

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 1, 2023



When they had brought them before the magistrates,
they said, 'These men are disturbing our city;
they are Jews and are advocating customs
that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

The crowd joined in attacking them,
and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing
and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging,
they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

Following these instructions,
he put them in the innermost cell
and fastened their feet in the stocks.—Acts 16:20-24

ORDER OF WORSHIP—NEW YEAR’S DAY

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

PRELUDE

Berceuse

Laura Netzel

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word was made flesh; full of grace and truth,
Christ lived among us.
From Christ’s fullness,
We have received gift upon gift of God’s love.
Alleluia!

Amen!
Alleluia!

God speaks!
With excitement!
With enthusiasm!
With new life!

God is present!
Emanuel, God is with us!
Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 110

Love Has Come

Bring a Torch

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Gracious God,
We confess that we have sinned.

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we make no room for Christ in our lives

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we follow our own way
And squander our gifts in Herod’s court,

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

When we neglect the poor and the foreigner
Like shepherds and magi at your birth

**In your mercy, Lord,
Forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you, O Christ,
Perfect union of Spirit and flesh;

**We renounce evil;
We claim your love;
We choose to be made whole.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* SUNG RESPONSE (*Hymn 113, refrain only*)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 145

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

CALL TO OFFERING

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. Text "KITH" to give online using your mobile device.

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Jacques Berthier

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:20-24 (*NT, page 136*)

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

SERMON

About Midnight

Rev. Edwin Estevez

* HYMN 142

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Une Jeune Pucelle

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 150 **As with Gladness Men of Old** *Dix*
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*remain standing*)
- POSTLUDE **XII Noel: Suisse, Grand Jeu, et Duo** *Daquin*
- THE CARILLON

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship/Music Notes

Stephanie Shapiro received her musical training at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where she earned her Bachelor in Music Performance degree, and went on to receive her Masters in Music Performance at the University of Michigan while on a full fellowship. Prior to returning to the south-east Michigan area, Stephanie held the tenured position of Oboe/English Horn with the San Antonio Symphony from 1997 to 2011. She has performed as a guest with numerous orchestras, including the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Michigan Opera Theatre, Oregon Symphony, and the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. She has appeared with a number of chamber ensembles as well, most notably the Detroit Chamber Winds, Chamberosity, Camerata San Antonio, and the Soli Chamber Ensemble. She currently teaches at Wayne State University, is the Principal Oboist in both the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the Adrian Symphony Orchestra, and is active as a soloist, orchestral musician, and chamber music collaborator. She and Marilyn Biery are frequent collaborators; their first collection of music for oboe and organ, *Melodies for Two* was published by GIA Publications in 2021.

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 the Fireside Room, after the worship service for coffee and fellowship.

About Cover Art

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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

Oboist: Stephanie Shapiro

Upcoming Dates to Note:

January 8, 2023 | Annual Meeting of the Congregation 10:00 a.m.

January 22, 2023 | Ordination and Installation of Incoming Officers



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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