

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2021



*Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength.
However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it.*

— Ann Landers

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.



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 23rd Psalm and the 100th 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 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

Now you are dismissing your servant in peace. — Luke 2:29

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

INTROIT

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Christ, the Son incarnate see, Alleluia!
By whom all things came to be, Alleluia!
Through the worlds His splendors shine, Alleluia!
Full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends have gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light into the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

God comes as a light,
grace-filled yet baby-frail.
**Now may our hearts cradle you,
our voices sing to you,
our spirits leap to you,
and our hearts dance with you.**

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

**Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!**

O ye heights of heaven, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

God of grace, love and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow others gods.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sins and raise us to new life,
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Christopher Pardini

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

Puer nobis

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

Luke 2:21-35

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

SOLO

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

David Haas

Mary and Joseph came to the temple,
Brought the boy Jesus, offered Him there.
People were waiting, wanting to greet Him;
Long had they sought Him, solace for care.

Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting,
Worshiping God by day and by night.
Now she is praising, filled with elation:
Here is God's promise, Christ is her light.

Simeon sings now: God proffers blessing,
Brilliantly gilding dawn of his day.
Light in the darkness, never extinguished,
Light of all nations, light up our way.

SERMON

Around the Corner

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

THE THANKSGIVING

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION INCOMING OFFICERS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

Litany of Service (based on 1 Corinthians 12)

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

**But it is the same God who fulfills these purposes
through them all.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of Christ.

SUNG VERSES DURING ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

John Bell

Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set Your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

May I serve You all my days;

May my voice sing out Your praise;
Set Your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

May I love You more and more;
Serve Your Church for evermore;
Set Your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

INCOMING DEACONS

*Karen Benson, Todd Galloway, Colby Haan, Elizabeth Herring,
Joe Jakubiak, Jim Keeling, Hye Kim, Patti Parks, Cathy Payton,
Shannon Phillips, Helen Stormer, Annie Weaver*

INCOMING TRUSTEES

*Scott Badenoch, Chris Graff, Beth Kerr (one year term),
Julie Nummer, Randy Pappal, Jeff Reitmyer, Crystal Thomas*

INCOMING ELDERS

*James Blair (Youth), Amy Davis, Jim Devlin, Julia Libcke,
Clare Llope (Youth), Rick Llope, Kay Maxwell, Jim Tully*

THE SENDING

HYMN

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

**Come, great God of all the ages;
Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person;
Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the Church to true commitment;
Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building;
Dedicate us to the task.**

**Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
Sure foundation, cornerstone;
Help us form the Church eternal;
May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower;
Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action
As we build the Church today.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

CHORAL AMEN

John Rutter

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

Of the Father's Love Begotten is a translation of a portion of a doctrinal poem by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius. He lived from 348 to c. 413, and was the most prolific and prominent author of early Latin poetry. The poem, in its complete form, expounds upon the Mystery of the Incarnation. Prudentius was a native of Spain; he was highly educated and had a career as a lawyer and magistrate before renouncing the world and retreating to a life of poverty, seclusion, and writing at the age of fifty-seven. The tune *Divinum mysterium* is a medieval plainsong melody and was connected with this text in the mid-nineteenth century.

Come, Great God of All the Ages was written in 1987 by Mary Jackson Cathey for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. After a number of years as a junior high English teacher she turned her attention to Christian education, serving as director of Christian education for a number of congregations in South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. She also was a prolific author of hymns. The tune *Abbots' Leigh* was composed by the Rev. Cyril Vincent Taylor on a Sunday morning during the spring of 1941. It was during World War II and Taylor was working in the wartime headquarters of the religious broadcasting department of the British Broadcasting Company located in the village of Abbot's Leigh.

About today's choral music

The introit is a stanza of a hymn by Timothy Dudley-Smith based on John 1: 1-14. Dudley-Smith is a retired bishop of the Church of England and is the author of approximately four hundred hymns.

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple is based on Luke 2: 22-39, recounting Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to Jewish law. The text is by Andrew Pratt, an English hymnwriter whose career began as a marine biologist before entering into parish ministry. The tune is by David Haas, an American composer of contemporary liturgical music in the Roman Catholic Church.

The stanzas sung during the Ordination and Installation liturgy come from the music of the Iona Community, an ecumenical community founded in 1938 and is based on the island of Iona, adjacent to the isle of Mull, in the inner Hebrides, Scotland. The first stanza is by John Bell, a leader in the Iona Community and known for his hymn writing; the second and third stanzas were newly written for today's liturgy.

If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at kirkinthehills.org under Connect/Prayer.

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 - *Simeon's Son of Praise* | Arent deGelder (1645-1727) | public domain

Arent deGelder was a Dutch artist who studied under Rembrandt in Amsterdam. His work focuses on Biblical scenes which emphasize the humanity of the characters through expression, color and use of light.



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