

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

CELEBRATING THE KIRK'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY
NOVEMBER 20, 2022



Blessed shalt
Thou be
When thou comest in
And blessed shalt thou be
When thou goest out.

carved in the stone above the Welcome Center Door



Happy Anniversary!

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our church and we have a great deal to celebrate: a rich heritage of faith and service, deep generosity of founders and builders of the congregation, and the rich fellowship which God in his love gives his people for their life of faith. The Kirk's 75th Anniversary Celebration has been planned by a committee of members and staff and has been at work on this momentous occasion since 2018.



Our "founder" was Colonel Edwin S. George, a successful businessman and investor and a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. For nearly 50 years, he was a member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, serving for 25 years on the Board of Trustees. Colonel George commenced the ambitious program of building Kirk in the Hills with the same faith, optimistic courage, and confidence that marked his entire life. It was on March 4, 1935 that Colonel George conveyed a tract of land adjoining his home in Bloomfield Township and a commercial building in downtown Detroit to establish the Colonel Edwin S.

George Foundation for religious, charitable and educational purposes. Col. George conveyed Cedarholm, his Tudor-styled residence, to the Foundation in November 1946. It



was to be used as the church house and temporary place of worship, with the permanent Gothic church to be built later and attached to it. At the request of Colonel George, the new church, when organized, was to be known as Kirk in the Hills, the first word in the name signifying its Presbyterian origin and the last word denoting its location in beautiful Bloomfield Hills. Kirk in the Hills was organized and incorporated on November 23, 1947. Our Church, patterned after Scotland's famed Melrose Abbey, is arguably one of the last great structures in America to be built in the classic Gothic tradition.

It is thanks to Colonel George, our pastors, staff and the thousands of members over the years that we are able to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. All glory be to God and our unwavering faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

Tàladh Chrìosda

Peter Paul Olejar

Diptyque Écossais

Hans van Heemst

Eventide

Swinging Bagpipes

The Voyage of Time

Naoko Tsujita

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Sonata from "Die Bankelsangerlieder"

Anonymous

Two Pieces

Anthony Holborne

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

Selections from "Six Pieces"

Johann Pezel

brass ensemble

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

* INTROIT

I Will Give Thanks

Michael Jochen

*I will give thanks and sing my praises to the Lord
For all the things he's done he surely is adored!
I will give thanks and sing my praise forever more
For God has been good to me.*

*He feeds us all with the Bread of Life
A gift of love from his earthly strife
He gives to us eternal life,
For this I will sing!*

*He sends the sun and the clouds and the rain
Over the mountains down through the plains!
Gives the gift of the golden grain,
For this I will sing!*

*Sing praise to him who reigns above,
Praise to him for gifts of love,
Sing praise to the Lord!*

The Combined Youth Choirs; Carol Beth Litkouhi, flute

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!
Know that the Lord truly is God.

**God has made us, and we belong to God.
We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with praise!
God is good; God's faithful love endures forever!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

(from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship, 1948)

**Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess to you
Our sinfulness and our shortcomings.
We are tempted by evil, and slothful in doing good.
You alone know how often we have sinned
By wandering from your ways,
By wasting your gifts,
In forgetting your love.**

Cleanse us from our secret faults,
And forgive our sins in the grace of Jesus Christ.
Help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways
According to the example of Jesus Christ.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Jesus Christ gives us the forgiveness that transforms us,
The courage that moves us to follow where he leads,
And the power to renew the world.
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.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

There is no Sunday school today. Children are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's activity booklets are available in the narthex.

COMMISSIONED ANTHEM

On Wings of the Dawn

Paul Mealor

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:9-10)*

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
For his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)*

THANKSGIVING

*** HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation
Stanzas 1-3, 5

Aurelia

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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.

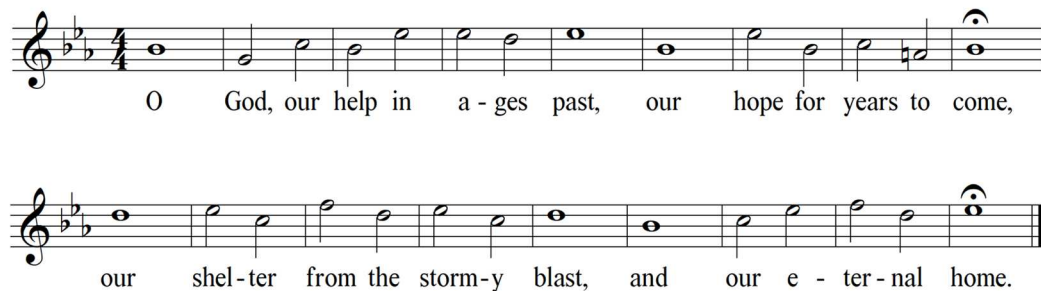
ANTHEM

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
they will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.*

All join in singing:



* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

KNOCK AT THE DOOR

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS AND PIPER

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Tartans were originally associated with various regions and locales, though over time came to be used to identify individual families or institutions. Some of these tartans were in our first procession. In 1997 the Kirk commissioned a tartan as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, and today this tartan is being worn as our clergy's stoles. The colors in this tartan, as in all tartans, are symbolic: blue for the Presbyterian denomination and the Shield of Melrose, purple for the thistle (the national flower of Scotland), scarlet for theology, yellow for hope, and royal blue for the Church of Scotland.

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, God of the prophets and the apostles, in every age You have called Your faithful people for life together. We thank You for this Kirk. We celebrate our heritage of faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, give us Your Holy Spirit that we may be a light to the nations.

Lord, you have blessed us to be a blessing!

God of Moses and Miriam, You brought your people out of bondage and slavery. You have inspired hope in captives throughout history, and shown Your mighty arm to set people free. We praise You for all those who lived and died in faith that we might dwell in a land of justice. Help us to remember the days of sacrifice are not over.

Lord, you have blessed us to be a blessing!

In our rituals we remember who we are. John Calvin and John Knox were refugees who led their countries to new beginnings through the church. Their memory sets a standard for our present and future. In celebration of the Scots who sparked a new light in the world through faith, we present these tartans before you, Almighty God. May these symbols remind us of Your Spirit always seeking to overcome chaos, and to bring order, justice and peace.

Lord, you have blessed us to be a blessing!

In Jesus Christ, You call us to be one body. May Your love for us strengthen our love for one another. Make us alert to Your call to be a blessing to the sick, hurting, lonely and depressed. May Your presence heal them and give them hope. And help us to make this Kirk a place where the stranger is always welcomed as a friend.

Lord, you have blessed us to be a blessing!

In Christ, You fill us with Your passion for life. We pray for those beyond our walls who suffer in our community, our country and the world. You call us to be a people of vision, compassion, and generosity to those in need. May these tartans remind us of the Founder's care for the world, as we witness to Your redeeming love for all creation.

Lord, you have blessed us to be a blessing!

Lord, make us one in our eagerness to speak the Good News and set captives free. Make us one in worship, gathering to sing Your praise in harmony and peace. Make us one in grace through faith. Give us your Holy Spirit, so we may have the mind of Jesus Christ, and through him, confess Your transforming love for the world.

Lord God, we bless you for the blessings of our heritage of faith. We give you thanks and praise for calling us to be a blessing to the world. To God be the honor and the glory! Amen.

WORD

SOLO	Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind <i>Leslie Mason, soloist; Merideth Estevez, oboe</i>	<i>Skye Boat Song</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 48 (OT, page 518) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	Tartan Piety	Rev. Dr. Norman M. Pritchard Pastor Emeritus, Kirk in the Hills

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 649	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound <i>Amazing Grace</i>	
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	(<i>Seated</i>)	Rev. Dr. Norman M. Pritchard
CHORAL ORISON	God Be with You Till We Meet Again <i>God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.</i>	<i>Tomer</i>

GRAND PEAL

Members and guests are invited to brunch in the Refectory immediately following worship. You can travel to the Refectory by exiting out the main doors and shuttling by bus to the entry. Alternatively you may exit using the cloister. From there you may use the stairs or the elevator to level one. Ushers are nearby to assist.

Music Notes

This morning's music includes 4 world premieres. Paul Mealor is one of the world's most 'performed' living composers and has been described as, 'the most important composer to have emerged in Welsh choral music since William Mathias' and his music is, 'marked by something outside of himself that is beautifully spatial and evocative of landscape... it illuminates both our past and our future'. Since January 2003, he has taught in the Music Department at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland where he is Professor of Composition.

Mealor was catapulted to international stardom in April 2011, when 2.5 billion people (the largest audience in broadcasting history) heard his motet, *Ubi caritas* performed by the choirs of Westminster Abbey and Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, at the Royal Wedding Ceremony of His Royal Highness Prince William and Catherine Middleton. It since topped the Classical singles charts in the USA, UK, Australia, France, and New Zealand. The Kirk commissioned *On Wings of the Dawn*, commemorating our 75th anniversary.

An international carillon composition competition was conducted awarding three prizes, based on Scottish heritage; each will be premiered at today's festival service. Over thirteen entries were received, from Japan to England, Europe and North America; all others will be premiered during our 75th anniversary year as part of our carillon preludes.

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.



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Today's Musicians

Marilyn Biery, organist and conductor; Robert White, trumpet; Derek Lockhart, trumpet; Johanna Yarbrough, horn; David Binder, trombone; David Zerkel, tuba; Merideth Estevez, oboe; Dennis Curry, organ and carillon; Zoe Kai Wai Lei, piano; Nicole Joseph, youth choir director; Terry Bradley, bagpipes; Carol Beth Litkouhi, flute



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