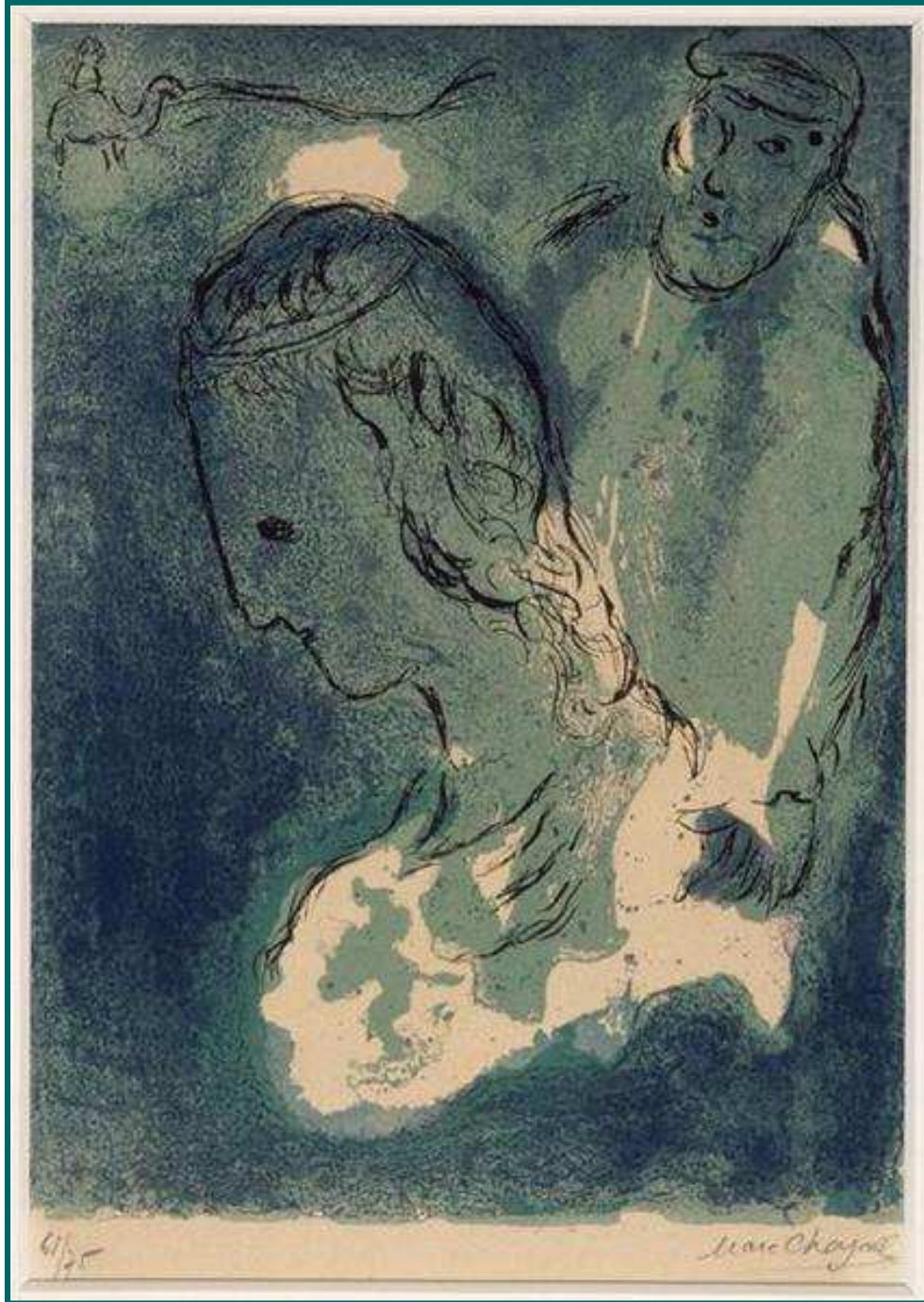


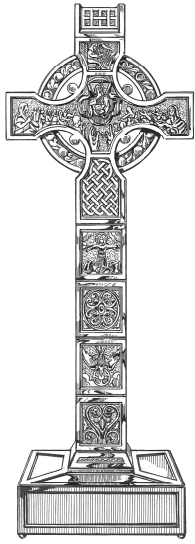
KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 23, 2022



*Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.*  
— Mother Teresa



**Today is a joyful day of ordination and installation of our incoming ruling elders, deacons and trustees at our church.** Congratulations and thank you for hearing the Spirit's call and saying yes to serving the church with energy, intelligence, imagination and love! As our new church officers are ordained and installed today, I wanted to take a minute to explain the roles of each office so that we, as a congregation, can support them better as they faithfully serve Christ and his church. Below are the definitions of each role taken from our denomination's constitution, *The Book of Order*:

### **Ruling Elders**

"As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office." (G-2.0301)

### **Deacons**

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry." (G-2.0201)

### **Trustees**

"The corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The powers and duties of the trustees shall not infringe upon the powers and duties of the session or the board of deacons." (G-4.0101)

Newly elected ruling elders and deacons are ordained and installed while our trustees are commissioned and installed. Thank you, our newly ordained/commissioned and installed ruling elders, deacons, and trustees! May we hold them close to our hearts and prayers:

*Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. Amen.*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

## THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

#### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

**Winter, from Four Seasons**

*Antonio Vivaldi*

**O My Soul, Rejoice with Gladness**

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*As the voluntaries are played, please reflect on our secondary scripture reading:*

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. — John 15:9-11*

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

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

**Also with you.**

Let us worship the living God.

#### \* INTROIT

*Dulce Carmen*

Lead us, heavenly Father,  
Lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee,  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*Ode to Joy*

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are many ways to be unfaithful to what we have become  
through baptism, to our commitment and our obedience to God.  
We offer God now our prayers of repentance.

**We confess to you, living God,  
our failure to live as brothers and sisters, and as your children.**

We confess to you, gracious God,  
that we have doubted your word and failed to obey its teaching.

**We confess to you, almighty God,  
that we do not acknowledge you as Lord of all the earth.**

We confess to you, merciful God,  
our desire to own you and contain you within our doctrines  
and theologies.

**Forgive us and redeem us for we have not allowed  
your presence to shine among us.**

#### \* KYRIE ELEISON

*Orthodox*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Hear the good news!  
Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

*Greatarex*

**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.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

Interim PNC Update

Randy Pappal

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

**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.**

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

**PRAYER**

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love**

*Ned Rorem*

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love.  
Who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race,  
Still to man extends His grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made,  
All is by His scepter sway'd;  
What are we that He should show  
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,  
Bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And, to make our safety sure,  
Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing my soul, adore His name;  
Let His glory be thy theme:  
Praise Him till He calls thee home,  
Trust His love for all to come.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

# THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN 805

**Come Sing to God**  
*Stanzas 1 and 4.*

*Ellacombe*

## 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**

**Ain'-a That Good News!**

*William L. Dawson*

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom,  
Ain'-a that good news!  
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world,  
Goin'-a shoulder up my cross,  
Goin'-a take it home to my Jesus,  
Ain't that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom...

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom...

I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom...

\* 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.**

*Old Hundredth*

## THE WORD

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATIONS

*Please note...some of our incoming officers have elected to be ordained or installed via zoom instead of attending a live service. Those not present "in person" will be ordained or installed at 1:00 p.m. today.*

**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.**

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2024 (9:00 a.m.)

*Sally Brown, Claire Carmichael, Tara Douglass, Judy Harris,  
Katherine Herb, Kristi Jones, Joann Kallio, Gracien Lorincz,  
Catherine Ragan, Tammy Schafsnitz, Ralph Winter, Julie Wright,  
Julia Yousif (Youth)*

**INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2024 (10:30 a.m.)**

*Christopher Cameron, Jayne Dodge, Thomas Hector, Henry Hoot,  
Debra Lawson, Walter Lorang, Keith Peters, Randall Wilds*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2024 ( 10:30 a.m.)**

*Suzi Artzberger, Jack Belcher (Youth Elder), Sarah Cameron,  
Camille Breen, Claire Devlin, Calvin Ford, Sharon Gioia,*

**CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (10:30 a.m. only)**

*Gauntlett*

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,  
Nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
That we must take to dwell with God.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 18:1-15; John 15:9-11**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Where God Leads: Abraham and Sarah**

Rev. Angela Ryo

**THE SENDING**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 697**

**Take My Life**  
*Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6*

*Hendon*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL ORISON**

*He Leadeth Me*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Prelude to the Te Deum**

*Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

## Worship/Music Notes

On this day of Ordination and Installation of new officers in the church, we focus on love, laughter, and leadership. As we begin our sermon series “Where God Leads” our worship opens with a prayer, *Lead us, heavenly Father*, for God to lead, guard and keep us through life’s trials. A plain chant melody harmonized by William Henry Monk, this ties in with another chant, a Russian orthodox Kyrie. The other service music for this sermon series, are prayers and assurance of God’s direction in our lives: the Choral Prayer for Illumination *Lead us to Christ, the living Way* and the Choral Orison *He Leadeth Me*. Today’s first hymn (*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*) is the famous “Ode to Joy” melody from the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. This text of joy and adoration was written in 1907 by Presbyterian pastor and author, Henry Van Dyke, with this tune in mind. As we move to a time of prayer, the choir sings Ned Rorem’s *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*, a lush setting of an 1841 Protestant Episcopal hymn, which includes subtle reharmonizations of the hymn tune that illuminate God’s mercy and love to us. We then sing together hymn 805 *Come Sing to God*, praise and thanks for God who has “filled our lives with joy”.

Our offertory is the timeless spiritual by William Dawson, *Ain’-a That Good News*. This arrangement captures the true authenticity of the African-American musical heritage, featuring a call and response format that builds into a stirring exclamation of praise and celebration! After our new officers are ordained and installed and we hear the word proclaimed, we close the service in thanks and praise singing hymn 697 *Take My Life*, offering the dedication of our lives in service and gratitude to God for all that which God has blessed us.

**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.



**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 Constance Booth Kummerow by her husband, Dr. Arnold A. Kummerow.

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**Join us for coffee and fellowship** in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

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