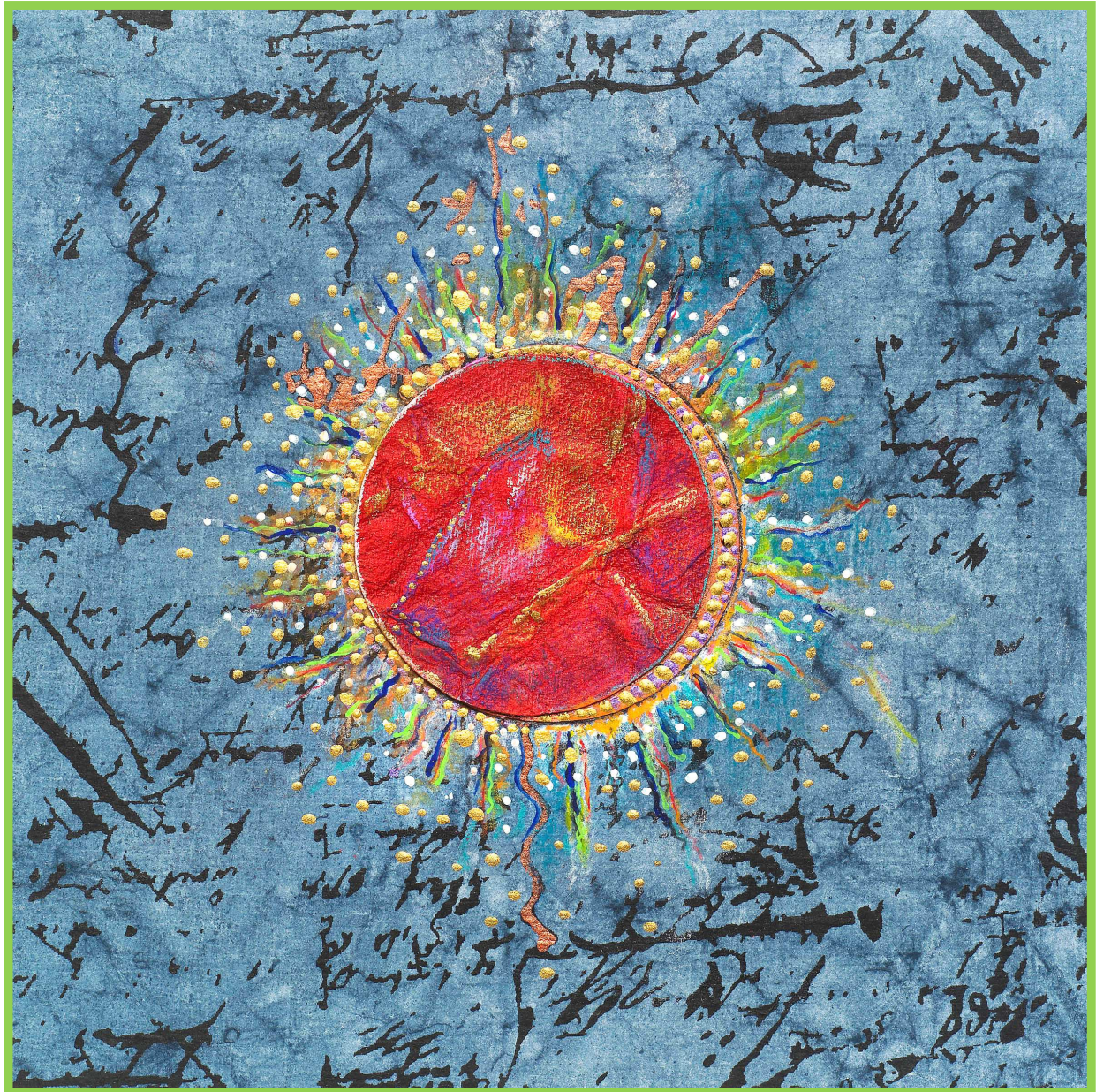


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 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

VIII Noel

Daquin

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

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

The True Family (11:00 a.m.)

On this fourth Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of Peace.

As we remember the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"Arise! Shine! For your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Though the night still covers the earth

And the darkness covers the nations,

Over you, the Lord will arise!

Over you, God's glory will appear!

No longer will the sun be your light by day,

No longer will the moon give you light by night.

The Lord will be your light eternal!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140** **Once in Royal David's City**

Irby, arr. David Willcocks

Please be seated after the Processional Hymn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN/BIBLE PRESENTATION (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

*There is no Sunday school today due to Lessons and Carols. Children are invited to worship with their families.
Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

INTRODUCTION OF PARENTS

Elder Ruth Reading

Givi and Natalie Kutidze

Nicholas and Sarah Iannarino

PRESENTATION

THE BAPTISM

Lillian Grace Kutidze and Henry George Kutidze,

Luke Ambrose Iannarino,

BAPTISMAL HYMN 295

Go to the World

Sine Nomine

(verses 1)

THANKSGIVING

MUSICAL MOMENT

What Child is This?

Greensleeves

(Todd Galloway, baritone solo)

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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 Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. James Biery

*O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth.*

*How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the heavenly angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us.
Our Lord Emmanuel!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Today's Youth Scripture Readers: Stephen Tortora and Leila Litkouhi (9:00 a.m.),
Jack Belcher and Joslyn Phillips (11:00 a.m.)*

FIRST LESSON

God's Promise to Abraham Genesis 22:15-18

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

The Gift of Love

Sue Ellen Page

*Prepare our hearts and minds.
Father, help us to prepare some room in our hearts
For the coming of your gift of Love.
Father, help us to prepare a world that waits in doubt and fear.
Father, help us to prepare the world for the coming
of the gift of Love,
For the coming of your Son, for the coming of your love to us.*

Junior Girls' Choir

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

There is No Rose

Malcolm Archer

*There is no rose of such vertu as is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluya.
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space,
Resmiranda
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three,
Pares forma
Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus*

Senior Girls' Choir

SECOND LESSON

A great light in the darkness
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Please remain seated to sing.

Es ist ein Ros'

THIRD LESSON

A little child will lead them
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*** HYMN 123**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Please rise in body or spirit to sing stanzas 1, 2, 5.

Carol

FOURTH LESSON

An angel appears to Mary
Luke 1:26-35, 38

CHOIR:

Ave Maria de Caccini
Hail, Mary! Amen.
Regis Haynes, tenor; Mary Beth Litkouhi, flutist

Vavilov

FIFTH LESSON

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

Do you Hear What I Hear? *Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne,
arr. Harry Simeone*

*Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
'Way up in the sky, little lamb.
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy. Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea."
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring him silver and gold."
Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say;
Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say:
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night,
he will bring us goodness and light."*

Treble Boys Choir

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

There is No Rose

Malcolm Archer

*Were you there on that Christmas night,
when the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold
when the wonder foretold came to earth?

Did you see how they hailed him King
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed
as they praise him aloud at his birth?*

*Did you hear how the choir of angels sang
at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang
all through the night?

Did you know it was God's own Son,
the salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love
that was sent from above to the earth?*

SERMON

Wonder

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

* HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Stanza 1 – Harmony

Stanza 2 – Harmony

Stanza 3 – Unison

THE SENDING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

**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.**

* HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

Stanza 1 – Harmony

Stanza 2 – Harmony

Stanza 3 – Unison

Stanza 4 – Unison

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. . . .**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

X Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo

Daquin

Worship/Music Notes

Today we are blessed by the singing of our youth choirs as well as our adult choir, singing carols and hymns of the season. The arrangement of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is to a less-familiar tune called Barnby, which is named for the composer of the tune, Sir Joseph Barnby (1838 – 1896) who was an English conductor and composer. The author of the text, Phillips Brooks, was born in Boston in 1835, graduated from Harvard College 1855, and was ordained in 1859. Brooks was rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, and Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston (there is a statue of Brooks in Copley Square). He died in Boston in 1893. His carol, "O little town of Bethlehem," was written for his Sunday School in 1868, the author having spent Christmas 1866, in Bethlehem. The Ave Maria de Caccini is a much-recorded aria composed by the Russian composer Vladimir Vavilov around 1970. Vavilov wrote this aria with the ascription Anonymous, and it was later mis-attributed to Giulio Caccini. Sue Ellen Page was the Director of Choirs for Children and Youth at Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, a position she held from 1982 until her death in 2016. Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) was a prolific American composer of hymns and anthems for the church. Born in Evanston, IL, she wrote nearly 200 works for church and school.

We are grateful to all these singers for their talent and dedication, as they lead us in joyful song to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

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!

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) 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.



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