

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2022





# Christmas Eve

**11:00 a.m.** • Service for Children and Young Families

**4:00 p.m.** • Christmas Pageant Family Service

**6:00 p.m.** • Family Service

**8:30 p.m.** • Holy Night Candlelight Service

**11:00 p.m.** • Holy Night Candlelight Service

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

## GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Fanfare and Variations on "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"**

*James Biery*

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

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Sonshine Family (9:00 a.m.)

Jan Keeling (11:00 a.m.)

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy,  
as we remember the words of the prophet Zephaniah:

"Rejoice, daughter of Zion!

Shout, Israel!

Rejoice and celebrate with all your heart.

The Lord has taken away your judgement,  
and turned away your enemy.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you will no longer fear evil.

The Lord God is in your midst.  
God will create calm with love."

Rejoice!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 119

**Hark, The Herald Angels Sing**

*Mendelssohn*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost (11:00 a.m.)

**God of the future, you are coming in power**

**To bring light to the darkness.**

**We confess that we have not expected your arrival.**

**We have lived looking to the past**

**when you are drawing us into your future.**

**We have lived in despair**

**when you call us to rejoice.**

**God, where we are asleep, wake us up**

**and help us to watch**

**for your coming kingdom, in Jesus Christ.**

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost (11:00 a.m.)

As the Psalmist says: Rejoice in the Lord.

Our souls wait for the Lord.

Our hearts are glad in God's grace.

May God's steadfast love be upon us all.

Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

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

**MOMENT OF APPRECIATION**

**Honoring Dennis Curry's Music Ministry**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

**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**

**ANTHEM**

**Listen to the Voice of Gladness**

*James Biery*

Listen to the voice of gladness God is calling us to hear;  
Cast away all pain and sadness, God is with us, always near.  
Sing of peace and loving kindness, sing of God's unchanging love;  
sing of strength amid our weakness, trust in God's eternal love.

Listen to the voice of power, feel the mighty strength of God.  
If we truly knew God's power, we would tremble, overawed.  
Yet this strength, so great and forceful,  
Speaks of love and gentle peace.  
God will give to us, the people, comfort that will never cease.

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God will speak to every nation words of love and words of peace.  
God will turn the sword to plowshare, God will transform hate to love;  
God will bring an end to warfare: Trust in God's eternal love.

**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**

**Our Gifts, O Lord, to You We Bring**

*James Biery*

Our gifts, O Lord, to you we bring,  
for love of you our voices ring!  
Our hearts in gratitude we lift,  
in thanks for every gracious gift.  
To you, O Lord, these gifts we bring,  
from you comes every wondrous thing!  
Accept our gifts of love and praise,  
and walk with us our length of days.

\* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

## WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

**Philippians 4:4-9** (*NT, page 198*)

**1 Peter 1:8-9** (*NT, page 232*)

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

SERMON

**Rejoice**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

\* HYMN 132

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!**

*In Dulci Jublio*

## PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost (11:00 a.m.)

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.  
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 113

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

*Gloria*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*remain standing*)

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

**Wait for the Lord**

*Berthier*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Toccata on "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"**

*James Biery*

## WORSHIP NOTES

## Worship/Music Notes

James Biery is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Grosse Pointe Farms, a position he has held since 2010. He holds Bachelor and Masters degrees in organ performance and church music from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. A prolific composer, he has over 200 organ and choral pieces in print with Augsburg Fortress, MorningStar, GIA and Concordia. The organ voluntaries today were commissioned by the 2009 Sewanee Church Music Conference. The choir pieces are from the collection "Emmanuel Comes! An Advent Service of the Word," published by MorningStar in 2005; the text is by Marilyn Biery, the music by James Biery.

**Have a favorite hymn?** Send your ideas to Marilyn Biery at [mbiery@kirkinthehills.org](mailto: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 to celebrate Dennis Curry's Music Ministry! Dennis is retiring at the end of the year.

## 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 *Ever So Bright*. 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](mailto:mestevez@kirkinthehills.org)) or Marilyn Biery [mbiery@kirkinthehills.org](mailto: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; Zoe Lei, organist



Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald • Interim Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Edwin Estevez • Associate Pastor for Mission  
 Rev. Kelsey Sorge • Associate Pastor for Youth  
 Rev. Dr. Keith Provost • Parish Associate for Pastoral Care  
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