

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



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 20, 2022



*Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones.
A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.*
— Shannon L. Alder



From Pastor Angela and the Congregational Care Committee:

“We have a BEAUTIFUL church! Oh, and the building is pretty nice too.” That’s what I heard from one of the pastors when I first came to the Kirk--and how true that is! What makes our church truly special is the people. Our Congregational Care Committee works hard to ensure that everyone who comes through the doors of the Kirk receives the physical, spiritual, and emotional care they need in order for us be a healthy congregation. The chair of this committee is Elder Tom Bustance. Please feel free to reach out to Tom at tbustance@rdsc.net or any one of group leaders below!

Deacons

Our Board of Deacons is made up of 30 Deacons. Each of the 30 Kirk Deacons is assigned a Community of Care consisting of 30 to 50 households. Deacons provide a first level of contact with our Kirk member community. Besides that, Deacons undertake ministries of care and compassion within and beyond the congregation, including communion preparation and celebration, hospitality ministries, Adopt-A-Family, memorial teas, benevolence, college and senior care packages, courtesy cart, flower ministry and much more. Please contact your deacon if you need anything! The moderator of the Board of Deacons is Jim Keeling, and he can be reached at keeling2006@comcast.net.

Stephen Ministry

Sometimes the challenges of life can be overwhelming...and having a confidential Christian friend to walk along side of you can be a tremendous blessing. The Kirk has a team of Stephen Ministers who have completed 50+ hours of training to equip them to be that friend. The care offered by Stephen Ministers is Christ-centered and truly confidential, which is why you don’t see it happening! In addition to these ongoing caring relationships, Stephen Ministers also help to lead the Kirk’s Service of Comfort and Hope each December and are available at the Prayer Station each Sunday for those wanting individual prayer. For more information, please call Nancy Lau 248-835-6691 or nlau@comcast.net.

Prayer Cordon

The Cordon meets weekly to pray for those in need, and for any who have made specific requests (chronic illnesses, family issues, emotional concerns, hospitalizations, births, deaths). Kirk staff maintains a list of these who need our prayers. We meet in the Upper Room and via Zoom each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. All Kirk members are invited to attend and join. If you would like to add a prayer request to our list, please email Cole Pachucki at cpachucki@kirkinthehills.org. For any questions, please contact Bob O’Hara at oharabob@yahoo.com.

Caring Friends

Caring Friends are volunteers who share God’s love by offering friendly visits/phone calls and taking communion and often flowers to anyone who would like someone to talk with, and we have a focus especially on our elderly homebound members. If you have time to call someone once a week, then you could become a Caring Friend and brighten someone’s day just by letting them know you care. If you would like a Caring Friend to connect with, or if you are interested in serving as a Caring Friend, please contact Helen Campbell at hcbell2@aol.com.

Sojourners

Sojourners is a group of people on a journey through life’s seasons of grief. This support group is for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a forum in which participants can share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand. Are you or someone you know recently widowed and need to talk? We can help. Contact Ann Hartzell-Kneen at aohartzell@gmail.com.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

*...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. — 2 Timothy 1:7*

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Marcel Dupré

Antiphon V – How Fair and how Pleasant art Thou

Antiphon III – I am Black but Comely,

O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem

Magnificat V – He Remembering His Mercy

Hath Holpen His Servant Israel

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the LORD has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us worship the Living God!

* INTROIT

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.

Dulce Carmen

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become
for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past
that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be
changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Orthodox

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*** 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.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Congregational Care

Tom Bustance

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

Faith of Our Fathers

St. Catherine

Faith of our father, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious Word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach it, too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life!
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.

Faith of the martyrs who, though bound,
 were still in heart and conscience true.
 How blest would be their children's fate,
 if they, like them, should live for you!
 Faith of the martyrs, holy faith,
 We will be true to you till death.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
Stanzas 1 & 4

Repton

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

Jubilate Deo

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
 Serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before His presence with a song.
 Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
 It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
 We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
 and into His courts with praise:
 Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.
 For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
 And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

* 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

(Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America in recognition of President's Day.)

**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. Amen.**

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (10:30am)

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

2 Timothy 1:5-7, 3:14-17, 4:7; 8
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Where God Leads: Lois and Eunice

Rev. Angela Ryo

SENDING

* **HYMN 686**

God of Our Life

Sandon

* **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

Magnificat VI – Gloria

Marcel Dupré

Worship/Music Notes

Today we continue with our sermon series “Where God Leads” as we look at the parable of the Prodigal Son. Our children lead us in the prelude, with the Junior Girls’ Choir inviting us into worship singing *With One Heart*, by Mark Patterson, an adaptation of Romans 5:6 that invites a spirit of thankfulness and community as we give thanks for “God’s mercy and forgiveness shown to us each day.” We continue 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*.

Our opening hymn *How Firm a Foundation* is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. In this hymn we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love from generation to generation. In our Choral Call to Prayer, *Faith of Our Fathers*, we remark on the steadfastness of our forbearers, who have passed down their faith to us, not just in word but shown in the lives they lived. After our prayers of the people, together we respond and *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*, which includes the faithful mothers like Lois and Eunice that we read about in scripture, as well as the dear saints of our congregation like Bill Robinson, who for decades sought to pass on knowledge of faith in Christ to the next generation.

We give thanks in our jubilant offertory *Jubilate Deo* by Charles Villiers Stanford, an Irish composer best known for his choral works for church performance of the Anglican tradition. This setting of Psalm 100, which speaks of giving thanks to God for “His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation.” We close singing our final hymn, *God of Our Life*, which speaks of the legacy of faith, what God has been to us individually and collectively throughout time: “through all the circling years, we trust in thee” to be “our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.”

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 Dr. Robert Belf by his wife, children and grandchildren.

About today's cover art

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Showing a feeling of a child that was loved by someone that care about him is demonstrated in this piece of art by Rembrandt van Rijn. Rembrandt is generally considered one of the greatest painters in European art history and the most important in Dutch history.

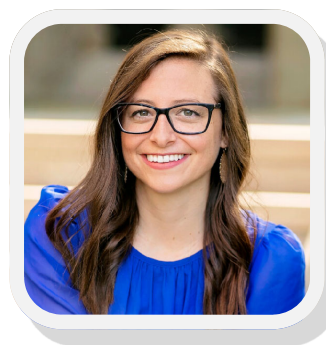
Join us for coffee and fellowship in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

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