



Stewardship 2023

The 2023 Stewardship season begins today. You will hear from the chair of the Stewardship Committee today during service and you will be receiving a mailing containing information to help you as you consider your annual gift to support the mission and ministry of Kirk in the Hills. Our annual gifts make it possible for us to do all the wonderful things that we do – education, mission, caring ministries, music, fellowship.

"It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark" reminds all of us that we need to prepare for the future. Colonel George did that when he gave the land and the means to build this beautiful church. Members and friends of Kirk in the Hills do this each year as we prayerfully consider and then make our annual pledges of support. Please join us in making the Kirk the best it can be.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY	O God, Thou Faithful God	Johannes Brahms	
* Please rise in body or spirit at the ri	nging of the tower bell.		
* INTROIT	IT This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made		
	This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround		
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. A	vez & Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald	
	 Rev. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. And God saw that it was good. God said, "Let there be a vault above the water. And let it divide water from water." And God saw that it was good. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth grow grass, plants yielding seed of every kind and trees bearing fruit of ever kind." And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let there be sun and moon in the heavens to divide day from light, to fix times for days and years." And God said, "Let the waters swarm with living creatures and birds to fly in the sky." And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind. And it was good. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind. And it was so." And God saw that it was good. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind. And it was so." 		
	wild beasts and all the crawling things." And God created the human beings in God's imag	e e	
	In in God's own image God created them; Male and female God created them. And God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and the earth, and subdue it and have dominion over And God saw everything that God had made, and exceedingly good.	multiply and fill it."	
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15	All Creatures of Our God and King (stanzas 1-3,5)	Lasst Uns Erfreuen	

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION	(from PCUSA "Brief Statement of Faith	") Rev. Edwin Estevez
	God, in everlasting love you created And make everyone equally in you to live as one community. But we rebel against you. Ignoring Your commandments, we violate the image of God in othe Accept lies as truth, Exploit neighbor and nature, And threaten death to the planet en Forgive us, redeem us and redeem to Grant us a new beginning, in Jesus	r image, ers and in ourselves, trusted to our care. the whole creation.
* 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. Edwin Estevez
	With believers in every time and pla We rejoice that nothing in life or in d From the love of God in Christ Jesus Believe and share the good news!	leath can separate us
	In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation	on!
* GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)	Glory be to the Father, and to the So and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.	on, Greatorex
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCE	EMENTS	Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald
OUR FAITH IN ACTION	Annual Giving	Randy Pappal
WORD WITH THE CHILDREN	N (9:00 a.m.)	Rev. Edwin Estevez
Following the Word with the Childs	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdor thy will be done, on earth as it is in Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forg and lead us not into temptation, bu For thine is the kingdom, and the p Amen.	heaven. give our debtors; t deliver us from evil. ower, and the glory, forever.
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Sunday School.

Heavenly Light

Kopylov/arr. Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! O shine from above, Divine Light of Love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine we praise Thee!

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Nicole Brace, Julie Fraser, Ben Gee, Melissa Holiday, Aimée Huyser, *Alyssa Kelly, Bonnie Manza, Michael Maxey, Tamara McDonald, *Christopher Pascoe, Bri Porch, Craig Schmatz, Mona Schmatz

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND NEW MEMBERS

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.

THANKSGIVING

Morning Has Broken

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

* HYMN 664

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ANTHEM	Behold Now, Praise the Lord	Everett Titcomb		
	Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.			
* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)				
WORD				

SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 1:26-2:3 (<i>OT</i> , page 1)		
	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	Creation: We're Just Getting Started	Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald	

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THE LORDS PRAYER (11:00 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.

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 625	How Great Thou Art	How Great Thou Art	
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Seated)			
CHORAL AMEN			
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Marche Épiscopale (improvisation, reconstructed by Maurice Duruflé)	Louis Vierne	

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. The choir sings "Heavenly Light," which was composed by the Russian composer Alexander Alexandrovich Kopylov (1854-1911), translated into English by Alice Mattullath and arranged for choir by Peter J. Wilhousky, (1902-1978), an American composer and choral conductor of Ukrainian descent. The composer of the offertory anthem, Howard Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) was an American composer, organist and church musician. He grew up in Massachusetts and was organist-choirmaster at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Boston from 1910-1959). This anthem was composed for the re-dedication and centennial of Christ Church in Houston, Texas.

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 in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert "Bobby" A. Tremain, Jr. by Mason and Sharon Capitani.

About today's cover art

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Jim Fissel has just recently retired from the position of Director of Art and Music at Orchard Hill Church in Grand Rapids. During his 14 years at Orchard Hill he created a remarkably successful arts ministry; using his talents as a musician, an artist, a curator and a musical director to weave together a unique arts program that has become a focal point for the church. Jim's has shown by example how an innovative arts ministry can creatively enhance and enrich the life of a congregation.

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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* David Enos, *guest organist*



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