

10:30am – Congregational vote in the Sanctuary (Only members may vote. If you are unsure of your membership status, please see Mercy Adams after worship or contact the church office.)

10:45–10:50am – Vote results announced

11:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary (candidate will preach again — not for vote)

12:00pm – Special Coffee Hour in the Fireside Room to welcome our new pastor (pending the vote)

Your presence and prayerful participation matter as we discern together God's direction for the Kirk. Come ready to worship. Come ready to discern.

First Sunday of Lent: Praying with Jesus - Bless



As we enter the season of Lent, we begin a forty-day pilgrimage toward the cross—a time of honest reflection, renewed clarity, and deeper dependence on God's grace. Lent is not about religious performance; it is about creating space for Christ to meet us and reshape us.

This Sunday, we continue our new series, *Praying with Jesus*, with the theme "Bless." In Matthew 14, before the miracle of the loaves and fish, Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and blesses the bread. In a moment marked by scarcity and uncertainty, he begins not with anxiety, but with gratitude. Prayer is not a last resort—it is the first movement of trust.

To pray with Jesus is to see our lives differently. Even before the miracle unfolds, we learn to recognize what we have as gift. Blessing reorients fear into faith and need into possibility. It grounds us in gratitude and opens our eyes to how God is already at work.

Whether you are teaching children what faith looks like, carrying the weight of responsibility, seeking renewal, or quietly wondering whether Jesus still speaks into your life, this season is for you.

As we begin this Lenten journey together, may we be grounded in God's presence and prepared to encounter Christ anew in worship.

"...he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds."

- Matthew 14:19b (NRSVUE)

Join Us!

LENTEN SEASON SERMON SERIES: "Praying with Jesus"

February 22 | First Sunday of Lent
Preach for the Call - Candidate
Sermon Topic: "Bless"
(Matthew 14:14-21)

March 1 | Second Sunday of Lent
Sermon Topic: "Sit"
(Mark 1:35-39)

March 8 | Third Sunday of Lent
Sermon Topic: "Thank"
(John 11:41-42)

March 15 | Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sermon Topic: "Unify"
(John 17:20-26)

March 22 | Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sermon Topic: "Enjoy"
(John 17:11 1b-21)

COFFEE HOUR HERITAGE HALL



To keep up-to-date on all the latest Kirk news and events, visit kirkinthehills.org and sign up to receive our weekly email.



Join Us!

Bill Robinson Bible Study

Join us on Sundays at 10:10am -11:00am in the Upper Room (in-person or by zoom). For more info, please contact Ed Yousif at eyousif@gmail.com.

We invite you to join us for
the 2026 Lenten Season
and Easter at the Kirk!

CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO
VIEW THE LENTEN SEASON &
EASTER BROCHURE



DINNER CHURCH



Sign Up for the 2026 Lenten Dinner Church Series Today!

Dinner Church will begin on Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room. The series will focus on **Christian Art in Italy** beginning with creation, and concluding with the death of Jesus. All are welcome to attend. A \$10 charge to cover the cost of the meal is suggested. Please register by scanning the QR code.



A zoom link will also be available if you are unable to attend in person. **Register Today!**

Join Us! Fem Lavi Detroit - Stories of Impact Saturday, February 28



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.

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Cordon meets at 9:30am every Tuesday in the Upper Room. Prayer cards are located in the pew racks. To receive the prayer list or submit a prayer request, please contact Wendy Beck at: wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

Baptisms

Interested in having your child or grandchild baptized at the Kirk? For more info, contact Jen Morris via email at jmorris@kirkinthehills.org or via phone at (248) 973 - 8011.

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

The Children, Youth, and Family ministry invites you to remember the upcoming dates:



VBS dates are June 14-18, 2026 and is for children ages 3 through Grade 5. VBS is now open for registration for all Kirk families, preschool families, and

past participants! Rising 6th Graders - 12th graders serve as youth helpers and should also register. **Scan QR code to register!**



Families are encouraged to plan ahead and register early, as spots fill quickly. For questions or additional information, please contact Lauren Clopton at lclopton@kirkinthehills.org.

Important Info You Need to Know:

February 22 – Costa Rica Mission Trip Events

Parent Meeting on the 22nd is cancelled. Stay tuned, as a new date will be announced soon.

Deacon Fund Month is Coming in March!

Get Ready to spread the spirit of generosity as we prepare to support:

- Congregational Care
- Congregational Benevolence
- Kirk Community Care
- Worship



Stay Tuned! More information to come about Deacon Fund Month...

March 1 - Family Bread Baking! Register Today!



Join us to bake bread with your friends and family in the Refectory Kitchen on Sunday, **March 1st at 10:00am.**

We will have fun mixing ingredients, kneading dough, and talking through seeds of faith, yeast, and the benefits of shared faith (like breaking bread together). Kids will do a scavenger hunt and we might climb the tower. **Scan the QR Code to Register Today!**

Join Us
A Bach Birthday Celebration
Saturday, March 14, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Kirk in the Hills | Refectory
A suggested donation of \$15 (individuals)
or \$25 (families) is greatly appreciated.



J.S. Bach

Join us on March 14th at 3:00pm in the Refectory at Kirk in the Hills 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).



**Join Us!
Journey to
Jerusalem
Maundy
Thursday,
April 2,
7:30pm**

All are invited to the Kirk's Maundy Thursday service, "*Journey to Jerusalem*" on April 2 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. The service will be followed by Tenebrae and Stripping of the Paraments at 8:45pm. Come with Jesus on his final journey to Jerusalem: washing the feet of the disciples, sitting at the table for the Last Supper, and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.



Trinity Stitchers

Do you sew, stitch, crochet, or knit? This fun and welcoming group meets in Abbey 27 every Wednesday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Grab your yarn and come join us!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Preach for the Call -
Sanctuary
- 9:00am Sunday School -
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -
Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class
- 10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal
- Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir
- Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service -Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal
- Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Coffee Hour - Fireside Room
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary
Tour
- 1:00pm Youth Action Board
- 5:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:30pm APNC Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry -
Welcome Center
- 4:30pm Outreach & Mission -
Executive Board Meeting
- Abbey 28
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education
Meeting - Abbey 36
- 6:00pm Outreach & Mission -
Monthly Committee Meeting
- Abbey 28

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 10:00am Pastors Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches -
Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Lenten Dinner Church -
St. Andrew's Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal -
Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study
- 9:30am Books & Bibles -
Upper Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)
- 12:00pm Memorial Service for
Jeff Haynes
- 6:00pm Seeds to Sustainability -
Fem Lavi - Refectory

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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- 8:00am Communion Service
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Kirk in the Hills Preschool



*"Rooted And Grounded In
God's Love" for Over 40 Years.*

High Quality Preschool
Programs Offered at the Kirk: Non-Profit
(Kirk Members receive priority consideration)

- 2 ½- year-old class: 2 days a week .
- 3-year-old class: 3 or 5 days a week
- 4-year-old class: 5 days a week
- Multi-Aged: 5 days a week (older 4's
and young 5's)
- Parent and Toddler class: Fall and Winter
sessions

Registration for 2026-2027

Starts Now - **CALL TODAY!**



Please contact our office at
248-973-8017 or email Sandy Jewell at:
sjewell@kirkinthehills.org.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS
BREAKFAST

Preventing Child Abuse

MAY 13, 2026

8:00am-9:30am

