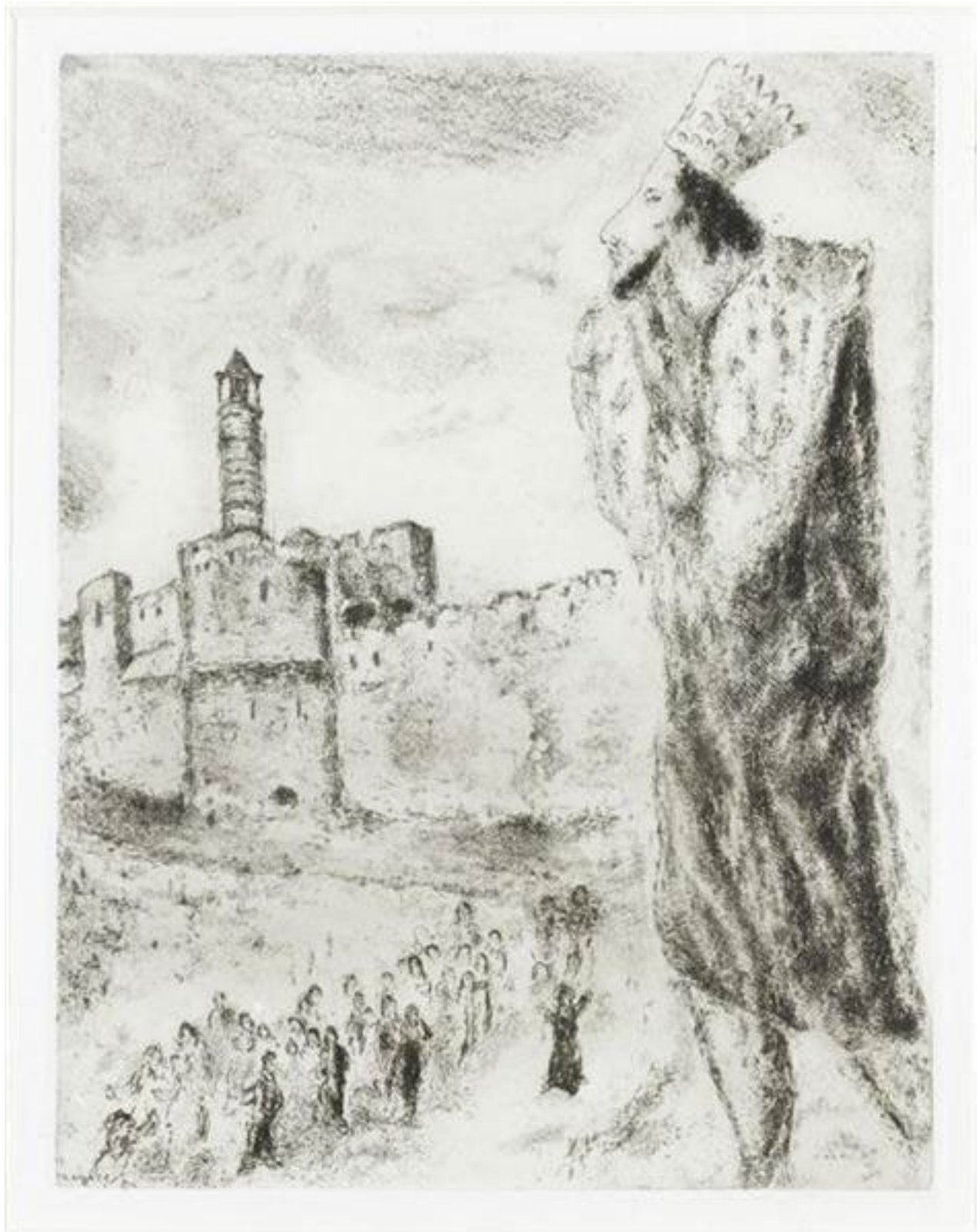


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



COMMUNION SERVICE

8:00 a.m. | Cedarholm Chapel

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd;
We shall not want.

**God leads us beside still waters
And restores our souls.**

God sees what the world cannot see
And calls whom the world overlooks.

**We come to the God who knows us,
calls us, and leads us.**

Let us worship the Lord, our Shepherd and our King.

* HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd,
we confess that we have wandered.
We have trusted our own way rather than your voice;
We have judged by appearances rather than looked upon the heart.
Seek us when we stray.
Restore us when we are weary.
Lead us again in paths of righteousness.
Create in us hearts that belong wholly to you. *(Silence is held.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7 *(OT, page 299.)*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Life of David: The Poet and Prophet

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you for meeting us at this table with the gift of your presence
and grace. As you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup
of salvation, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Send us into the world with
thankful hearts, ready to love, serve, and follow Christ each day. In his
holy name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship. 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.

POSTLUDE



A Note from Pastor Edwin!

*Friend there is a welcome in this church for thee;
Come in and rest and think and kneel and pray;
What men have builded for God's glory see;
Give thanks and so in peace be on thy way.*

Welcome to the Kirk! We are grateful that God's Spirit has gathered us together. May you find room to rest, pray, listen, and be renewed by the grace of Jesus Christ.

A special highlight of our worship today is the **State of the Kirk**. It is an opportunity for our ministries to share glimpses of what we believe God has done and is doing among us. We will hear how faithful gifts of time, talent, prayer, and generosity are bearing fruit as lives are shaped, burdens are shared, neighbors are served, and disciples are formed.

As you listen, consider where God may be calling you to take part. Perhaps there is a ministry to explore, a gift to offer, or a relationship waiting to be formed. If the Kirk has become a spiritual home for you, please prayerfully consider joining as a member—a commitment to walk with others in worship, service, generosity, and hope. We would be glad to help you learn more.

Our sermon continues with the **Life of David**. Last Sunday we met David as **Shepherd and Anointed**; today we turn to David as **Poet and Prophet**. His words gave voice to praise and lament, courage and confession. Yet the poet who spoke truth before God also needed a prophet willing to speak God's truth to him. In David, we see both the beauty of a heart poured out and the humility to receive correction.

The Church shares that calling: to tell the story of God's faithfulness and listen for God's continuing call. The State of the Kirk invites us to celebrate without complacency, give thanks without claiming the glory, and look ahead with trust.

Come with gratitude and expectation, ready to sing, hear, respond, and perhaps discover your place in this unfolding story. Welcome to Kirk in the Hills. Let us prepare our hearts for worship and give thanks for all God has done and is doing among us.

Looking Ahead:

Homecoming | Sunday, September 27, 2026

Kyes Weekend | Friday – Sunday, October 2-4 (See today's @ the Kirk for ways to register!)

Let us worship God!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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