

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 19, 2025





A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Welcome to worship at Kirk in the Hills!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been part of this community for generations, we are so glad you are here. Each Sunday, we gather as one family of faith, bringing our joys and burdens, our stories and hopes, trusting that God meets us here in grace. Worship is where our hearts are renewed, our faith is deepened, and our sails are filled once again with the wind of the Spirit.

Sunday marks the start of our **Stewardship Season**, when we share our gratitude for all God is doing in and through the Kirk. Stewardship is more than financial giving—it is how we live faithfully and use our time, talent, and treasure in response to God’s abundance. It is how we love, serve, and share together as the Body of Christ.

Our 2025 theme, **“Full Sail Church: The Ships of Faith,”** invites us to imagine the Kirk as a vessel of grace—guided by Christ, filled by the Spirit, and carried forward by the generosity and trust of its people. Each “ship” represents a vital part of our shared journey of faith:

October 19 – WORSHIP

Matthew 14:22–33 – “Jesus Calms the Storm”

October 26 – DISCIPLESHIP (Reformation Sunday)

Luke 5:1–11 – “Put Out into the Deep Water”

November 2 – FELLOWSHIP (All Saints’ Sunday)

Acts 2:42–47 – “They Devoted Themselves to Fellowship”

November 9 – CITIZENSHIP (Veterans’ Sunday)

Philippians 3:20 – “Our Citizenship Is in Heaven”

November 16 – STEWARDSHIP (Pledge & Special Offering Sunday)

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 – “God Loves a Cheerful Giver”

November 23 – LEADERSHIP (Anniversary & Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Sunday)

Mark 10:42–45 – “The Son of Man Came Not to Be Served but to Serve”

Full Sail Church builds on the ancient image we have used for over a year: a sailboat. The sailboat, a symbol used to identify Early Church Christians, represented a rescue boat (like Noah’s Ark) and St. Peter’s Barque (the fishing boat where Jesus called the disciples). This year’s Stewardship Season is meant to help us “chart the course” through storms and choppy waters, and toward some exciting ways to be the church here and now, to the glory of God alone, in Christ alone, and by faith alone, in the power of the Holy Spirit. So welcome aboard—new friends and longtime members alike. Together, may we lift our sails high, trust the wind of the Spirit, and journey in faith toward the future God has prepared.

Let us worship God.

In Christ,

Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

Studies in English Folk Song

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the 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. Edwin Estevez

The winds obey his voice, and the seas are stilled by his word.
We gather to worship the Lord who calms the storms and strengthens our faith.

When fear rises and faith falters, he reaches out his hand and says,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Let us worship the Living God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

When we behold the power and mercy of Christ who commands the wind and the waves, we are reminded of how easily our trust wavers in life's storms. Let us come before the One whose grace steadies our souls.

**Eternal God, you have been our refuge in every generation.
Yet we confess that we do not always trust your presence in the storm.
We cling to our own strength and fear the winds of change.
Forgive us when our faith falters.
Fill our sails once more with you Spirit,
That we may follow wherever you lead.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

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. Dr. Edwin Estevez

The Lord treads our sins underfoot and casts all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Thanks be to God!**



WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m. only)

Sarah Ford

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

INVITATION HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Elder Carole Pearl

PRESENTATION

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482

Baptized in Water (*verse 3*)

BUNESSAN

(*seated*)

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

* PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Vivian Flowers, Walter David Haan, Maya Joan Panella,
 Fenna Sloane Quiroga, Caroline Bradley Sadowski*

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Elder Ryan True

PRAYER FOR NEWLY ADMITTED MEMBERS

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to
 share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let Your Word Rule in Our Hearts

James Biery

*Loving God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives
 until at last we see the fulfilment of your realm of justice and peace; through
 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NT, page 16)

9:00 a.m.: Youth Elder, Joseph Ashoo

The Word of the Lord.

11:00 a.m.: Elder Bob Heuer

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

Do You Ever Wonder?

Harriet Ilse Ziegenhals

*Do you ever wonder,
 Why God made this world?
 The flowers in springtime,
 With buds tightly curled?
 The trees in the autumn,
 With colors so bright?
 The moon with its stars,
 And the sun giving light?*

*Do you ever wonder,
 Why God made a child?
 In all shapes and colors,
 Some mighty, some mild?
 To share in a fam'ly,
 To run, play, and sing.
 Yes, God knew the laughter,
 And joy we would bring.*

*God gave us this world,
 To protect and enjoy,*

*And God made all children,
Each girl and each boy,
To nourish and care for,
This earth all our days.
So let's join in singing,
Our thanks and our praise.
We all join in singing,
Our thanks and our praise.*

St. Cecilia Choir

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you,
Ever in the palm of his hand.*

Cantamus Choir

SERMON

Ships of Faith Series

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Worship: Jesus Calms the Storm

* **HYMN 184**

Calm to the Waves

CALM SEAS

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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:

*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.*

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him* all creatures here below;
Praise him* above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
* or *God*

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*and The Lord's Prayer at 11:00 a.m.*)

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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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.

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ Be With Me, Christ Within Me

ed. C. V. Stanford

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

POSTLUDE

Allegro non troppo

William Mathias

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the music: Come sing in one of our children and youth choirs; we would welcome new members! For information on the St. Cecilia and Cantamus choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle at bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org. If you have a younger chorister, contact Carol Beth Litkouhi for the Joyful Noise Choir at cblitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org. Registration for these choirs is available on the website, as is information on all three groups.

The "Song of Jean Racine," was written by Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) when he was nineteen years old. The piece won the first prize when Fauré graduated from the École Niedermeyer (a school for the study of church music in Paris) and was first performed the following year with strings and organ. The text, "Verbe égal au Très-Haut," was written by the 17th century French dramatist Jean Racine. It is a paraphrase of an ancient Latin morning hymn.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924) was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. Born to a well-off and very musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge and then studied music in Leipzig and Berlin. While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. At the age of 29 he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. Among his pupils were Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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Musicians: The St. Cecilia and Cantamus Choirs, Bobby DeLisle, director; Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez, English horn; Carol Beth Litkouhi, flute.

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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.



Are you feeling called to be part of the Kirk Church Family or into servant leadership with our neighbors, community and global partners? Mercy Adams, our Kirk Member, Usher and Staff support, is here to help you take the next step. Meet Mercy in the Narthex after Sunday Worship or during Coffee Hour to be connected to Small Groups, Women of the Kirk, a Ministry leader or to learn more about Membership or Outreach & Mission. Registration is open for the 2025 Advent season's Kirk Life & Membership Brunch & Learn Sunday December 7. Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.

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.

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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of her beloved husband, George Meschke by Diane Meschke.



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