

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 16, 2026



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A Note from Pastor Edwin!

Welcome to worship at the Kirk in the Hills. Whether you are a long-time member, a returning friend, or a first-time visitor, we are grateful that you are here.

This year, as our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of American Independence, we give thanks for the blessings of freedom while recommitting ourselves to working toward *a more perfect union, with liberty and justice for all*, with our ultimate allegiance to Christ and his Kingdom.

Our worship series, **Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David**, invites us to pray, sing, reflect, and grow through the Bible's ancient songbook. The Psalms speak honestly about joy and sorrow, gratitude and struggle, worship and wonder, helping us discover God's presence in every season of life. Today, we will focus on Psalm 51, written by King David as he reflected on his failures as a husband, father, and especially as a child of God, anointed to lead Israel. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ for all of us who have failed and fallen short of the glory of God is the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, fifth Senior Pastor of Kirk in the Hills. Currently, he serves as Senior Pastor at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian in Delaware and as a facilitator for Princeton Seminary's *Damascus Road*. Following the 9:00 a.m. service, you can hear more about the *Damascus Road* ministry initiative that Princeton hopes will bless leaders in transition and in discernment.

As you worship today, take in the beauty around you, the sunlight hitting the stained-glass windows just so, the gardens in bloom, the music that lifts our hearts, the prayers we offer, and the community gathered beside you. May this be a time to connect more deeply with God, with your own soul, and with the people God has placed in your life.

May you experience the Holy God today through worship and fellowship.

Join us next Sunday for **Psalm 63** and **Summer in the Psalms: Thirsty for God**. We will welcome back Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder to the pulpit.

Let us worship God!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez
Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 90*

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Heavenly Father, teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wise hearts.

**The Lord is our dwelling place
throughout all generations.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 421

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life (*See page 10.*)

IRISH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Eternal God,
Our days pass quickly
and we confess how often we fail to seek you.
We cling to what fades and neglect the treasure of your kingdom.
Forgive us for our pride, impatience, and unbelief.
By your Holy Spirit,
Teach us wisdom, deepen our trust,
And make us steadfast in faith and love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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. Philip J. Reed

Hear the promise of the gospel:
"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Katelyn Haan

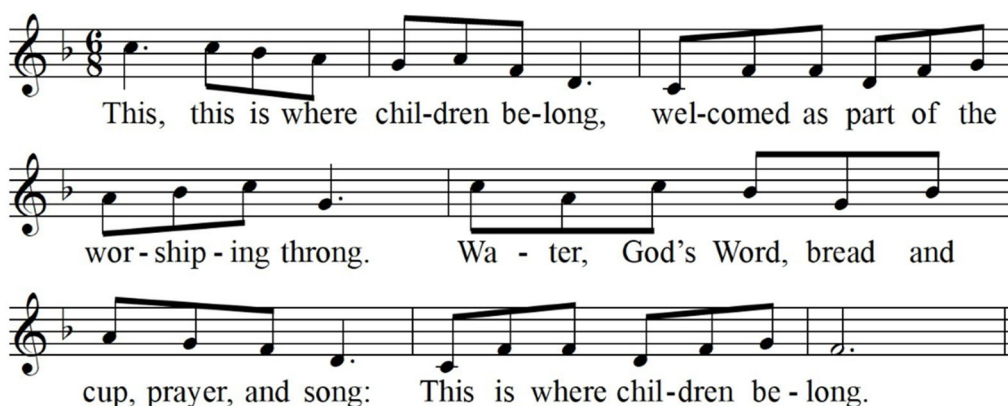
Children remain with their parent following the Word with Children during the month of August.

INVITATION HYMN

Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

Please join in singing.



**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.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

WORD

SOLO

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

William B. Bradbury

The text by Charlotte Elliott may be found in the Hymnal, #442.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51

Elder Bobi Tallinger

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: A Broken Spirit Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips

SENDING

* HYMN 341

O God, Show mercy to Us
(See pages 11 & 12.)

THAXTED

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

POSTLUDE

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near ramp or at the door to the cloister as you exit to the front patio as you depart. Please see notes on page 6.
Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians: Todd Galloway, baritone; David Enos, organist.

About the Music: The organ music today is by French composers from two different time periods. Louis Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749) was a Baroque musician who lived his life in Paris. An organist and composer, he came from a family of musicians. His father and two of his sons were also musicians. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was a French organist known for his improvisations at the organ. In 1920, the founding member and managing director of Rolls-Royce Limited, Claude Johnson, was enthralled with the organ improvisations that he heard during his visits to the grand church of St. Sulpice in Paris. After hearing a particularly colorful series of improvisations during a vespers service, he approached the organist, Marcel Dupré, and asked him to write down the music so that he could share it with worshipers in England and elsewhere. Today's organ prelude comes from this collection, published by the British publisher, Novello.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) was an English evangelical Anglican poet, hymn writer, and editor. During a time in her life when she was unsure of her relationship with Christ, she penned words of assurance about Jesus loving her "just as I am." William B. Bradbury composed music for her lyrics and published the hymn in 1849. It was translated into many languages, with tens of thousands of people committing their lives to Christ during the playing of it. Although she was an invalid for many years, her life was filled with deeds of charity. Nearly all her books were issued anonymously.

William Batchelder Bradbury (1816 – 1868) was an American musician, hymnwriter, and businessman who is best known for his tunes to "Jesus Loves Me, ""Just as I Am, "and "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The text to "Search Me, O God," was written by James Edwin Orr (1912 – 1987), an Irish-born American Baptist minister, hymnwriter, professor, author and promoter of church revival and renewal. The tune MAORI was written around 1885 by David Clement Scott (1853-1907), a missionary from Scotland who served in Chi Nyanja, Africa.

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Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in the Garden after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship and 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.

Feeling called to join the Kirk Church Family? Mercy Adams—Kirk Member, Stephen Minister, Usher, and staff support to New Member and Evangelism and Outreach & Mission Committees is here to guide you. Meet Mercy after Sunday Worship or call her directly at 248-973-8013.

Camera and Phone Usage Guidelines: Out of respect for your fellow worshipers and those leading worship, we kindly ask you to silence cellphones and other communication devices and to refrain from taking photos or video during worship. Recordings of past worship services and other sanctuary events are available at kirkinthehills.org/worship/past-messages.

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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Two Antiphons

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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that we may gain wise hearts.

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Praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 421

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

IRISH

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* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

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WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Elder Carole Pearl

PRESENTATION

Adult Baptism: Paul Aren

*Child Baptism: Chloe Natalie Coryell, Cameron Paige DeLang,
Eleanor Jean Eriksen, Vivian Sue Eriksen,*

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482

Baptized in Water (*verse 3; seated*)

BUNESSAN

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51 (*OT, page 520*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Elder Camille Breen

SOLO

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

William B. Bradbury

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SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: A Broken Spirit Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips

* HYMN 698

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

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

Search Me, O God

Maori Melody, arr. Mark Hill

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.*

*Lord, take my life, and make it wholly thine;
fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender, Lord — in me abide.*

*O Holy Spirit, revival comes from thee;
send a revival— start the work in me.
Thy Word declares thou will supply our need;
for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead. (J. Edwin Orr)*

* 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.
* or God**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Our Father, who art in heaven... (*debts & debtors*)

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

POSTLUDE

"Grand Plein Jeu" from Suite du Premier Ton

Louis Nicholas Clérambault

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421

(Psalm 51)



1 Have mer - cy, God, up - on my life, and
 2 My guilt is heav - y on my mind; I
 3 Now teach me wis - dom in my soul; I
 4 Cre - ate in me a faith - ful heart, a
 5 Then I will praise you with my heart, my



make me clean with - in: pour out your ev - er -
 know what I have done: a - gainst your jus - tice
 long to see your face. Let bones, once bro - ken,
 spir - it right and new. Sus - tain me with your
 mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and



faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.
 I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.
 sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.
 sav - ing love and keep me close to you.
 seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

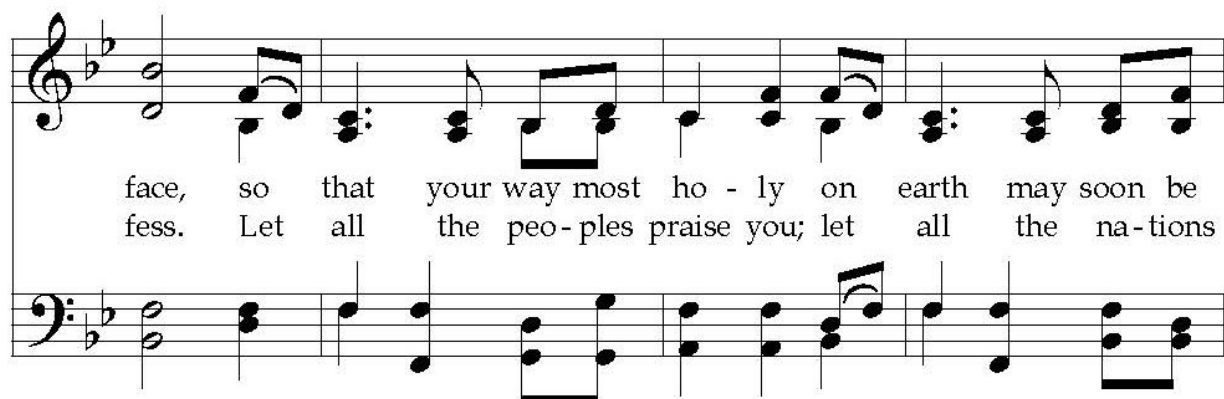
(Psalm 67)



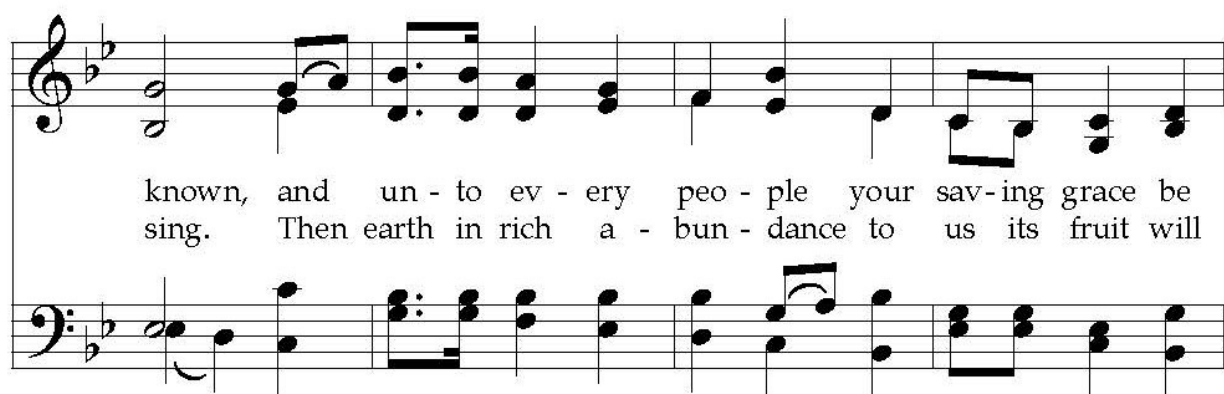
1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -



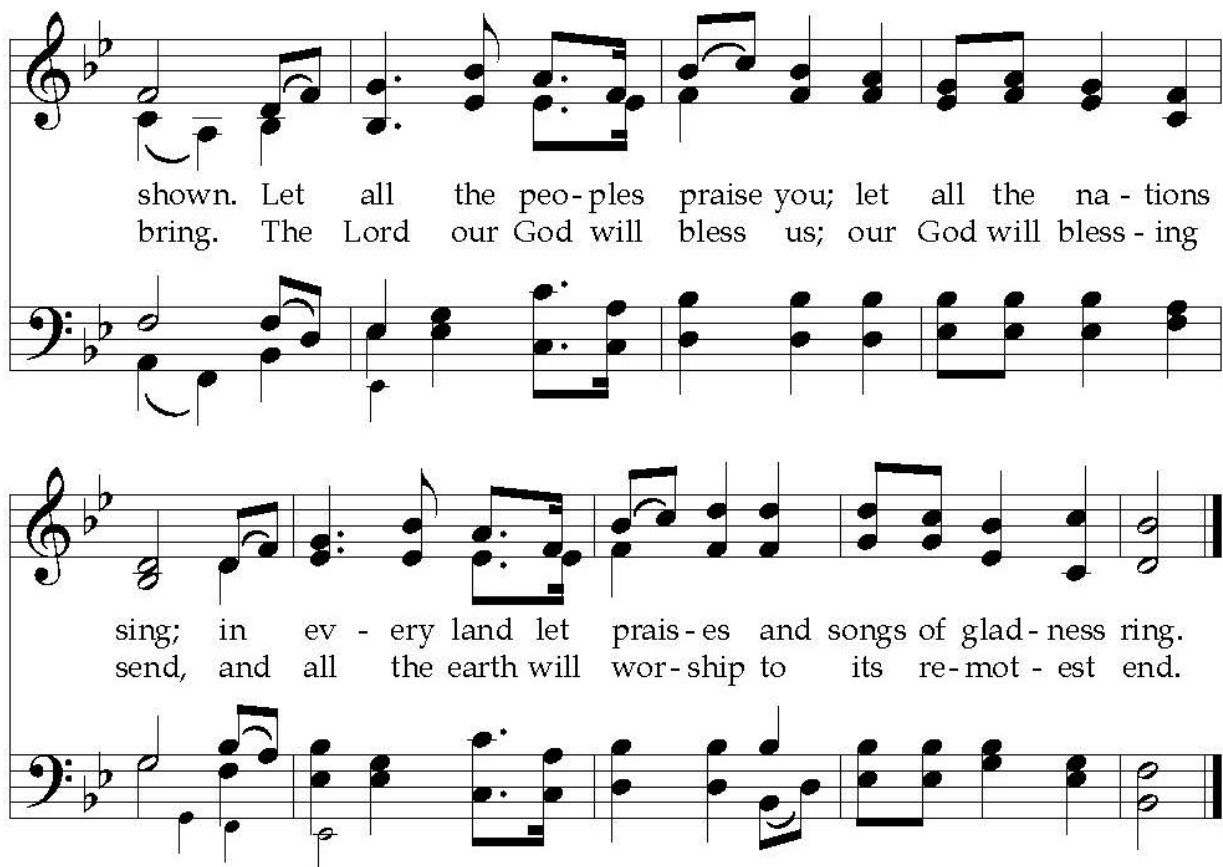
grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -



face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions



known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will



shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
send, and all the earth will wor-ship to its re-mot - est end.