

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026





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 bulletin insert to register!)

A Seafaring Faith — Begins October 11

Let us worship God!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

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* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Henry Hoot

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Our strength is in the Lord, and our hope is in God.

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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.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 801**

The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**We confess that we have mistaken power for strength
and victory for righteousness.**

We have fought battles you did not ask us to fight.

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Forgive our pride. Quiet our fears.

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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

WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Ford

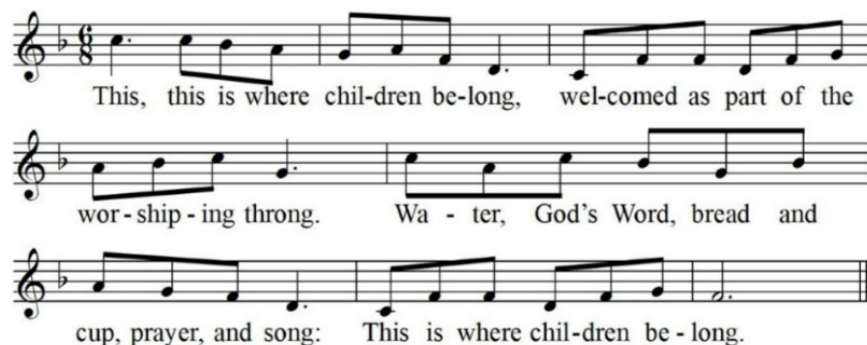
Following the Word with Children, children and youth ages 3 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.

INVITATION HYMN

Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

Please join in singing.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH WITH CHILDREN

The Apostles' Creed (*Hymnal, page 35.*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Teach Me, O Lord (*Psalms 119*)

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
And I shall keep it unto the end.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5 (*OT, page 279.*)

Elder Henry Hoot

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

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God of Grace and God of Glory

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Joseph Haydn

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* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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*** or God**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts' and debtors'...*)

Rev. Matthew Means

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* HYMN 295

Go to the World! (*See back page of bulletin.*)

SINE NOMINE

POSTLUDE

Andante, quasi Allegretto, from op. 156

Gustav Merkel

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Feeling called to join Kirk in the Hills? 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 in the narthex or call her directly at 248-973-8013.

Musicians: Terry Bradley, bagpipes; Adam Lenhart, carillon; David Enos, organ; The Kirk Chancel Choir; Dr. Horst Buchholz, director.

About the Music: We continue our three-week journey through musical settings of **Psalms 23**, the beloved psalm of the Good Shepherd and perhaps the best-known of all 150 psalms. Throughout these weeks we hear choral settings and sing hymns inspired by this most pastoral and comforting text.

The organ prelude **Adoration** is a meditation or prayer without words by **Florence Price** (1887-1953), the first African-American woman composer whose music was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She was also active as a pianist and organist and wrote several pieces for the organ.

Today's **Introit** comes from the Choral Gradual by Richard Rice, a collection of introits and antiphons for the entire church year set for SATB choir.

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838) was a British composer and organist. He studied under Mozart and was friends with Mendelssohn. His music shows the influence of Mozart, yet it is rooted in the tradition of English church music. "Teach me, O Lord" is based on lines from Psalm 119 and has become one of his best-known shorter anthems.

Our **Offertory anthem**, The Heavens are telling is from **Joseph Haydn's** magnificent oratorio The Creation from 1798 that vividly depicts the Genesis creation story with striking musical imagery, inspired in part by Handel's *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt*.

The postlude is by German composer **Gustav Adolf Merkel** (1827-1885). He spent most of his life in Dresden, Germany, taught at the Conservatory, and despite being a Lutheran, served as organist at the Catholic Church of the Court of Saxony.

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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.



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.

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The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Alex McKeen and Evelyn McKeen and their parents, Mrs. and Mrs. John N. McKeen and Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Feldkamp by Brian and Brenda McKeen and family.

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* INTROIT

Psalm 23

Richard Rice

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* 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.

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Threefold Amen

Silesian

* HYMN 295

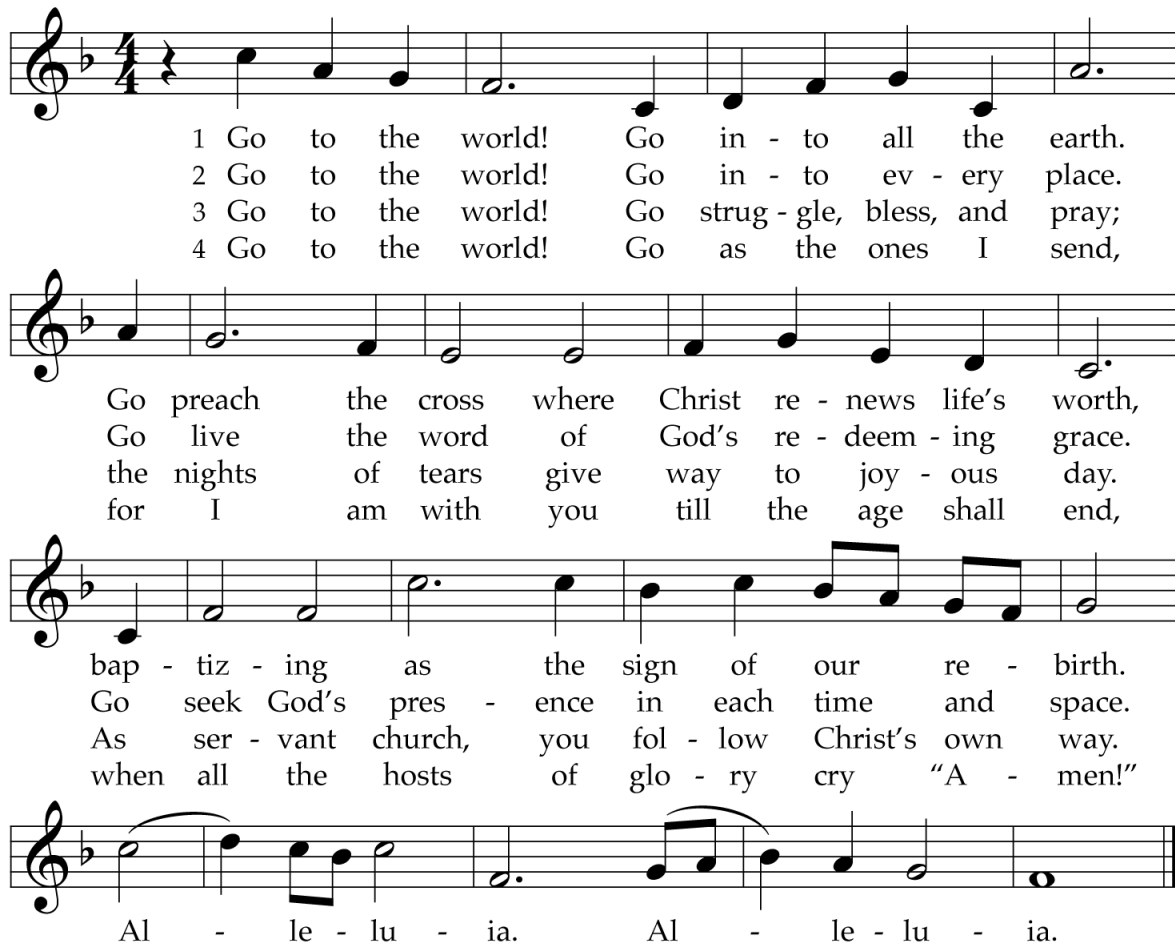
Go to the World! (*See back page of bulletin.*)

SINE NOMINE

THE CHURCH

Go to the World!

295



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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