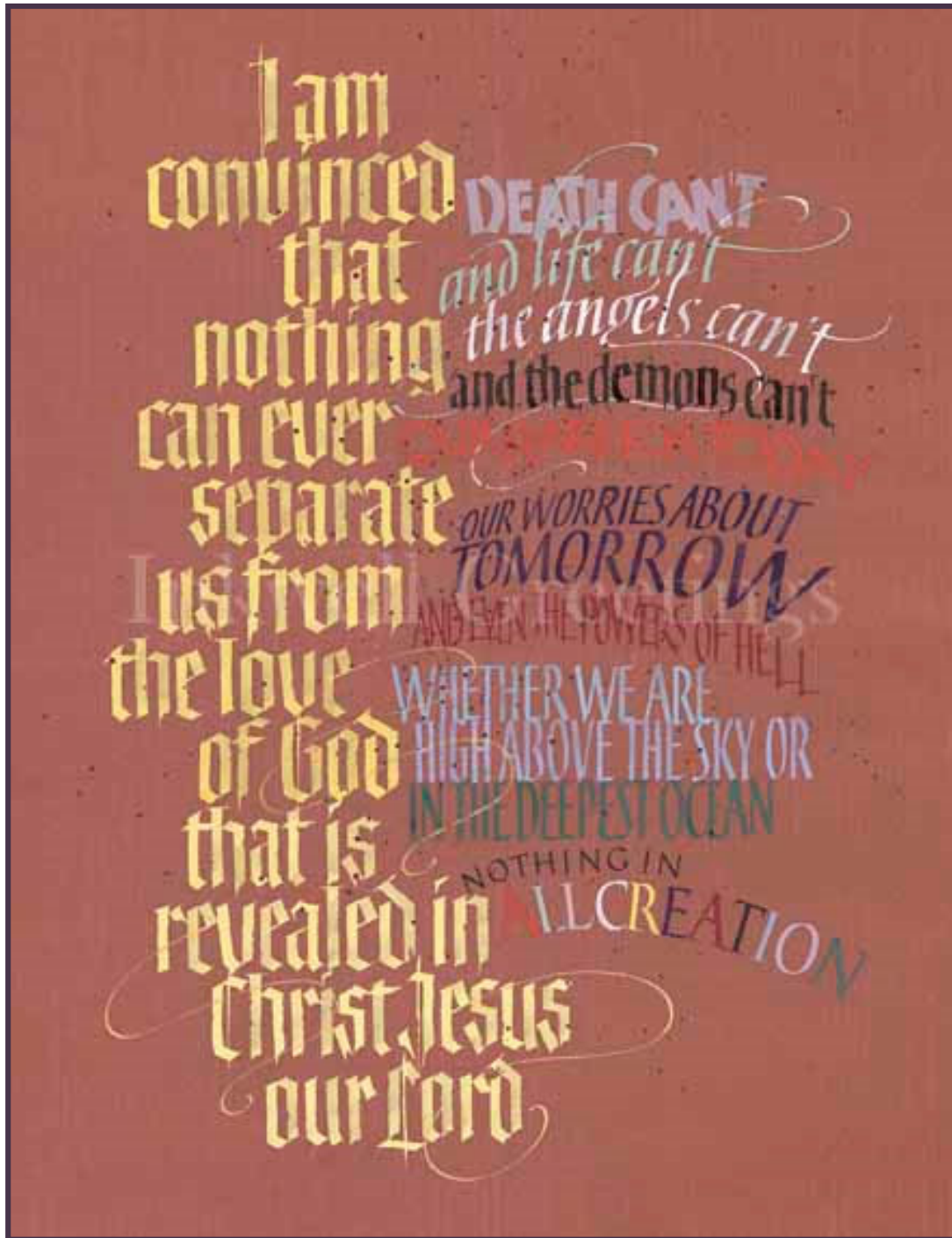


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Kirk in the Hills 75th Anniversary Celebration

Only nine weeks remain until we celebrate the founding of our beloved Kirk and there are exciting things to do between now and then.

By now, you should have received your invitation package to the special celebration weekend of Scottish-themed dinners on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 in the Refectory. Both evenings will highlight our Scottish heritage with bagpipers, the Ruffwater String Band, Highland dancers and festive music and activities. **Saturday evening is now sold out but tickets still remain for Friday evening. They are going fast, so please get your reservations in ASAP.**

Our anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, November 20 with a special worship service that will include the Kirkin o' the Tartan ceremony and the Alma College Pipe Band. The Rev. Dr. Norman M. Pritchard, Pastor Emeritus, will be our guest preacher. Included in the service will be unique commissioned music pieces for the choir and for the carillon. After the worship service, everyone will be invited to a festive brunch in the Refectory.



As a commemorative of our anniversary, we have created a very beautiful book featuring the Art and Architecture of our magnificent gothic-style cathedral. In its 40 pages, you will find things you recognize and many you may never have noticed that make the Kirk so unique. Every family receives a FREE copy and you can pick it up after each service today in Heritage Hall or at the Welcome Center in the future. Additional copies are available at a nominal price.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY **Air from Orchestral Suite No.3 in D major, BWV 1068** *J. S. Bach*
Merideth Estevez, Oboe

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

* **INTROIT** **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** *Azmon*
O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. Jasmine Smart*
In life and in death, we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
Can separate us from the Love of God
In Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65** **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** *Cwm Rhondda*

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Rev. Jasmine Smart*
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 fire of consuming judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change,
Open us to a future in which we can be changed,
And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness;
Through Jesus Christ, the light that shines in the darkness.

* **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Hymn 551*) *Land of Rest*
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Rev. Jasmine Smart*
Jesus says, "Ask and you will receive; seek, and you will find;
Knock, and the door will be opened to you.
God abounds in love and mercy, shown in Jesus Christ
That we might have overflowing life.
Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

* **GLORIA PATRI** (*Hymn 581*) **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.** *Greatorex*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edwin Estevez

OUR FAITH IN ACTION **CROP Walk** Rachel Kessel

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

**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.

THANKSGIVING

* **HYMN 792** **There is a Balm in Gilead** *Balm in Gilead*
(*Stanza 1 and refrain*)

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.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Edwin Estevez

ANTHEM **Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place** *Gordon Young*
*Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard; let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!
Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!
O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on; in praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!*

* **DOXOLOGY** (*Hymn 606*)

WORD

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Precious Lord *Allen/arr. Dorsey*
*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm,
through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry; hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39 (NT, page 158)

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

SERMON

The Fragility of Life

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

* **HYMN 819**

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

THE LORDS PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

SENDING

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace (from Organ Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship/Music Notes

We are adding more congregational responses to our worship; please join the choir in singing the Kyrie, found in your hymnal on page 551. Gordon Young (1919-1998) was an American organist who was a prolific composer of organ and choral works. He served for many years as Organist/Choirmaster for the First Presbyterian Church in Detroit (which now houses the Ecumenical Theological Seminary); his ashes are interred at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

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!

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Monte Clark and their daughter, Shelly, by Charlotte Clark, their sons and families.

About today's cover art

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The music department is looking for instrumentalists (youth and adults) to offer their gifts of music during worship. If you would like to play your instrument, please contact Merideth Estevez (mestevez@kirkinthehills.org) or Marilyn Biery (mbiery@kirkinthehills.org).

The Choir is looking for new members, especially tenors and altos. To learn more about the Chancel Choir, contact Marilyn Biery.

Today's Musicians

Marilyn Biery, *organist and conductor*

Randall Engle, *guest organist*

We are grateful for our guest organist, Dr. Randall Engle, who will continue with us through September. He and Marilyn Biery will both play the organ for services as she transitions into her role here at the Kirk.

Merideth Estevez, *Oboe*



Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald • Interim Senior Pastor
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