

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 11, 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.*

Dear Members and Friends of the Kirk,

On this special Sunday, we welcome longtime members, first-time visitors, and all who have come seeking rest, reflection, prayer, and renewed hope.

During worship, we announce that a Stephen Minister is available for personal and confidential prayer in Cedarholm Chapel (following the 8 AM service) or in Melrose Chapel (following the 9 AM and 11 AM services). If you are ever moved by anything in the service or are looking to pray with someone for something you're facing or looking forward to, please find our Stephen Ministers after worship.

We give thanks today for the **25th Anniversary of Stephen Ministry at the Kirk**; for all the trained Stephen Ministers who have offered confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people facing grief, transition, illness, and other difficult seasons. Their faithful presence is a living witness to Christ's compassion and to the calling we share to bear one another's burdens.

We also begin a new sermon series and Annual Stewardship Campaign, *Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith*, and our first theme is *Catching the Wind*. In the Gospel of John 3:1–8, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as wind: it blows where it chooses, and though we cannot always know where it comes from or where it goes, we can hear its sound and witness its movement. Like sailors raising a mast and setting a sail, we are invited to become attentive and responsive—to catch the wind of God's Spirit and allow it to carry us into lives of deeper faith, generous stewardship, and loving service.

Throughout the series, we will encounter biblical nautical imagery as we explore what it means to live generously and faithfully as Christ's people. In the Sundays ahead, we will explore and reflect on the themes: **Remember Your Baptism, Put Out Into the Deep, Hold to Hope, and Stand Watch**. Then, on Generosity and Pledge Commitment Sunday, November 15, we will answer the call to **All Hands on Deck**. May this season help each of us listen for the Spirit, discern how God is calling us, and respond with gratitude.

**Welcome to the Kirk. Welcome aboard. Let us worship God!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** **Hirtenlied (Shepherd's Song) for oboe and organ** *Joseph Rheinberger*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION** **Stewardship I** Noreen Markley, Trustee

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

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Carolyn Gier, Stephen Minister

The Spirit of God moves where it will.

**We cannot command the wind, but we can open our sails.**

Christ calls us from the familiar into new life.

**We trust the One who calls us, and we follow where the Spirit leads.**

Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe upon us and fill our sails.

**With open hearts, let us worship God!**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 300** **We Are One in the Spirit** THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Salwan Ashoo, Stephen Minister

Gracious God, we confess that we cling too tightly  
to what we can control.

**We sometimes fold our sails when you call us to trust,  
and remain anchored in our possessions  
when you call us to venture forth.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude  
and to offer our lives freely in your service.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Silence is held.*)**

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Salwan Ashoo, Stephen Minister

Hear the good news: the Spirit gives life,  
and God's grace makes all things new.

**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

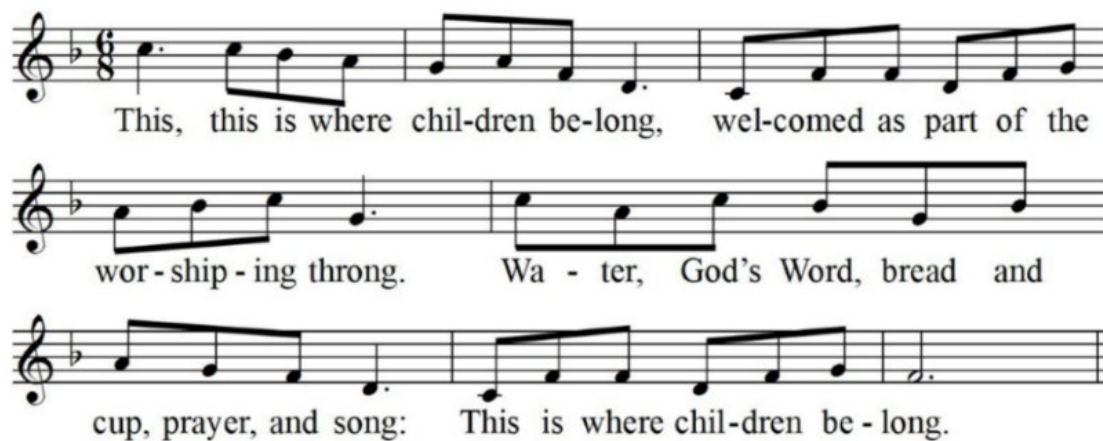
## WORD

**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.*)

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.

## CHORAL ACCLAMATION

**Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit**

*William Dawson arr.*

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
 Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke.  
 Out his mouth came violent smoke.  
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 Jordan river, chilly and col'  
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 Ask my Lord if all is mine  
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**SCRIPTURE READING**

**The Gospel of John 3:1-8** (*NT, page 93.*) Toni Johnson, Stephen Minister  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**A Seafaring Faith: Catch the Wind**

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**OFFERTORY**

**The Gift of Love**

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.  
Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.  
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole,  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.  
Amen, amen, amen.*

\* 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** (*debts' and debtors'...*)

Rev. Matthew Means

**SENDING**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* HYMN 826

**Lift High the Cross**

CRUCIFER

**POSTLUDE**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

Paul Manz

## WORSHIP NOTES

## 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:** Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe; David Enos, organ; The Kirk Chancel Choir; Dr. Horst Buchholz, director.

**About the Music:** **Joseph Rheinberger's** Fourth Organ Sonata consists of three movements, but its graceful second movement, *Shepherds' Song*, took on a life of its own. It became so popular that it was published separately as *Andante pastorale*. With its lyrical melody and gently flowing triple meter, the piece belongs to the centuries-old musical tradition of pastoral and shepherd music. Rheinberger later returned to the movement, incorporating it into his Christmas cantata *The Star of Bethlehem*.

Today's **Introit** hymn can be found in hundreds of hymnals because of its powerful and overwhelming invitation of God's spirit into the body. In both Hebrew and Greek the Word for "spirit" is the same as "wind/air/breath"; thus in this text the Spirit of God is referred to as "Breath of God." The British composer Robert Jackson named the tune TRENTHAM after a village in Staffordshire, close to where he was born.

**"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"** is a traditional African-American spiritual that dates back before the Civil War. It was first documented in 1867 and became a standard in black religious music. Later it appeared in over 50 hymnals. Today's arrangement is by William Dawson who was an African-American composer, choir director, professor, and musicologist.

**"The Gift of Love"** is a much beloved anthem with a text based on 1 Corinthians 13. The composer **Hal Hopson** uses an old English folk tune, WALY WALY, which is also quite popular in the Appalachian region. Hopson was educated at Baylor University in Texas and Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. He served various churches as organist and choir director. He also taught at Westminster Choir College and published over 800 hymn tune arrangements and choral works.

The postlude is by **Paul Manz** (1919–2009), a celebrated figure in Lutheran church music. His setting of *God of Grace and God of Glory* looks back to the Baroque tradition of the concertato chorale, recalling the energetic and richly layered hymn settings associated with Bach.

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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.

**Cover Art:** Stained glass window, staircase landing, Kirk House

**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of David F. Lau by The Lau Family.

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\* **INTROIT** **Breathe on Me** TRENTHAM  
*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the way you love,  
And do what you would do.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Marta Buttorf, Stephen Minister  
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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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*Our spirits long to be made whole,*

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*By this we worship and are freed.*

*Amen, amen, amen.*

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**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

STEPHEN MINISTER 25 YEAR RECOGNITION

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Sixfold Amen

*Clemson*

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