



the Kirk

Sunday, December 11, 2022



The December 4 performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah at the Kirk.

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.

Special Reception Honoring Dennis Curry - A reception to honor Dennis and his time at the Kirk will be held between services today in Heritage Hall. Please join in thanking Dennis for his many years of faithful service and to wish him all the best in retirement!

The Bill Robinson Bible Study - Join us for this bible study on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room.

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 - Today in Heritage Hall, members are invited to write notes or underline verse(s) in the children's Bibles that will be presented on Bible Sunday.

Advent Formation Series - Join us between services today and on December 18 in the Saint Andrew's Room for classes on Advent. This week Pastor Edwin will discuss the Magi in the Gospel of Matthew. He will share the significance of the story in history, theology, and in God's mission. Next week, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel will speak on the music of Advent. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** or by typing "**Advent Formation**" in the search bar.

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 today from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and celebrate in the spirit of the season.

High School Community Nights - Join us after the Festival of Carols and Lights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a white elephant gift exchange in the youth room! Students are encouraged to bring a fun wrapped gift from home, a re-gift, or a thrifted gift. Please spend no more than \$10. Of course, free is best.

Announcements & Programming

Angel Tree - There are only a few days left to participate in 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."



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

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."

Christmas Dinner Church - This one event on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. is an addition to the 6-week pilot Dinner Church series. It will be a time of 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. This will be the grand finale for dinner church this year, so we encourage you to come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate the birth of our savior. \$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.!** 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. Please note that there will be no childcare for any Christmas Eve services

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

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 on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

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

Red Wings Faith Night - Join us for a Red Wings Game Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. Grammy Award-winning 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.

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.

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**.

Annual Giving Update - It's not too late! We are more than 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.

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.

The Kirk Altar Cross in Miniature - Sterling silver Kirk cross pendants are available for purchase during business hours. Large crosses are \$45, and small crosses are \$35. For more information, contact Jen Morris at (248) 973-8011. These make a GREAT Christmas gift!

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, 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!

Calendar

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
- 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
- 12:00 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
- 6:00 p.m. High School Community Night - Youth Room

Monday, December 12

No events/meetings scheduled

Tuesday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group - A27
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, December 14

- 1:00 p.m. Trinity Stitchers - A27
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Girl's Choir - Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting - A36
- 5:45 p.m. Treble Boy's Choir - Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Church - Heritage Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study - Youth Room

Thursday, December 15

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Robert Colladay - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

No events/meetings scheduled

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