

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

HONORING OUR VETERANS
NOVEMBER 14, 2021



*In your waiting
alongside our Beloved friend,
sweet Jesus,
may your darkness
be the cradle of the dawn*

— Rev. Riley Pickett and Revs. Layne & Crawford Brubaker, *Fury and Grace*



Our Guest Preacher - Reverend Floretta L. Barbee-Watkins

The Reverend Floretta L. Barbee-Watkins was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Flossie E. Watkins in Atlanta, GA. She graduated from Walker High School and then matriculated to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where she earned a BA degree in Communications. In 1993, she graduated from Johnson C. Smith Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary with an emphasis in Homiletics and Christian Education. After Seminary she was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament and immediately began her vocational service to the church as Presbytery Staff of Campus Ministry at South Carolina State University and Claflin College. It was there that

Reverend Watkins developed her approach to ministry as a “down to earth” minister serving with imagination, energy and humor.

After serving the campuses in Orangeburg SC, she received a call to Pleasant Ridge of Lancaster, South Carolina, and Hermon Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC. Under her leadership, Hermon was able to erect a new worship facility right under 7000 square feet, consisting of a Sanctuary, classrooms and a fellowship hall. Reverend Barbee-Watkins was chosen to lead Hermon because of her dynamic preaching abilities as well as her abilities to understand generational characteristics and their impact on the church.

In 1997, Reverend Floretta Barbee-Watkins was commissioned to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force National Guard as the first African American female Chaplain. She served as support to airmen and soldiers in the various situations including the floods of North Carolina in Kingston, North Carolina, as well as deployment to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, and Osan, South Korea. In June 2017 she retired from the 145th Air National Guard with 20 years of service to our nation.

In 2002 Reverend Barbee-Watkins began her service at well-known Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Known for its interracial make-up, Reverend Barbee-Watkins opened the doors for more inclusion and acceptance of all of God’s children. With a strong emphasis on leadership development, Reverend Barbee-Watkins concentrates her efforts on a decentralized ministry style so that she can pour her energy into equipping lay leadership for ministry.

As the church transitions to new opportunities for service, Reverend Barbee-Watkins continues to enhance her leadership skills, both formally and informally. Rev. Barbee-Watkins completed the Certificate of Executive Leadership with McCormick Theological Seminary and is currently a Doctoral Candidate for a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Organizational Leadership. Her work will be around Clergy women and role congruity: The lived experiences of Female Clergy in the PCUSA. She plans to defending her dissertation and graduate this summer. Reverend Barbee-Watkins continues to serve the church with heart and soul.

She has served on the Presbytery Council and served and chair of the Mission and Justice Committee of Council. She also proudly served as the first African American Clergy woman Moderator of the Presbytery of Charlotte in 2013. Reverend Barbee-Watkins was nominated to serve on the Presbytery Mission Agency’s Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns, for the class of 2018. She serves as a member of the Presbytery Mission Agency Board.

Reverend Barbee-Watkins is the owner of FlowMotion Coaching, a performance coaching company which focuses on the total person, mind, body and heart. As a certified coach in Social and Emotional Intelligence, she hopes to help professionals, entrepreneurs and leaders transform and synergize the FLOW of mind body and heart, so that they

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary Service

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on National Airs

Charles Callahan

INTROIT

Here I Am, Lord

David L. Schutte

The text is found at Hymn 69.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 48:14

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Mark this—God is our God forever and ever,
guiding us even to the end.

Come, let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Veteran Collection

Tom Bustance

WORD WITH CHILDREN (9:00 a.m.)

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

Owen Michael Leemhuis, John Cormac Rouse, Jack Henry Schnicker

CHORAL ORISON

Liebster Jesu

Dearest Jesus, we are here,
gladly Your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near
in response to Your own saying
that to You it shall be given
as a child and heir of heaven.

PRESENTATION

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

* HYMN 338 (*Stanza 1*)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry here and in other parts of the world.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr. Dan Forrest

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Please rise in body or spirit to sing:

Molto maestoso

ff 4. Oh Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r! Our
breth-ren shield in dan-ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest,
fire and foe, Pro - tect them where-so - e'er they go. Thus
ev - er-more shall rise to Thee glad
hymns of praise from land and sea.

*** DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Following the Doxology, please sing:

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 4:1-9

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

SERMON

Delayed but Not Denied

Rev. Floretta L. Barbee-Watkins

SENDING

*** HYMN 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please take your seats as the pastor gives the congregation a charge to live the life of faith and then speak words of God's blessing on all gathered.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

J. Wayne Kerr

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About today's music and worship

In honor and memory of veterans, the service begins with the *Prelude on National Airs*, comprising melodies from *America the Beautiful*, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, and the *National Anthem*. Dr. Callahan composed it shortly after 9/11.

The stanzas of *Here I Am, Lord* are understood as the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call (from *Glory to God*). Although different texts, note a common thread among *Here I Am, Lord*, the Call to Worship, and *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*. In one sense, these texts are preparing us for today's Joshua reading and sermon, especially when we sing "When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside."

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah began as a Welsh text and was later translated to English; we continue to sing the text to a sturdy Welsh hymn tune. One sees a sense of the Trinity in the three stanzas – in order, to the work of the First, Third, and Second Persons of the Trinity. Please sing with energy and weight.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save was written in 1860 for a pupil setting sail for America, and it has been adopted by maritime forces on both sides of the Atlantic. The tune, MELITA, was composed for the first appearance of the text and is firmly identified with it; this tune name is the Greek and Latin form of the name of the island now called Malta, where the apostle Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 28:1)." [from *Glory to God: A Companion*] Dan Forrest prepared this arrangement for chorus and orchestra for the National President's Day Choral Festival in Washington, D.C., honoring John F. Kennedy. The Navy Band had played The Navy Hymn (*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*) as JFK's casket was carried up the steps of the Capitol Rotunda. A "significant aspect of this text is its clear Trinitarian organization. The first three stanzas recall connections between each divine Person and some body of water, and the final stanza addresses the full Trinity for the protection of travelers. . . ."

"Written for the 1876 centennial celebration of the writing of the Declaration of Independence, this hymn (*God of the Ages*) was first sung in Brandon, Vermont, where the author was the rector of the local Episcopalian church. . . . The original version of the opening line was 'God of our fathers.' No other changes have been made in the text." [from *Glory to God: A Companion*]

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 in Melrose Chapel

(to the left, when facing forward in the sanctuary) immediately following Service each Sunday.

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



Coffee Hour - Join us for fellowship in the **Fireside Room** (new location today due to Veterans Luncheon in Heritage Hall) 10:00 -11:00 a.m. each Sunday!

Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday! Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after the 10:30 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. John H. Libcke and loved ones and the men and women of the Armed Forces by Mrs. Jean Libcke and family.

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(s) you are memorializing. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Deadline is Nov. 30. Sign-up can also be done online.



From left to right: Rev. Kelsey Sorge, Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips, Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Edwin Estevez



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