KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
REFORMATION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25, 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.

(As seen above the red front exterior door of our Sanctuary.)

Welcome to Kirk in the Hills! Whether you are a longtime member, a returning friend, or a seeker exploring the Christian faith, we are glad you are here. We pray that you will encounter the transforming love of God, find a welcoming community, and discover how Christ is calling you to live, love, and serve.

As we gather on Reformation Sunday, we remember the movement that reshaped the Christian Church beginning in the sixteenth century. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther challenged practices and teachings he believed had obscured the Gospel. His call to reform the Church helped spark a wider movement across Europe. Among its fruits was the Reformed tradition, shaped by John Calvin and others, from which the Presbyterian Church emerged. We inherit a rich tradition emphasizing the sovereignty of God, the authority of Scripture, salvation by grace through faith, and the ongoing work of reforming the Church according to the Word of God.

Yet Reformation Sunday carries a measure of sorrow, too. The divisions that followed fractured Christ's Church and, at times, fueled generations of hostility and violence. We give thanks for our heritage without claiming that any one tradition possesses the fullness of Christ. Instead, we pray for the unity Jesus desires for his followers, seeking a Church that holds its convictions with grace, welcomes honest questions, and bears witness to the love that transcends our differences. This is even more important during election cycles when our differences are magnified, and in some cases exaggerated, and pitted against one another.

This Sunday, we continue our stewardship series, *A Seafaring Faith*, with the sermon **"Put Out into the Deep,"** drawing on Luke 5:1–11. When Jesus calls Simon Peter to push his boat into deeper water, he invites him beyond familiar shores and into a life transformed by trust. Faith, like sailing, requires more than remaining safely at anchor. It calls us to venture where Christ leads, trusting that God can do more through us than we can accomplish alone.

That invitation speaks directly to stewardship. Our time, talents, and treasure are not simply resources to manage; they are gifts entrusted to us for God's purposes. As we consider our pledges and the future of Kirk in the Hills, we are asking a deeper question: **Are we willing to put out into the deep for the sake of Christ and the world God loves?**

May our Reformed heritage keep us rooted in grace, our prayers draw us toward unity, and our stewardship set our sails toward God's horizon. 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 **Ein Feste Burg** *Johann Pachelbel*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

STEWARDSHIP III Elder Josh Bitterman

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder Katelyn Haan

Christ calls us to venture into the depths and the unknown.
We trust the One who calls us.
The Church is ever being renewed by God's grace.
Reformed and reforming, we follow Christ into the world.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one body in Christ.
Together, let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321** **The Church's One Foundation** AURELIA

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Merciful God, you call your church into newness of life.
Yet we grasp for the familiar,
fear what lies beyond the shore,
and make your church about ourselves rather than your mission.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Renew us by your Spirit.
Give us courage to cast our nets further out
and follow wherever Christ leads.
Through Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Amen. *(Silence is held.)*

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but upon the grace of Jesus Christ.
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

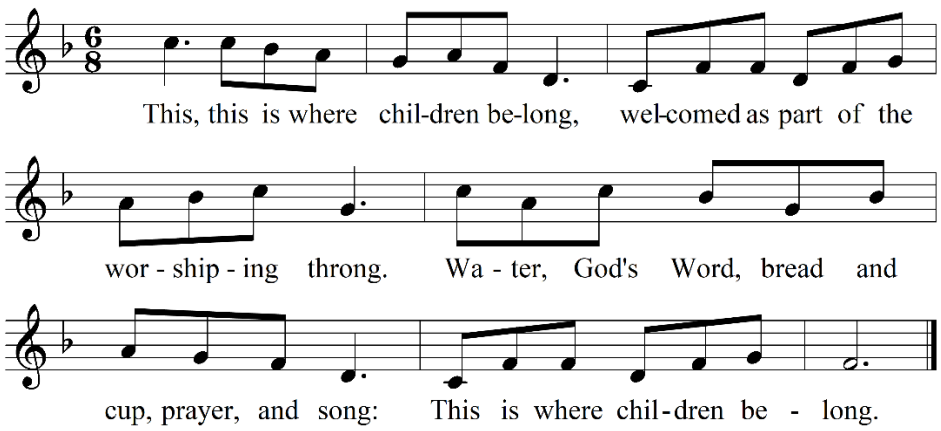
WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN | BIBLE PRESENTATION 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 RESPONSE — **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage** — *Nicolai Grundtvig*

God's Word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
we keep its teachings pure
throughout all generations.

SCRIPTURE READING — **Luke 5:1-11** *(NT, page 62.)* — Elder Katelyn Haan

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Seafaring Faith: Put Out into the Deep** Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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OFFERTORY **O Thou, The Central Orb** *Charles Wood*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. 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. Marilyn Borst

SENDING

*** HYMN 275** **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** EIN FESTE BRUG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Ein Feste Burg** *Horst Buchholz*

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

About the Music: Our music for this Reformation Sunday both begins and ends with **Psalm 46**. The Introit is taken from the *Genevan Psalter* in a setting by **Claude Goudimel** (1564), while our Recessional is Martin Luther's celebrated paraphrase of the same psalm, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, the hymn that has become synonymous with the Protestant Reformation.

The Choral Response, *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*, was written in 1817 by the Danish pastor, poet, and educator **Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig**. The son of a Lutheran pastor, Grundtvig studied at the University of Copenhagen and later served as his father's assistant in Jutland. The English translation is by Ole Gulbrand Belsheim, who was born in Norway, immigrated to the United States at the age of five, and later served Lutheran congregations in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Our Offertory Anthem is one of the great gems of the Victorian choral repertory. The text, by the English clergyman **Henry Ramsden Bramley**, is a devotional poem that presents Christ as the source of spiritual light, order, and transformation. Its imagery is profoundly cosmic: Christ is not merely a teacher or moral example, but the "central orb" around which all creation and all holiness revolve. The poem portrays Christ as the divine light who dispels the darkness of sin, orders the communion of saints, and transforms the faithful through his radiance and grace.

The music is by **Sir Charles Wood** (1866-1926), one of the most distinguished church musicians of his generation. Born in Armagh, Ireland, he was educated at St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir School before continuing his studies at the Royal College of Music under Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and Sir Hubert Parry. He later joined the faculty of Cambridge University, where he became an influential teacher and composer. Today he is best remembered for his enduring contributions to Anglican church music and the sacred choral tradition.

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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: Fish - one of the tiles in the collection of Confirmation Class crosses, located in the hallway on the 2nd floor Abbey.

The flowers on the altar: With praise, glory and honor to our Almighty God, the flowers on the altar are given by Don and Grace Guthrie, in gratitude and thanksgiving for their many blessings as they celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary.

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*** INTROIT** **Psalm 46** *Gevevan Psalter*

God is our refuge; He will shield us
And to our foes He will not yield us.
He is our strength in trouble nigh;
Our help is He, the Lord Most High.
The earth may shake in great commotion,
The mountains plunge into the ocean,
The seas may roar and rock the hills,
The Lord is near; our fear He stills.

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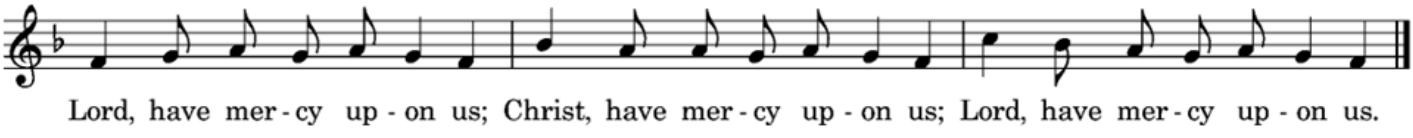
*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy *John Merbecke*



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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Rami Almaqdasi, & Elder Linda Juracek Lipa

Rev. Marilyn Borst, Mark Borst, Bruce Caroll & Joan Caroll,
Alexa Gabler, Jill Moscoso, Spencer Warthman, Ashley Zardus;
Kirk West: Patricia Beggs, Joan Davis, Dave & Jan Gwinnell;
Affiliate Members: Ann & John Niklas

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the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
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Please be seated.

WELCOME

Please read along with the leader…

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!
Class of October 2026

Rev. Marilyn Borst & Mark Borst

Rev. Marilyn: I am honored to serve the Kirk as its new Director of Mission and Kirk Women! Although born and raised in western Michigan, my husband, Mark, and I have lived in the South for most of our 47-years of marriage and recently moved here from Savannah. After a first career as an art historian and archaeologist, God called me into mission and ministry. In that capacity I have served on the staffs of two large Presbyterian churches (Houston and Atlanta) and then as Director of Partnership Development at a Presbyterian mission agency. In all three of those calls, I was able to meet the Global Church around the world and have led over 120 short-term mission vision trips to bring others with me to do the same. I'm ordained as a Presbyterian elder and, recently, as a minister by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Mark: After a career in the contract furniture industry, I transitioned into church strategy consulting and love leading small groups and retreats that guide congregations into boldly reenvisioning their plans and purposes. Ordained as both a deacon and an elder, I have been trained as a Stephen's Minister and, with a passion for art and design, have often invested my gifts in helping congregations incorporate the visual arts to enhance the worship experience.

Joan Catherine Carroll & Bruce Carroll

I have been a member of the Presbyterian church since childhood. When I was in my church choir many years ago, my choir sang at The Kirk's Boarshead Festival back in 1972. My husband and I joined The Kirk in 1990 and were married in 1991.

Both our children (daughter Chandler and son Christian) were baptized at The Kirk in 1992 & 1997. We both are currently employed & live in Farmington.

Alexa Gabler *(pictured with fiancé, Navid Fallah)*

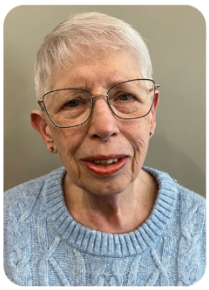
We both grew up in Michigan, and I met Navid through one of my childhood friends. I am a financial controller, and my fiancé is an engineer. In our free time, we love spending time Up North at my family's place in Harbor Springs, where we enjoy skiing, golfing and playing pickleball.

As we prepare for marriage, we are looking to grow our faith together. We are blessed to have found a church to call our own, and we are excited to become part of the community.

Jan Gwinnell & Dave Gwinnell

Jan: We are Detroit area natives and have lived in the Detroit suburbs for most of our lives. I graduated from the University of Michigan School of Architecture & Design. I then work for Ford Motor Co. for four years as an interior designer for dealerships before leaving to raise a family. We have two daughters each with two teenagers. In my spare time, I'm an artist specializing in acrylics and watercolors.

Dave: I, too, graduated from the University of Michigan but in the Graduate Business School after completing my undergrad at Hillsdale College. I worked for Ford Motor Co. for 35 years as a procurement manager. During those working years, we lived in Birmingham. Once I retired, we moved to Traverse City and lived there for 26 years. Jan & I were members of the United Methodist Church before moving to Fox Run 3 1/2 years ago. We have attended the Kirk since we moved back to Metro Detroit. My favorite pastime is playing the piano.



Patricia "Pat" Beggs

I was raised in Detroit and attended Adrian College where I met my husband of 63 years. We lived in Canton, MI, for 50 years. It was just farmland when we moved there. But we raised two incredible children there.

I love sewing and making dresses for Little Dresses for Africa. I also work with the Quilters, making quilts for Rose Court. I play LOTS of games and enjoy puzzles & reading.

I moved to Fox Run two years ago, and I'm transferring my membership from Cherry Hill United Methodist Church where I served as a Trustee for many years.

Joan Davis

I grew up in Dearborn and attended the Ford school in Greenfield Village. I received degrees from Harcom College in PA and Eastern Michigan University. After we married, my husband and I lived in Dearborn with our two sons.

When my husband took an early retirement from the family business, we moved to Charleston, S.C. There, I opened an art gallery/gift shop that featured my paintings and my husband's carvings. After 35 years in S.C., we moved to Fox Run to be closer to our sons and extended family.

My husband, Bill Davis, passed away after 74 years of marriage. I continue my artistic work, enjoy family visits to northern Michigan and lead the Flower Ministry at Kirk West.

Jill Moscoso

I grew up in Livonia and have called Bloomfield Hills home for the past six years. I'm a medical device rep working with vascular and cardiac surgeons and a mom to Ava, 4, and Noah, almost 3. My boyfriend, Josh, has been a Kirk member since 2012, and my grandmother was also a member many years ago—which is how I found my way here today! I enjoy spending time with family and friends, working out, cooking, and being outdoors.

Spencer Warthman

I was born and raised a Methodist. Once I became a teenager, I stopped attending church on a regular basis. I look forward to joining the Kirk community and getting back to being a church regular.

Ashley Zardus

I grew up in Oxford, MI where I was training in dance. I went to Hope College and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance Education and Math Education. I have been teaching since graduation at Novi High School where I am the Director of the Dance Program for the whole district. When I'm not working I dance professionally with a company in Rochester called Diversiform Dance Project. Other than dance, I like to read and spend quality time with my boyfriend.