

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SEPTEMBER 27, 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**

Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for battle.
Our strength is in the Lord, and our hope is in God.
Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
The Lord is our fortress, our deliverer, and our King.
Let us worship the Lord who gives us strength and peace.

*** HYMN 801**

The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
We confess that we have mistaken power for strength
and victory for righteousness.
We have fought battles you did not ask us to fight.
We have sought to conquer when you called us to serve.
Forgive our pride. Quiet our fears.
Rule our hearts with your justice and peace.
Make us strong enough to surrender and courageous enough to love.
(*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 5:1-5 (*OT, page 279.*)
2 Samuel 11:1-3 (*OT, page 284.*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Life of David: Warrior and King

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 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

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 home to the Kirk! On this Homecoming Sunday, we give thanks for the grace that gathers us again. With school, sports, and careers in at full throttle and as some begin new jobs, move into new homes, or step into retirement, may you find here a place to rest, worship, reconnect, and be renewed in the love of Jesus Christ.

Homecoming Sunday, our traditional church picnic on the Front Lawn, is more than a return to a place; it is an invitation to remember who we are and whose we are. It is a time to reconnect with old friends, welcome new faces, and give thanks for all God is doing in this community of faith. I hope you'll join us following our services.

Today we conclude our **Life of David** series. We have encountered David as **Shepherd and Anointed, Poet and Prophet**, and now **Warrior and King**. His story is one of calling and courage, triumph and failure, leadership and loss. David reminds us that God works through imperfect people and that faithful leadership is ultimately measured not by power or achievement, but by how we live before God and with one another.

There is much ahead. Next Sunday we welcome **Dr. Maher Samuel** for **Kyes Weekend**, a time to reflect deeply on faith, the church, and our world. Then, on October 11, we begin a new sermon series, Full Sail Church II: **A Seafaring Faith**.

With gratitude for what has been, joy for those with whom we gather, and hope for what lies ahead, let us prepare our hearts for worship. Welcome home to the Kirk!

Looking ahead...

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

A Seafaring Faith — Begins October 11

Let us worship God!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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