

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022



Festival of Carols and Lights December 11

Celebrate Advent with us on December 11. The children and young people will be presenting a Christmas service in the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. followed by a procession through the church to a live Nativity. Mary and Joseph (AKA Pastor Kelsey and Mike Sorge) will lead the procession, stopping at places along the way to tell the Christmas story. Guests will be invited into the Refectory to enjoy a holiday market with hot drinks and seasonal refreshments. Vendors will be present selling homemade crafts to add to the festivities. Please join us for this festive occasion to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.L. Krebs

Merideth Estevez, oboe

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Lorang Family (9:00 a.m.)
Tom and B.J. Bustance (11:00 a.m.)

On this first Sunday of Advent,
We prepare for the coming of the Messiah
with the words of the prophet Isaiah:
"Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
And tell her that she has served her term,
That her penalty is paid."
The light is coming into to the darkness.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Verses 1-2,6-7)

Veni Emmanuel

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Gracious God, you created us in love,
and call us to examine our lives for signs of your love.
Forgive us:
For all the hurtful things we have said to others;
For all the things we should have said, but did not;
For paying attention to things, but not to people;
For listening to those who do not have our best interests at heart;
For taking what we do not want;
For wanting things we do not need;
For ignoring the lonely and those in despair.
Forgive us and grant us your grace in Christ Jesus.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

In Advent, we are called to watch for the coming of the Lord.
Watch, for God has forgiven us. Watch, for God gives us
the grace of a new beginning. Watch, for God sends us
the greatest sign of love, in birth of Jesus.
Believe and share the Good News!

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

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 88

Veni Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
(Refrain Only)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Church Officer Nominating Committee Leslie Schneider (9:00 a.m.)
Jim Devlin (11:00 a.m.)

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.

MUSICAL MOMENT

Creator of the Stars of Night
Merideth Estevez, oboe

arr. Biery/Estevez

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(Verses 1-2)

Stuttgart

CALL TO 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.

ANTHEM

Stir Up Thy Power, O Lord

James Biery

*Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us,
O Lord, and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be honor and glory world without end. Amen.*

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:3-5,21-26 (OT, 667)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Watch

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

HYMN 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

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hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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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

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| * RECESSIONAL HYMN 113 | Angels We Have Heard on High | <i>Gloria</i> |
| * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | | |
| CHORAL RESPONSE | Wait for the Lord | <i>Berthier</i> |
| | <i>Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.</i> | |
| | <i>Wait for the Lord: be strong; take heart.</i> | |
| CLOSING VOLUNTARY | Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 | <i>J.S. Bach</i> |

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship/Music Notes

Both voluntaries are based on the hymn tune *Wachet auf*, found in our hymnal with the text “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us (Hymn 349). The text is based on the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25: 1-13) and is commonly sung during Advent. Philipp Nicolai wrote both the text and tune, which dates from 1599. Johann Ludwig Krebs (baptized 1713-1780) was a German Baroque organist who studied with Bach. The closing voluntary by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) is one of the most famous of Bach’s organ works, and comes from a cantata based on the same tune. Toward the end of his life, Bach arranged the cantata movement for organ and included it in his collection we call the Schübler Chorales.

Have a favorite hymn? Send your ideas to Marilyn Biery at mbiery@kirkinthehills.org

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 Anne R. Sherwood and Lloyd C. “Skip” Sherwood by the Sherwood family.

About Cover Art

The art on all the Advent bulletin covers was created by James Fissel. A graduate of Moody Bible Institute, he served as Minister of Music at several churches that also included leading programs in drama and visual arts. While battling Parkinson’s disease, he became a successful and prolific painter utilizing a unique style of dots and orbs. This week’s art is titled *Discovery*. How do you relate this art to Advent this week?

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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

Merideth Estevez, *oboe*



Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald • Interim Senior Pastor
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