

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022



Welcome Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald!



Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald is an experienced large church pastor and leader. His educational background includes degrees from Yale University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Illinois and McCormick Theological Seminary. His doctoral thesis was in adult education, and he specializes in the Bible and ethics.

His pastoral specialties include congregational visioning and church redevelopment. He has served churches in Chicago and Peoria, Illinois; Nashville, Tennessee; Lincoln, Nebraska; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Cleveland, Ohio. He was the moderator of The Growth Project, a state-wide group that developed church growth conferences and strategies.

He has been a popular speaker at colleges, Presbyteries and Synod events. He gave a TEDx talk on "Reclaiming the Radical Virtue of Compromise." He was the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day keynote speaker at the Nebraska Capitol.

He has traveled on educational or mission trips to Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Panama, and Greece. He is married to Tamara McDonald, a professional interior designer and artist. They enjoy hiking, art museums, joining friends for dinner and lively conversation, as well as hearing from their adult children. They also have a golden retriever who likes to make new friends every day.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

GARDEN CLUB FOR CHILDREN

(parents may drop their children, ages 3 to grade 5, at the garden upon arrival to outdoor worship.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

Randy Pappal

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

* HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Psalm 4

**God of Mercy, answer me when I call to you,
O my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
Be merciful to me and hear my prayer.
How long will humanity turn your glory into shame?**

How long will your people love delusions and seek false gods?
In my anger I have sinned;
though you continue to search my heart for love.
Forgive me, O Lord, and help me to follow your teaching
and live a life that is pleasing to you,
so that your face may once again shine upon me. Amen.

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Those he redeemed from trouble
And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way...
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
He led them by a straight way...
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
For his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.
Friends, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Select verses from the Book of Acts
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Book of Action

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THE THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We continue to pray...
We pray in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

At the direction of the communion servers, please step towards the nearest communion station to receive the sacrament.

We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ broken for you."

We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the blood of Jesus shed for you"

COMMUNION SOLO

Let Us Break Bread Together

Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

Sara Ball, soprano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us, Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

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!**

**Let courage be our friend;
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission
Magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CARILLON RECITAL Ellen Dickinson, Wilton, CT

Carillon programs are available from the ushers or in literature racks.

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near the exit as you depart. Please see notes on page 11.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Before Thy Throne I Stand, O God
Prelude in E-major

J. S. Bach
Gerald Bales

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

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* INTROIT

Sing to the Lord

Christopher Tye

Sing to the Lord in joyful strain,
Let earth His praise resound,
Ye who amidst the ocean dwell,
And fill the isles around.
Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song,
Let all combined with one accord,
The cheerful notes prolong.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Psalm 4

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How long will humanity turn your glory into shame?
How long will your people love delusions and seek false gods?
In my anger I have sinned;
though you continue to search my heart for love.
Forgive me, O Lord, and help me to follow your teaching
and live a life that is pleasing to you,
so that your face may once again shine upon me. Amen.**

* KYRIE ELEISON

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

William Smith

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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* 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

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

Randy Pappal

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gibbons

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Word of God, and inward Light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

The Book of Action

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THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing
Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord
Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord,
Praise Him forever,

Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r
Praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness,
Praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing
Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord
Our joyful voices raise.
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Robert Powell

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Those seated in the pews at the rear of the sanctuary begin the procession. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

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We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the blood of Jesus shed for you"*

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Sara Ball, soprano

I Come With Joy

Brian Wren

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
And stranger now are friends.

Together, met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us,
Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good.
In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love
for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen
us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live
according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to
yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL ORISON

Junkanoo

Now go in joy to spread the word
till all people have heard:
God embraces all!
Follow, then, the disciples' call:
tend your neighbors with loving care
in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

Carillon programs are available from the ushers or in literature racks.

Worship/Music Notes

Today we welcome our Interim Senior Pastor Dr. Andrew McDonald to the Kirk! As we celebrate the arrival of our new leadership, we are digging into what it means to be the Church, and to be a people of action!

In the garden we open with a celebratory instrumental prelude and in the sanctuary, we open with *Sing to the Lord* by Christopher Tye, celebrating that we should all sing “with one accord” and “our cheerful notes prolong.” The words of our opening hymn of praise, *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*, describes the parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, and affirms our purpose as a church to “proclaim Christ as King.”

After the word is proclaimed, prepare for the offertory by joining in exuberant song with *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*, that gives a powerful image of a whole world of people joining together in praise to God, and the whole earth resounding with a song sung in love of the Creator. The choir continues our praise with the offertory anthem, *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*, by Dr. Gordon Young, an American composer and organist who served First Presbyterian Church of Detroit for many years. The text by the composer speaks of the praise of God within all our hearts expressed as “Alleluia”, an early Christian expression of thanksgiving, joy, and victory.

As we come to the Lord’s table for Holy Communion, we hear the soloist sing a beautiful setting of *Let Us Break Bread Together* by Moses Hogan, and the choir sing *I Come With Joy*, as we come together to the table to commune with Christ and each other. Our closing hymn is *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* This is our charge to boldly come together to “celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!” And as we are sent out into the world to be Christ’s church and share the love of Jesus, we are reminded to “go in joy to spread the Word” and to love and care for our neighbors.

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 11:00 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

About today’s cover art

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Timothy Botts is an artist who has a focus of calligraphy. He was born in Pennsylvania and currently resides in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He is well known for his transformation of bible verses into pieces art.

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About today’s Organist

David Carle, DMA, has been a singer, choral conductor, and organist for five decades, performing in recital as both a singer and as organist, and in choral repertoire as conductor, soloist, or accompanist. He has taught music at the university level in Kentucky, New Brunswick, New York, Ontario, and Michigan. He has composed or arranged over 80 of works for voice, both solo and choral, with a number of those being commissions. Hobbies include reading, swimming, and cooking.



We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.

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