



the Kirk

Sunday, November 20, 2022



Today

75th Anniversary Celebration

We thank all those who were able to attend our Anniversary Celebration Dinners on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19! We hope that you enjoyed the festivities and the opportunity to connect with other members of the congregation, and our community of faith, that you may not have seen in quite some time.

Today, our special anniversary service includes the Kirkin O' the Tartan ceremony, a bagpiper, and several unique commissioned music pieces for the choir and the carillon. Our message today is from Rev. Dr. Norman Pritchard, Kirk in the Hills' Pastor Emeritus.

After the service, all are invited to join us for a complimentary strolling brunch in the Refectory.

Kirk in the Hills offers special thanks to the 75th Anniversary Committee. Without their dedication, passion, and love for our church, our Anniversary festivities would not have been possible:

Glenda Herb, *Chair*
Frank Cadicamo
Dennis Curry
Sue Gelbach
Sharon Gioia
Ann Hartzell-Kneen
Nicole Joseph
Robert Libcke
Barbara Littleton
Bruce Miller
Keith Peters
Crystal Thomas
Lynda Wilds

Announcements & Programming

Thanksgiving Moment - Tune in at kirkinthehills.org on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, for a short Thanksgiving Moment that will feature hymns and a message from Dr. McDonald.

Building Closed: Thanksgiving - The Kirk in the Hills building will be closed on November 24, 25, and 26 for Thanksgiving.

Annual Giving Update - It's not too late! We are two-thirds of the way to our pledge goal of \$1.5 million, but we still haven't heard from many of our church families yet. Kirk in the Hills is blessed with so many generous givers of time, talent, and treasure, and there is always more that we can do. Please prayerfully consider making your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge as soon as possible so we can plan for a terrific 2023! Pledge cards are in the pew racks or you can go online to kirkinthehills.org under **Give** → **2023 Pledge** to support the Kirk.

Service Opportunity: Westminster Thanksgiving - Volunteer to help Westminster Church with their Thanksgiving ministry on November 24. You can deliver to-go meals, prepare food, participate in curbside dispatch, and carry out food. Volunteer times vary. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Angel Tree - The Kirk is partnering with CARE House and Micah 6 to provide gifts to children in need. Our Angel Trees are up now in the Abbey Lounge, Heritage Hall, and Kirk Preschool. Please return gifts to the Kirk before December 15. See gift suggestions, information about donating gift cards, and participating in Angel Tree by shopping online at kirkinthehills.org by searching "Angel Tree."

Advent by Candlelight - Kirk women and friends are invited for worship and fellowship on Wednesday evening, November 30, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our last hostess table has been filled. Guest registration is almost full. If you would like to attend this event, please contact the church at (248) 973-8009.

Usher Appreciation Breakfast - Our Ushers are invited to attend the Annual Men of the Kirk Usher Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, December 3, at 8:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall. Please RSVP by November 28 to jmorris@kirkinthehills.org or (248)973-8011.

DCWS Concert - A concert will be performed at the Kirk by the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings on Saturday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. For *Holiday Brass*, accomplished young choirs from Rochester Stoney Creek and Ann Arbor Pioneer high schools join DCWS brass for seasonal favorites and a new holiday work from composer/conductor Scott Boerma. General tickets: \$30 or Senior: \$25. Learn more at detroitchamberwinds.org.

Family Fellowship Night: Pistons Game - Join us to cheer on the Pistons at Little Caesars Arena on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$32 each, and we will be able to shoot a free throw on the court after the game! Purchase tickets at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** or in **Realm** until November 30.

Bible Sunday - Please register your 3-year-olds, Kindergartners, and 3rd graders to receive Bibles on December 18 during the 9:00 a.m. service. Register by November 27 at kirkinthehills.org by searching "Bible Sunday." In Heritage Hall on December 4 and 11, members are invited to write notes or underline their favorite verse(s) in the children's Bibles.

Messiah - Save the date for the Kirk's presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. Register soon at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**. 317 people have already reserved their spot.

Advent Formation Series - Join us between services on December 4, 11, and 18 in the Saint Andrew's Room for classes on the differences in the Nativity narratives in Matthew and Luke, the Magi and the different road they took, and the music of Advent. Register at kirkinthehills.org under Events or by typing "Advent Formation" in the search bar.

Festival of Carols & Lights - On December 11 at 3:00 p.m., the children and youth will present a Christmas service in the Sanctuary, followed by a retelling of the Christmas story and a live nativity. After the Service, we will host a holiday market and activities in the Refectory. Vendors will sell crafts to add to the festivities. Learn more and register at kirkinthehills.org under Events.

Christmas Dinner Church - Join us at 6:00 p.m. on December 14 for fun, fellowship, ugly (or treasured) Christmas sweaters, and food in Heritage Hall. A festive dinner will be served with all the trimmings, followed by a short devotional and carol singing. \$10 per person or \$20 per family will be charged upon registration. Register at kirkinthehills.org under Events.

Volunteer: Micah 6 - The Micah 6 Santa's Workshop is on December 17! Last year, Micah 6 handed out toys to more than 1,000 children with the help of their partners, and Kirk in the Hills is proud to be one of them! Join us this year to spread this Christmas Cheer and volunteer to work at this fantastic event! Sign-Up at kirkinthehills.org under Events.

Ongoing

High School Community Nights - High School youth can join us on Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for worship, games, and community building. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend.

High School Bible Study - In the youth room on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., high schoolers are invited to dig into scripture and grow in their faith.

Middle School Bible Study - Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. to dig into your faith with friends.

Poinsettia Donations - Be part of adorning the Kirk this Christmas season by donating a poinsettia for \$25 each. Donate online at kirkinthehills.org under **Resources** → **News & Updates** by Sunday, November 27.

Kirk Preschool - Priority registration is now open! The Kirk Preschool now offers longer class periods with our four-year-old and Jr. Kindergarten classes. Classes are available for Two and a half-year-olds two days a week, three-year-olds three or four days a week, four-year-olds three to five days a week, and Jr. Kindergarteners five days a week. Please contact our office at (248)973-8017 or email Sandy Jewell at sjewell@kirkinthehills.org to learn more.

Youth Choirs - The choirs have begun preparations for our holiday festivities! Now is a great time to join youth choirs, so if you know a child who would like to be involved (sing, act, play an instrument) in any of our youth programming, please contact Nicole Joseph at njoseph@kirkinthehills.org. See us at the Festival of Carols and Lights, The Christmas Eve Pageant, and more!

Calendar

Sunday, November 20

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Complimentary Brunch - Refectory
7:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Youth Room

Monday, November 21

No events/meetings scheduled.

Tuesday, November 22

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
6:30 p.m. Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting - Upper Room
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Offsite

Wednesday, November 23

- 1:00 p.m. Trinity Stitchers - A27

Stay in touch with the Kirk this holiday season by joining our email lists. Contact Cole Pachucki at cpachucki@kirkinthehills.org to begin receiving communications from Kirk in the Hills.

You can also sign up to receive our weekly newsletters at kirkinthehills.org by scrolling to the bottom of any page and clicking **Join Our Email List**.

Thursday, November 24

- Church Offices & Campus Are Closed*
All Day Westminster Thanksgiving Dinner - Offsite
All Day First Presbyterian Church Pontiac Thanksgiving Dinner - Offsite

Friday, November 25

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Saturday, November 26

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Sunday, November 27

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Abbey (2nd Floor)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
10:00 a.m. Confirmation - A27, A29
10:00 a.m. The Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
10:15 a.m. Young Children's Music - A33
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Senior Boys' & Girls' Choir - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Youth Room

