



the Kirk

Sunday, December 4, 2022



The Chancel Choir singing at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on 11.27.2022

Today

Sunday School - Children in preschool - grade 8 are invited to a time of worship and small group learning during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Coffee Hour - Please join us between worship services in Heritage Hall for coffee, community, and treats.

The Bill Robinson Bible Study - Join us for this bible study on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. The class will be facilitated by Dr. Edward Yousif.

Young Children's Music - The Young Children's Choir meets on Sundays from 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for more info, please contact njoseph@kirkinthehills.org.

Confirmation • Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 - Confirmation takes place on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Abbey Lounge. For more information, please visit kirkinthehills.org under **Ministries** → **Christian Formation** → **Youth**.

Bibles - In Heritage Hall today and on December 11, members are invited to write notes or underline their favorite verse(s) in the children's Bibles that will be presented on Bible Sunday.

Advent Formation Series - Join us between services today, on December 11, and on December 18 in the Saint Andrew's Room for classes on Advent.

This week Bob Beck will lead a class about the two Nativity stories. In the four Gospels, we have four Passion Narratives. After all, we are an "Easter People." Only two Gospels share stories about the Birth Narrative. We tend to conflate them without even knowing it, yet each author was speaking to a different community at a different time. We will explore 'what' the differences are and 'why' in our first Advent Class.

Next week, this class will focus on the Magi and the road they took. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** or by typing "Advent Formation" in the search bar.

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.

Announcements & Programming

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. Learn more at detroitchamberwinds.org.

Family Fellowship Night: Pistons Game - We will cheer on the Pistons at Little Caesars Arena on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will be able to shoot a free throw on the court after the game! Learn more at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** or in **Realm**. Registration for this event is now closed.

Bible Sunday - Our registered 3-year-olds, Kindergartners, and 3rd graders will be presented with Bibles on December 18 during the 9:00 a.m. service.

Festival of Carols & Lights - Join us for a fun Advent celebration for the entire congregation and community of all ages! There will be a worship service featuring our youth choirs, followed by a live Nativity, festive food and music, a Holiday Market with a variety of artisans, and surprises. Everyone is invited to come live out the Christmas story on December 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and celebrate in the spirit of the season.

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 and info about donating gift cards at kirkinthehills.org by searching "Angel Tree."

Adopt-a-Family - The Adopt-a-Family ministry is going on now! For years, the generosity of Kirk members has enabled the Deacons to purchase gifts, clothes, food, household items, and life-enhancing programming for local families and children in need. For more information about participating in the Adopt-A-Family ministry and donating online or with a check, please visit kirkinthehills.org and search "Adopt-a-Family."

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, 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**.

Christmas Eve - Look forward to our Christmas Eve Services on December 24 at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.! Childcare will not be available on Christmas Eve. Our special service for families with young children will take place at 11:00 a.m. The 4:00 p.m. service will feature the Christmas Pageant. The 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Holy Night Services are our candlelit services.

One Service December 25 and January 1 - On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1, the Kirk will host a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The 8:00 a.m. Cedarholm Service will not take place.

Congregational Meeting - Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Ongoing

High School Bible Study - This Bible study is taking a break for December. For questions, please contact Pastor Kelsey at revkns@kirkinthehills.org.

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.

Thank You Ushers - Thank you to our ushers serving during December:

9:00 a.m. – Jerry L. Craig,Captain; Robert Heuer, Co-captain; Andrew Clopton; Brian Gapco; Jonathan Glab; Michaela Hector; Thomas Hector; John Hutt; Pam Lawson; Steve Lorincz; Chris Marcangelo; David Musch; Charles Tallinger III; Philip M. Taylor; Mitch Weaver

11:00 a.m. – Frank Cadicamo, Captain; David Gates, Co-captain; Rich Duffy; Blaine Eynon, Jr.; Larry Galloway; Christopher Graham; Steve McCollum; Alison Murphy; Philip M. Taylor; Daniel Tomlinson; Henry Venn; Harvey Whitehead; James Wolfe; Neal Yousif

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!

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. Kindergartners five days a week. Please contact our office at (248)973-8017 or email Sandy Jewell at sjewell@kirkinthehills.org to learn more.

22 in 2022 - We are approaching the end of the year. Now is a great time to catch up on the 22 hours of service everyone is challenged to complete in the year 2022! Log your service hours at kirkinthehills.org under **Ministries** → **Outreach & Mission** → **Serve**.

Do you receive the Kirk's weekly newsletters? - Stay up to date on all of the Kirk's events, concerts, classes, and ministries this holiday season. Join our contact list at kirkinthehills.org by scrolling down until you see the “**Sign up for Kirk Emails**” button at the bottom of every page. If you have questions about communication at the Kirk, please contact Cole Pachucki at cpachucki@kirkinthehills.org.

Check out kirkinthehills.org for updates and more details on ministries and events at the Kirk.

Calendar

Sunday, December 4

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Advent Formation Series - Saint Andrew's 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
- 3:00 p.m. Messiah - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Youth Room

Monday, December 5

- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care Meeting - Upper Room
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - A36

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 5:00 p.m. Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting - A28/A36
- 6:00 p.m. Facilities Committee Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, December 7

- 1:00 p.m. Trinity Stitchers - A27
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Girl's Choir - Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Treble Boy's Choir - Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study - Youth Room

Thursday, December 8

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Steering Committee - A29
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Formation Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30 p.m. Kirk Singers Rehearsal - Heritage Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Saint Andrew's Room
- 9:30 a.m. Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 1:00 p.m. Sojourners - A27

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. Usher Appreciation Breakfast - Heritage Hall
- 3:00 p.m. DCWS Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 11

- 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
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- 10:00 a.m. Advent Formation Series - Saint Andrew's Room
- 10:15 a.m. Young Children's Music - A33
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Committee Meeting - A36
- 12:15 p.m. Senior Boys' & Girls' Choir - Choir Room
- 3:00 p.m. Festival of Carols and Lights - Various
- 7:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Youth Room

