

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025



*I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything,  
and remind you of all that I have said to you.*

**John 14:25-26**





## A Note from Pastor Jasmine

The PC(USA) official logo has more to it than initially meets the eye. Of course it is in the shape of a cross, but there are other symbols represented: A dove, a chalice, an open Bible, the fires of the Holy Spirit, etc. The dove and fire are especially useful to consider today as we focus on God the Holy Spirit. In today's Scripture the Spirit is defined as a Comforter / Paraclete, and the dove reminds us of that peace and tranquility. The fires remind us of Pentecost, and the way the Holy Spirit alighted upon each person gathered and gave them the fire within to live out their

calling. As we ordain and install a new class of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees today, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is upon each one of us. We mark today's service with red paraments and stoles as the color of ordination and installation, as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence with us as we fulfill our calling.



Ordaining and installing our leaders is not just about them as individuals, however. Our denominational literature says, "Occasions of ordination and installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual... The entire congregation [is] affirmed in their baptismal calling to discipleship and service." Our sacramental identity is solidified today as we partake in communion together. As John Calvin said, "The sacraments properly fulfill their office only when the Spirit, that inward teacher, comes to them, by whose power alone hearts are penetrated and affections moved and our souls opened for the sacraments to enter in." Let us pray that the Spirit opens us to the calling before us as we follow Christ into servant leadership.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Jasmine Smart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Jasmine Smart

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

OPENING VOLUNTARIES      Elegy; Melody      Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Edwin Estevez

OUR FAITH IN ACTION      Seeds to Sustainability      Todd Henderson

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

\* INTROIT      Cry Out with Joy      Marilyn Biery

*Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness.*

*Cry out with joy and come into God's presence with singing!*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP      Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,      Rev. Edwin Estevez

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282      Come Down, O Love Divine      Down Ampney

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION      Rev. Edwin Estevez

**Merciful God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn from their ways to the way of Jesus, hear us now, as we confess our personal sins in the silence of our hearts:**

*Hold silence*

**Gracious God, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie      John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Rev. Edwin Estevez

Being therefore justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**



## WORD

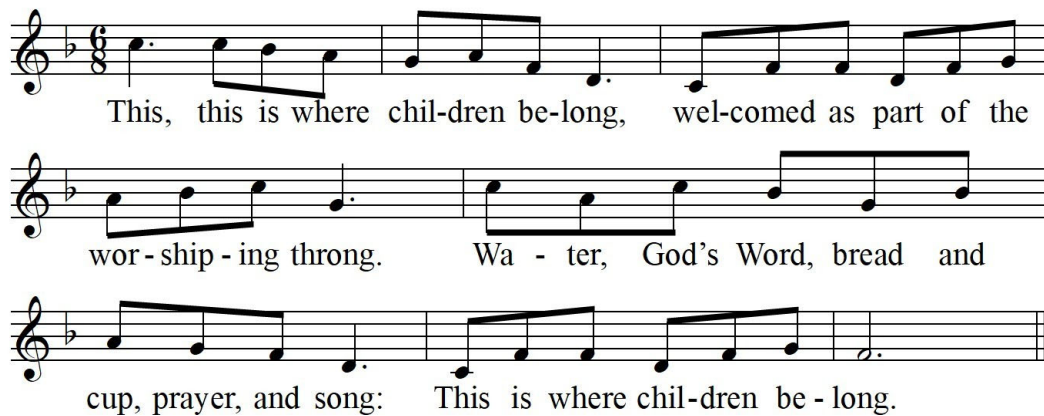
### WORD WITH THE CHILDREN & PROVERBS 3:5-6 (9:00 a.m.)

Sarah Ford

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

### INVITATION HYMN

*(As the children come forward for the Word with Children the congregation sings while seated)*



### Proverbs 3:5-6

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
 and lean not on your own understanding;  
 In all your ways submit to him,  
 and he will make your paths straight.**

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### LITANY OF SERVICE *(based on 1 Corinthians 12)*

There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
 There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through different people in different ways,  
**But it is the same God who fulfills these purposes**  
**through them all.**  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members of Christ.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON CLASS OF 2027 (9:00 a.m.)**

*Bryce Coburn (Youth Deacon/one year term), Molly David, Jacob Ervin,  
Collin Graff (Youth Deacon/one year term), Michael Jarasz, Melissa Lewis,  
Jan Luttenberger, Catherine Messer, Cynthia Niedbalski, Samantha Nordin,  
Rosario Quintero, Ginger Winter, Amanda Yousif (one year term)*

**INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE CLASS OF 2027 (11:00 a.m.)**

*Brad Christy, Jim Keeling, Noreen Markley, Leslie Schneider, Frederick Steiner*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER CLASS OF 2027 ( 11:00 a.m.)**

*Joseph Ashoo (Youth Elder/one year term), Helen Campbell, Ken Glass,  
Ann Hartzell (one year term), Ron Kuhn, Dom Skilton, Ryan Webb*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION    Guide Us, O God**

*James Biery*

*Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 14:15-27** (NT, page 109)

Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa, 9:00 a.m.

Elder Camille Breen, 11:00 a.m.

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

**SERMON**

**Credo: Holy Spirit**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*See page 35, Glory to God Hymnal.*

**\* HYMN 279**

**Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

*St. Agnes*

*(Please be seated after the hymn.)*

**THANKSGIVING**

**CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION**

Rev. Jim Moseley

*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**

**Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

*Harold Friedell*

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together,  
thou art in the midst of them;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father  
break the bread and bless the cup,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
we will serve thee faithfully.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Jasmine Smart

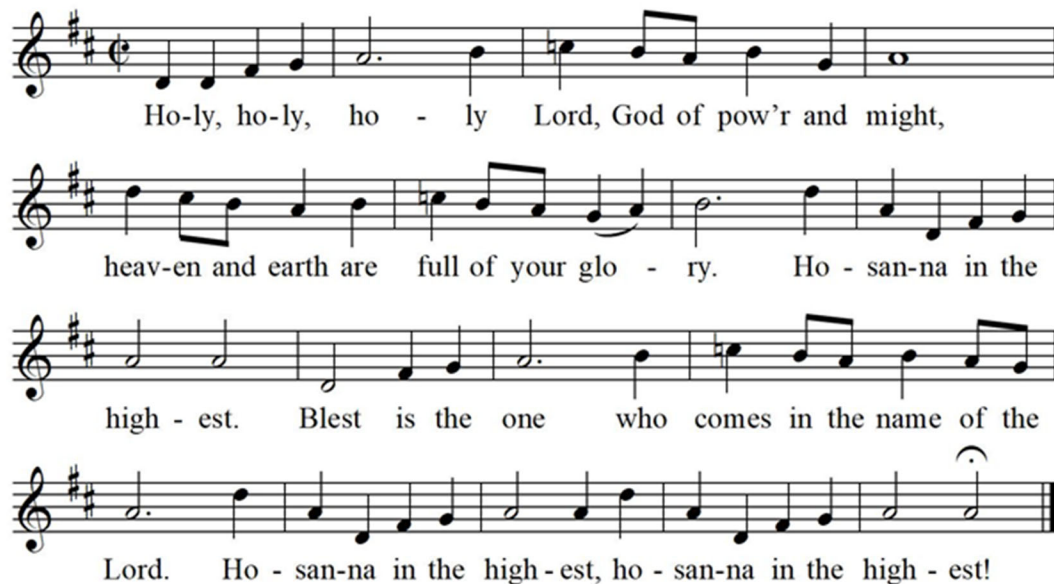
### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### 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 (please sing with the choir)

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.

## 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



## 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

**Choir: Schaffe in mir, Gott**

Johannes Brahms

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und gib mir einen neuen gewissen Geist.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

*(Psalm 51:10)*

**Solo: Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Moses Hogan**

*The text may be found in the hymnal, #525.*

### 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.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

**Peace of God Be with You**

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*Peace of God be with you; As-salaamu lakum.*

## SENDING

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (*seated*)

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 516	<b>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</b>	<i>Kingdom</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<b>Symphony 1: Final</b>	<i>Louis Vierne</i>

## INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

**About the Music:** During the month of February, we highlight compositions and arrangements by Black composers. Samuel Coleridge- Taylor (1875-1912) was a British composer who earned great acclaim during his lifetime. By 1896, Coleridge-Taylor was already earning a reputation as a composer. He was later helped by Edward Elgar, who recommended him to the Three Choirs Festival. His "Ballade in A minor" was premiered there. His early work was also guided by the influential music editor and critic August Jaeger of music publisher Novello; he told Elgar that Taylor was "a genius."



Moses George Hogan (1957 – 2003) was an American composer, pianist, conductor, and arranger of choral music, including spirituals. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs. Over his lifetime, he published 88 arrangements for voice, including eight solo pieces. He died from a brain tumor at the age of forty-five.

The processional hymn, “Come Down, O Love Divine,” is traditionally sung on the Day of Pentecost; it is sung today as Pastor Jasmine Smart preaches on the Holy Spirit. Little is known about the author of this text, Bianco da Siena (b. circa 1350; d. Venice, Italy, circa 1434). The hymn was translated into English by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890) who studied at Trinity College in Dublin, then received multiple degrees from Oxford. The tune, named DOWN AMPNEY, comes to us from the eminent British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). He named the tune after the Gloucestershire village of his birth. When Vaughan Williams died in 1958, “Come Down, O Love Divine” was sung at his funeral in Westminster Abbey as the composer's ashes were ceremonially interred in the Musicians' Corner.

Join us for a hymn festival: “Singing Our Tradition – A Festival of Scottish Hymnody” on Friday evening, February 28. See *At the Kirk* for more information. If you would like to sing with the choir for the evening, we have room for you! Contact Marilyn Biery for details.

**Musicians:** Merideth Estevez, oboe; Leslie Mason, soprano; James Biery and Marilyn Biery, organists and directors.

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**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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**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God by Biljana (Biba) and Tom Stewart in loving memory of Biba's mother Ana Toljan on what would have been her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with Ana and all who love and remember her this day and always.

**Deacon Flower Ministry:** If you or someone you know needs a little cheering up, our Deacon flower ministry has bud vases each Sunday in the narthex. Please take a flower to remind someone of God's love or to remind yourself of the same.



**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.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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



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