

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

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020



*Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful;  
for beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament.  
Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower,  
and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.*  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Welcome to worship. Welcome to the Kirk. Welcome home.

Here at the Kirk, our vision statement is *We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love*. This statement was born from months of congregation-wide listening sessions and years of prayer and discernment. We are already seeing it take root.

**We envision a world.** In one of Jesus' most famous moments, he feeds the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. In another story, Jesus helps his frustrated disciples to secure a net full of fish by inviting them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. They catch so many fish that there are too many to eat on their own! Ours is a church that hopes to look beyond our own needs to do what Jesus and the disciples did—share our **fish** with the world. Throughout November, we hope you join us for the November Service Challenge, our month-long dedication to engaging in community service. The theme is #ServeWholeheartedly, which is based on Ephesians 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord." Check out all the details on our in-person or at-home serving opportunities at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org). Don't forget to log your hours!



**Where every heart experiences.** Jesus reminds us in his birth, his ministry, and in his promise of the Holy Spirit, that God is near! Throughout the pages of the gospels, we see people following him to shorelines and meeting him there. Jesus was standing on the shore when he called his first disciples, Peter and Andrew. The **shore** is where the crowd listened to him preach and where the disciples met him after the resurrection. We hope to be a church that comes to shore to meet the living Christ! For us, this starts in **worship**. We hope through our worship, mission, and formation, we will have your eyes lighting up with the reminder of how you and how our community are made well (created), are being made well (healed), and will be made well (saved) into eternity.



### Service schedule:

**9:00 a.m.** - Pre-recorded online broadcast on our website and facebook

**11:00 a.m.** - Radio broadcast 92.7 FM Faith talk

**11:00 a.m.** - Kirk West (Fox Run) broadcast

**God's transforming love.** *The Lord is my shepherd*, says the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm reminds us that we are his flock. Jesus uses similar imagery in the New Testament when he assures us that the shepherd will find the lost sheep. Our **Christian formation** ministries are meant to gather us as a **flock** and to be led by the shepherd. Small groups, Bible studies and special events continue over Zoom—you can find all of the links and materials for our groups in our weekly e-newsletter or at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) on the Worship From Home website page.



Stay warm!  
Pastor Nate

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m., Stream from Home Service

*Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. — 1 Samuel 18:8*

## THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

#### **Selections for Bagpipes**

*Terry Bradley, bagpipes*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

### INTROIT

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
Eternal source of love,  
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
With fire from heaven above.  
As thou dost join with holiest bonds  
The Father and the Son,  
So fill us all with mutual love  
And knit our hearts in one.

*Christopher Tye*

### OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Angela Ryo

May we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you;  
cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you;  
thankful at moonrise, and under star shine  
for the beauty of your universe;  
and may we add from what you have given each of us,  
to your great world.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God.  
**The earth and all its people.**  
How good it is, how wonderful,  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together.  
**Justice and peace join hands.**  
If Christ's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would shout aloud.**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Rev. Angela Ryo

### HYMN 394

#### **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Westminster Abbey*

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And our confidence alone.**

To this temple where we call Thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today,  
With Thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear Thy people as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One;  
One in might and One in glory  
While unending ages run.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Angela Ryo

Holy God, Maker of all  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor  
**have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, Breath of Life  
**have mercy on us.**  
Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.  
*Silence is kept*

#### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. *William Smith*  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Angela Ryo

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:  
in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of  
the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit  
enable us to grow in love. Amen.

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Angela Ryo

*You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org).*

#### THE 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 WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

**1 Samuel 18:1-8**

Rev. Angela Ryo

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THANKSGIVING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Ryo

### ANTHEM

**Speak to One Another of Psalms**

*Jean Berger*

Speak to one another of psalms and of holy writings,  
Of carols and anthems.  
Sing ye and praise ye the Lord,  
Sing ye and praise Him!

### SERMON

**Eye Test**

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

## THE SENDING

### HYMN 305

**Come Sing, O Church, In Joy**

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

**Come sing, O Church, in joy;  
Come join, O Church, in song,  
For Christ the Lord has led us through  
The ages long.  
In bold accord,  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone,  
And still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision,  
Dream the dream.  
In bold accord,  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord!**

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

### CHORAL AMEN

*Peter Lutkin*

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Selections for Bagpipes**

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### DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### THE CARILLON



## About today's hymns

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** is based on I Peter 2:5, Revelation 21, and Ephesians 2:20, and is a translation of a seventh century Latin hymn which was used in medieval rites for the dedication of a church. The tune, *Westminster Abbey*, comes from an anthem by Henry Purcell, and takes its name from the church where he served as organist.

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy** was written for a hymn competition sponsored by the bicentennial committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 1988-89 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." Scriptural allusions in this text include Psalm 33: 10-11, Psalm 90: 1-2, Isaiah 40: 21-24, Isaiah 63: 16, Colossians 1: 10-13, James 1: 3, Revelation 5: 5, and Revelation 17: 14. The author of this hymn, Brian Dill, was a Presbyterian pastor, and served congregations in Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and Florida. A gifted and entertaining writer, Dr. Dill worked for several years with David C. Cook Christian Publishing Company as an editor and curriculum developer. The tune *Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*, was originally composed for a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 148. Its composer, John Darwall, was an English clergyman as well as a poet and amateur musician, and composed tunes and bass lines for each of the 150 psalms.

## About today's choral music

**Speak to One Another of Psalms** was composed by Jean Berger, a German-born American pianist, composer, and music educator who composed extensively for choral ensemble. Born Arthur Schlossberg into a Jewish family in Germany, moved to Paris in 1933 after the Nazi Party seized power, where he took the French name Jean Berger and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist. In 1941 he moved to the United State, becoming a citizen in 1943. Initially he intended to return to Paris following the conclusion of the war, but, captivated by the broad spectrum of American music, he chose to remain in the United States. In 1948 he moved into the academic world, taking a faculty position at Middleburg College, and later holding university positions in Illinois and Colorado.

## If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) under Resources/Prayer Request.

**Stephen Ministers** are available for personal, confidential prayer.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



**Today's Cover Art - A study of Kirk in the Hills** used with permission by the artist, Timothy Widener. The painting on today's cover is in the private collection of Kirk member, Alexandria Riley. This impressionistic style of art was painted "on plein air", or, from nature without the use of photographs. In 2018, Timothy did a series of painting of the Kirk during different times of the day which illustrated the beauty of the architecture through light and color. Visit [widenerfineart.com](http://widenerfineart.com).

**Poinsettias will be used to adorn the Kirk during the Christmas season.** If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. You can also donate online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org). The deadline is November 30.







Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, Rev. Kelsey Sorge



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