



The Festival of Carols and Lights on Sunday, December 11, 2022

Today

No Sunday School - There will not be Sunday school today. Bible Sunday and the Service of Lessons and Carols are two very special initiatives in which many children will be participating in during the service. **Children's worship bulletins and crayons are available.** We are excited to welcome children and families to join us in the Sanctuary for the entire service.

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

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

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.

Wreaths Across America - There is a wreath near the Sanctuary entrance to honor America's fallen veterans this holiday season. The nonprofit Wreaths Across America helps family members, friends, neighbors, and volunteers all across the country lay wreaths at the gravestones of those who have served our country.

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**.

Advent Formation Series - Join us between services today in the Saint Andrew's Room for our last class on Advent. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** or by typing "**Advent Formation**" in the search bar.

Our guest, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, will speak about how music ushers us into the spirit of Advent. In this class we'll move from the more sparse and reflective pieces of early Advent ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence") to pieces that can hardly wait for Christmas ("People Look East"). Come ready to sing a few favorite hymns and listen to a few stunning anthems as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth.

High School Community Night - High school students are invited to join us for Moon Beams for Sweet Dreams. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. and depart in the Kirk van. RSVP on Band.

Worship / Membership

Christian Formation

Outreach & Mission

Advent / Christmas

Christmas Eve



Look forward to our Christmas Eve Services on December 24!

11:00 a.m. - Service for families with young children

4:00 p.m. - Christmas pageant service

6:00 p.m. - Service for all

8:30 p.m. - Holy Night Candlelight Service

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Learn more about each of our services at kirkinthehills.org under **Featured Events**. Please note that there will be no childcare on Christmas Eve.

Announcements & Programming

Support those in need this Christmas through 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."

Service of Comfort and Hope

- This is a service for remembrance and healing for those needing God's special touch during the holidays. If joy is hard to find this year, if sadness or loss are clouding your thoughts at Christmastime, then join us in worship at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. There will be a gathering time in the Fireside Room after the service. This service is sponsored and led by Stephen Ministry.

One Service on Christmas Day

- On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, the Kirk will offer one 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The 8:00 a.m. Cedarholm Service will not take place.

@ the Kirk Holiday Hiatus

- Our weekly @ the Kirk bulletin insert will not be published on December 24, 25, or January 1. Look forward to the return of @ the Kirk on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Holiday Hours & Building Closure

- Kirk in the Hills will be closed from December 26 to December 31 and on January 2.

The church will not be open to the congregation over the holiday except on a limited basis on the mornings of December 28 and December 29. The church will also be open for our 10:00 a.m. worship services on December 25 and January 1.

One Service on January 1, 2023 -

On 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 between services on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Red Wings Faith Night -

Red Wings Faith Night - Join us for a Red Wings Game Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. Christian singer and songwriter Matt Hammitt will be performing before the game at 5:00 p.m. Those who order their tickets at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** before December 19 will have a chance to

win an autographed puck by Red Wings player #53 Moritz Seider. Register by Tuesday, January 17.

Sunday School in 2023 -

Sunday School resumes on January 8 for children who are PreK through Grade 5!

Youth Winter Retreat -

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a retreat at Springhill from February 3-4! This will be a weekend full of faith formation and fun, including worship, snow tubing, broomball, indoor high ropes courses, and so much more. Youth can attend for \$75.00 and adults can attend for free! Please register by January 22 at kirkinthehills.org by searching **Youth Winter Retreat**.

Ongoing

Annual Giving Update -

It's not too late! We are more than three-quarters 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.

Youth Choirs -

The choirs have begun preparations for our holiday festivities! It's a great time to join youth choirs. If you know a child who would like to be involved (sing, act, or play an instrument) in any of our youth choirs, please contact Nicole Joseph at njoseph@kirkinthehills.org. See us at the Festival of Carols and Lights, The Christmas Pageant, and more!

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.

Women's Thursday Bible Study -

Join our study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room or on zoom. We encourage you to register at kirkinthehills.org under **Groups and Classes**.

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

Calendar

Sunday, December 18

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Offsite

Monday, December 19

No events/meetings scheduled

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Luncheon - Heritage Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Meeting of Session - Upper Room
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Comfort and Hope - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

- 1:00 p.m. Trinity Stitches - A27
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Girl's Choir - Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Youth Room
- 5:45 p.m. Treble Boy's Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, December 22

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Robert Ruth Amos - Cedarholm Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 23

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Saint Andrew's Room
- 9:30 a.m. Books and Bibles - Upper Room

Saturday, December 24

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (families with young children)
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Service (Pageant)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Service (for all)
- 8:30 p.m. Worship Service (Holy Night Candlelight Service)
- 11:00 p.m. Worship Service (Holy Night Candlelight Service)

Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

