

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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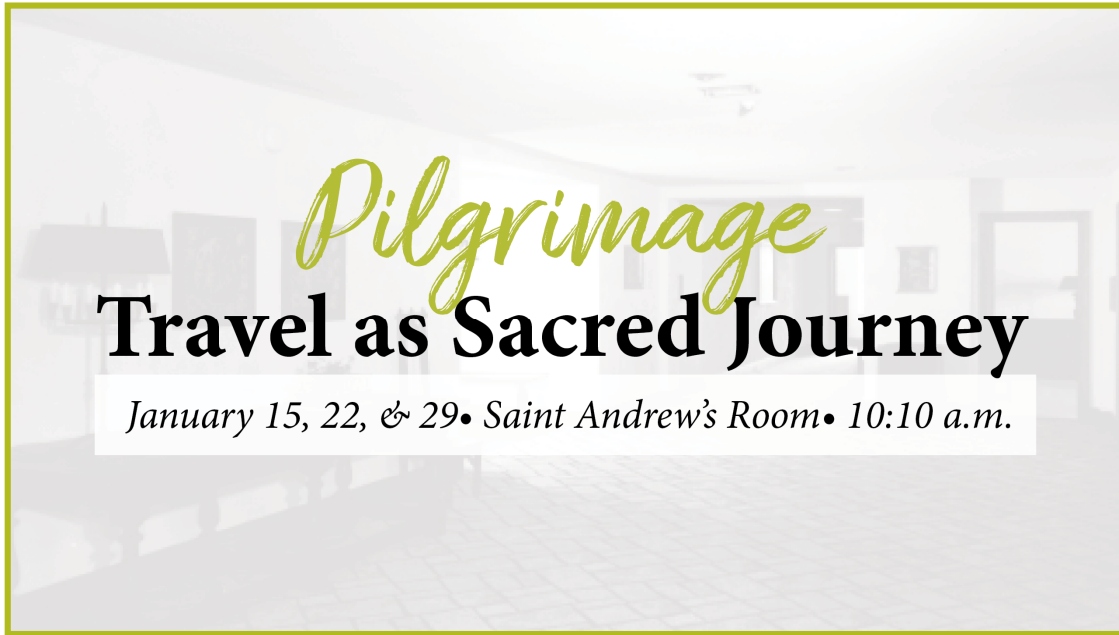


The Baptism of Jesus

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.
John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'
But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'*

*Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said,*

'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' - Matthew 3:13-17



Pilgrimage: Travel as Sacred Journey

If you're like most folks these days, you're planning to travel somewhere. What longing propels us? What do we hope to discover? And how can we more fully be present to the holy invitation that awaits us in the foreign and unfamiliar? This class is designed to prepare us to travel with hearts open to the possibility of discovering the sacred in all the world, while simultaneously journeying to the depths of your soul.

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi will lead this class on Sunday mornings, January 15 through 29 in the Saint Andrew's Room. at 10:10 a.m.

Register for this class and check out a video from Pastor Marjorie 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

Two preludes on Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Zachow/Pachelbel

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

* INTROIT

In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath. Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above us. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling, in Christ may we grow.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Heavenly beings! Recognize in God glory and strength!
Recognize the glory of God's name!
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord rises over the waters;
The God of glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks down mighty forests.

The voice of the Lord makes nations skip like a calf.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lords causes oaks to whirl,

And strips the forest bare.

In God's temple, let all say:

GLORY!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

(see insert)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,

Wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

So that as you come to us in grace, we may turn to you,

And receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

You are citizens with the saints,
and members of the household of God,
Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
With Jesus Christ as the cornerstone,
So that you may grow together
Into a dwelling place for God.
God’s grace is with us and for us all.
Believe and share the good news!

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

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 288

Living God

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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9 (OT Testament, page 670)
Matthew 3:13-17 (NT Testament, page 3)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Where Are You In The Boat?

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

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. Text “KITH” to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

ANTHEM

The Waters of Life

James Biery

The Father’s voice calls us above the waters, the glory of the Son shines on us, the love of the Spirit fills us with life.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ."

We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dona nobis pacem (Hymn 752)

Dona nobis pacem

As the choir begins the singing of this meditative prayer, everyone is invited to join in the song all the way through once in Latin. The hymn will then be sung in canon, and when the choir begins the canon, all are invited to enter as the different sections join in. The first line will be sung by the sopranos alone, then when the tenors start the melody the pulpit side is invited to join. The third entrance will be sung by the altos and basses and the lectern side is invited to join. Please know that your voices are welcome as we all raise our prayer as one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us,
Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good.**

**In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love
for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen
us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live
according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to
yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 485	We Know That Christ is Raised	<i>Engelberg</i>
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (<i>Seated</i>)		Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald
CHORAL ORISON	I've Got Peace Like a River <i>Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.</i> <i>Wait for the Lord: be strong; take heart.</i>	<i>Peace Like a River</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY (11:00 a.m.)	In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service.

Worship/Music Notes

The organ voluntaries are based on the tune “Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam” (“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”), a Lutheran hymn about baptism by Martin Luther, written in 1541 and published in 1543. Set by many composers, these two voluntaries are by the German Baroque composers Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) and Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712). The choir’s introit was written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, and is sung to the familiar tune named St. Denio. It is a text about Christian vocation that focuses on baptism as well as praying for the Spirit’s gifts to empower the call to baptism. The text was written by Ruth Duck, an internationally known hymn writer who has been writing texts for over forty years. She currently lives in Claremont, California. The anthem by James Biery was written for Augsburg Fortress in 1998 and is based on an ancient Christian Hymn, found in *The Rite of Baptism for Children*.

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

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Liz Valente is a liturgical artist, wife and mother of 4 children; she has a master's degree in architecture and urbanism and is a professor of drawing for training architects at higher education levels. She works on several artistic fronts, such as theatre, visual arts and music, having created the album “Pipa Amarela”, released in 2013. She has worked with teenagers and young people at the Presbyterian Church of Viçosa, where her husband serves as a pastor. In her spare time, she writes prayers with accompanying art images and shares them on Instagram.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Kathleen Block in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Duane L. Block, their daughter Susan Rupe, her sister, Marin Kline and her niece, Beth Kline.

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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

Zoe Lei, Assistant Organist, Marilyn Biery, Organist and Director



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 Rev. Kelsey Sorge • Associate Pastor for Youth
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