

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2024





All Saints' Sunday, November 3: Generosity

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."

--Apostle Paul, Second Letter to the Corinthians 9: 11-12

With the conclusion of each Sunday Service, I have the privilege of offering a benediction. Its Latin roots mean "a good word," and its meaning is equivalent of a blessing. In fact, when the Book of Genesis states "And God saw that it was good" or "very good" it can be understood to mean

"And God blessed it." Our story is one of original blessing, as the rich Celtic faith heritage has long taught. God blessed the world and everything in it, and each Sunday during the benediction, I remind us that we are blessed by God not for our benefit alone, but to be a blessing to the world. This is a joyful and sobering Biblical truth.

On All Saints' Sunday, this is an important message. The saints who stirred our spirits and inspired us were generous with their time, talent, and treasure. I have had the immense pleasure of officiating their Memorial Services and learned about the ways they served as Elders on Session, Deacons, Trustees, and committee chairs. On All Saints' we also honor the living saints who have been longtime members, and like the saints who have gone before them, I heard about their generosity, too. The ways they mentored youth into faith, fed and clothed those struggling with poverty, led Bible Study not only in our congregation but with returning citizens putting their life together again after prison. And I learned about the ways they helped launch Accent Pontiac and raised funds to address poverty in places far as Haiti, Belize, and Nicaragua. They were loving like Jesus.

This generosity, the Apostle Paul says in his Second Letter to the church in Corinth, is an act of thanksgiving, a response to God's many blessings and amazing grace. What you may not know is his appeal to help the poor in Jerusalem who were suffering was the first global Christian stewardship program with weekly offerings. It was Gentile churches supporting the Jewish ones, challenging the temptation to division. Paul is reminding us, as he did the Corinthians in his day, of God's great generosity. To be generous was to love like Jesus.

God's generosity through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, to us individually and collectively is not intended to swell us with pride and privilege. Instead, it is to teach us that we are to share the abundance God has given us as a blessing to others. When we share who we are and what we have, hurts are mended, and hearts are opened. The heart that loves generously, indeed, is the heart that changes the world.

In Christ,

Rev. Edwin Estevez
Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary (Announcements begin at 8:55 & 10:55 a.m.)

A PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(a silent prayer opportunity prior to worship)*

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you;
ears to listen for your word;
a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. *Attributed to Benedict of Nursia (c. 480-574)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

James Biery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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

* INTROIT

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Joachim Neander

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

And I looked,
and there was a great crowd that no one could number.
They were from every nation, tribe, people and language.
They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.
And they cried out with a loud voice:

Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

And the angels fell facedown before the throne and worshiped
God, saying:

Amen!

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Llanfair

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that without Christ, we are unworthy of your gracious care. We sometimes forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not always lived as your grateful children, nor always loved as Christ loved us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

Paul Hillebrand, Kevin Keil

Soloist; All
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *Soloist; All* Chris - te, e -
Soloist; All
le - i son. Ky - rie - e, e - le - i - son.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus,
we can be sure that we are God's children now.
Like the saints who have marched on before us
and march with us now,
The Spirit of Christ is among us,
empowering us to love like Jesus
and become more like Christ each day.
Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people;
Saints and instruments of God's way.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are a new creation.

Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Greatorrex (Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WORD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN & PSALM 117 (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love towards us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

As the children recess to Sunday School, all will sing...

HYMN 188 (9:00 a.m., seated)

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus Loves Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Living God

Arabic Tune

*Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may therefore truly understand.
Give us guidance that we would truly follow,
seeking to honor and glorify your name.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (NT, page 183)

Elder Bob Beck, 9:00 a.m.

Elder Lynda Wilds, 11:00 a.m.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Giving Thanks: Generosity

Rev. Edwin Estevez

* **HYMN 731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Repton

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings 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.

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Translation (sung in French)

*Word of God, one with the Most High,
in whom alone we have our hope,
Everlasting light of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Savior divine, cast your eyes upon us.
Pour on us the fire of your mighty grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice:
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
that brings forgetfulness of your laws.
O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people
now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your endless glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

RECOGNITION OF FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS (see page 10)

Rev. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Jasmine Smart, Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

SANCTUS

James Biery

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

James Biery

Remembering . . . Great is the mystery of faith....

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS *(see page 10)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AMEN

James Biery

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

SOLO

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way as gives us breath;
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love. (George Herbert)*

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 326**

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace of God Be You

Arabic Greeting

Assalaamu lakum. (Peace of God be with you.)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

When the Saints Go Marching In

Rebecca Groom teVelde

Celebrating 50^{plus} Years of Kirk Membership

Name	Date Joined	Years of Membership
B. Arlene Shaler	6/1/1952	72
Joline Markovich	5/3/1955	69
Cecile A. Borgeson	11/1/1955	69
Vivian G. Dezur	3/26/1956	68
Sylvia J. Heggen	4/3/1958	66
Margaret Strickland	10/26/1959	65
Harvey Whitehead	12/28/1959	65
Linda Whitehead	12/28/1959	65
Paul Jeffrey Trimmer	12/28/1959	65
Blaine Sandy Eynon	4/11/1960	64
Joellyn D. Kuhn	4/11/1960	64
Richard G. Griffith	5/23/1960	64
Kathleen E. Lifsey	3/27/1961	63
David J. Wood	11/27/1961	63
Marjorie Whittemore	4/16/1962	62
Patti Parks	4/16/1962	62
Clark R. Harris	9/24/1962	62
Judith N. Harris	9/24/1962	62
John R. Lichtwardt	11/26/1962	62
Leslie J. Johnston	11/26/1962	62
Woody Wood	9/24/1962	62
Mary Jane Johnson	1/21/1963	61
Barbara A. Francek	4/8/1963	61
Stephen R. Howard	4/8/1963	61
Donald Schuster	4/8/1963	61
Carol S. Lay	2/24/1964	60
Paul J. Lay	2/24/1964	60
Marsha B. DeLonge	3/23/1964	60
Jeffrey Kezlarian	4/27/1964	60
Leslie A. Hruska	4/24/1964	60
Thomas L. Stewart	10/25/1965	59
Henry J. Kerr	4/4/1966	58
Kathy Z. Coe	4/4/1966	58
Charles A. Tallinger III	4/4/1966	58
Bruce W. Miller	9/26/1966	58
Phyllis V. Mazure	2/27/1967	57
Robert Chip Benton	3/2/1967	57
Cathy A. Payton	3/20/1967	57
Margaret A. Lowe	4/24/1967	57

Name	Date Joined	Years of Membership	Name	Date Joined	Years of Membership
Chester Davis	6/19/1967	57	Martha Sorge	4/8/1974	50
Donald Ableson	11/27/1967	57	Dick Bryant	5/20/1974	50
David Fischer	2/26/1968	56	Cynthia Hakes	5/20/1974	50
Marilyn Flint	2/26/1968	56	Sukie Reynolds	5/20/1974	50
Audrey Andrus	4/8/1968	56	Lynn Groth	10/14/1974	50
Mary Doerr	9/30/1968	56	Sandy Harrison	10/14/1974	50
Marta Trimmer	1/27/1969	55	Joan Hoisington	10/14/1974	50
Keith Anderson	3/31/1969	55	Susan Jones	10/14/1974	50
Bill Goldsmith	4/28/1969	55	Barbara Flournoy	12/9/1974	50
Dick Kaspers	4/28/1969	55	Jim Ross	12/9/1974	50
Jean Libcke	1/26/1970	54			
G. Lenard Johnston	9/28/1970	54			
Constance Johnston	9/28/1970	54			
Adele Beal	12/6/1971	53			
Susan Beekman	4/5/1971	53			
Beverly Gibbs	5/17/1971	53			
Verle Hughes	10/25/1971	53			
Karen Lawrence	4/5/1971	53			
Bette Anderson	11/27/1972	52			
Diane Dickelmann	6/5/1972	52			
Naomi Dickelmann	6/5/1972	52			
Mary Lou Endres	10/16/1972	52			
Kelley Klein	5/15/1972	52			
Bob Sorge	5/15/1972	52			
Holly Vander Klipp	3/27/1972	52			
Sue Bosart	2/5/1973	51			
Trip Bosart	2/5/1973	51			
Gail Lilly	2/5/1973	51			
John Lilly	2/5/1973	51			
Bob O'Hara	2/5/1973	51			
Sally Van De Mark	4/2/1973	51			
Maher Ajluni	4/16/1973	51			
Robert Libcke	4/16/1973	51			
Stephen Markovich	4/16/1973	51			
Beth Muma	4/16/1973	51			
Peter Root	4/16/1973	51			
Carole Hofley	6/4/1973	51			
Pete Van Hull	6/4/1973	51			
Henry Hoot	10/15/1973	51			
Lillian Mitchell	10/15/1973	51			
John Coe	4/1/1974	50			
Ed Hufnagle	4/1/1974	50			
Sandy Hufnagle	4/1/1974	50			
Jan Keeling	4/1/1974	50			
Janet Kitchen	4/1/1974	50			
Lynda Wilds	4/1/1974	50			
Randy Wilds	4/1/1974	50			
Eric Peterson	4/8/1974	50			
Stuart Roycraft	4/8/1974	50			



All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024

*I am convinced that neither death, nor life . . . nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 8:38-39*

11/7/2023	Margaret Love Allen	5/10/2024	Sharon A. Bida
11/8/2023	Jeane Poos	5/16/2024	Dr. Frank Ronan
11/9/2023	Domenica Di Mauro	5/22/2024	Charlotte D. Clark
11/13/2023	Ardis Kenealy	5/23/2024	Vickie Kline
11/14/2023	Shanda Lowery-Sachs	5/28/2024	John R. King
11/17/2023	Nicholas Bachynski	6/1/2024	JoAnne Nauroki
11/17/2023	Margaret Cameron	6/4/2024	William D. Singleton
12/2/2023	Reagan David	6/13/2024	Tony Kovach
12/3/2023	Sharon L. Craig	6/25/2024	Carol Froling
12/3/2023	Joy Pachucki	6/28/2024	Geraldine Flowers
12/3/2023	Cecilia Sabol	7/13/2024	Marilyn M. Klein
12/18/2023	Eleanor Jane Reddig	7/31/2024	Peggy Kresge
12/19/2023	Ruth W. Littleton	8/1/2024	Pam McCord
12/22/2023	Maybelle Fraser	8/3/2024	Karl R. Disler
12/26/2023	Robert Grant Maldegen	8/6/2024	Jack Horner
1/13/2024	Alexander C. McKeen	8/6/2024	Llewellyn M. Rszka
1/26/2024	Andrew Coubrough, Jr.	8/7/2024	Lynne McLoskey
1/27/2024	Kathleen Martin	8/11/2024	Dean Ellis
1/28/2024	Jenna Gullekson	8/13/2024	Erin Parks Moore
2/3/2024	David Harvey, Jr.	8/19/2024	Da'Kari Phillips-Chatman
2/4/2024	Frances Leonard	8/26/2024	Hugh C. Anderson
2/16/2024	Charles Reed	8/26/2024	Margaret Murray
2/23/2024	Shirley J. McCaig	8/27/2024	Cyrus W. Osborn
2/23/2024	Richard C. Ward	Sept. 2024	Cherie Cambron Kunke
2/23/2024	John D. Stong	9/2/2024	Rob Kress
3/2/2024	William H. Casselman	9/3/2024	Kim M. Lyon
3/3/2024	James W. Clark	9/5/2024	Elizabeth A. Reynolds
3/3/2024	Frank Utecht	9/6/2024	Jane Hawkinson
3/5/2024	Melvin Lee Walters	9/10/2024	Jessamine Jackman
3/16/2024	Ralph James Winter	9/13/2024	Mary Pfeffer
3/24/2024	Antonio Quiroga, Sr.	9/15/2024	Virginia Schultz
3/28/2024	Donald F. Beal	9/19/2024	Evelyn F. McKeen
3/29/2024	Martha Y. Cornish	10/10/2024	Sean A. Walker
3/31/2024	Dr. James S. Noble	10/15/2024	Mary Lou Sheeran
4/4/2024	Estes Hall	10/16/2024	Thomas W. Cunnington
4/9/2024	Dr. Colleen K. Noble	10/17/2024	Nicholas W. Erlenbeck
4/18/2024	Dawn Bigelow	10/18/2024	Nancy B. Breithart
4/23/2024	Rob Keeney	10/23/2024	Ralph W. Powell
4/29/2024	Lacie Santia	10/31/2024	Robert A. Tremain
4/30/2024	Nancy Clough		
5/2/2024	Laura D. Rice		

This list is comprised of Kirk members, family & friends who passed away between All Saints' Day 2023 and All Saints' Day 2024. This list is comprised of those whose services were held at Kirk in the Hills and those added by family request.

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Music Notes

Musicians: Chantel Woodard, soprano; Merideth Estevez, English horn; Meg Lentz, Alison Murphy, Sydrena Epstein, Denise Harris-Fiems, Jennifer Cruz, handbells; James Biery, Marilyn Biery, organists and directors

The Prayer for Illumination sung today is based on an Arabic tune found in the *Book of Spiritual Hymns for Evangelical Churches*, published in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1965. The source of the tune is unknown. Marilyn Biery set the tune to a traditional Prayer for Illumination found in the *Book of Common Worship* published by the Presbyterian Church USA (1993).

The "Cantique de Jean Racine" (Chant by Jean Racine), Op. 11, was composed for mixed choir and organ by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). The text, "Verbe égal au Très-Haut" ("Word, one with the Highest"), is a French paraphrase by the dramatist Jean Racine (1639-1699) of a Latin hymn from the breviary for matins, *Consorts paterni luminis*. The nineteen-year-old Fauré set the text in 1864-65 for a composition competition at the École Niedermeyer de Paris, and it won him the first prize. The work was first performed the following year in a version with strings and organ. The style shows similarities with his Requiem.

"The Call" is from the *Five Mystical Songs* by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), written for baritone between 1906 and 1911. The work sets four poems by seventeenth-century Welsh poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593-1633), from his 1633 collection *The Temple: Sacred Poems*. While Herbert was a priest, Vaughan Williams himself was an atheist at the time he wrote this set (he later settled into a "cheerful agnosticism"), though this did not prevent his setting of verse of religious inspiration.

The choral response is a traditional Arabic greeting with music written by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan in 2004. It can be found in our hymnal, #448.

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Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel immediately following each service Sunday. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691. If you are interested in being connected with a Stephen Minister, please call Robin Brinks at 248-310-2034.



The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their mothers, Janet Emerson and Louise Morian by Todd, Rosemary, Caitlin and Andrew Emerson.

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.

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Meet Our Membership Coordinator! Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign you up for one of our upcoming New Member Classes.



We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.



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