KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

NOVEMBER 15, 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

STEWARDSHIP | GENEROSITY SUNDAY Trustee Noreen Markley

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

There are many gifts, but one Spirit;
Many members, but one body.
We bring our gifts, our time, our talents, and our treasure.
Christ calls each of us to share in his work.
All hands are needed for the journey.
As One Church, let us worship God!

*** HYMN 394** **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** WEST MINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have entrusted so much into our hands.
Yet we are tempted to hold too tightly,
forgetting that all we have is gift.
Forgive our fear and scarcity.
Teach us the freedom of generosity,
that we may cheerfully offer ourselves—
our time, our talents, and our treasure—
for the work of your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silence is held.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord watches over our coming and our going,
now and forevermore.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING **The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**
1 Corinthian 12:12-27 *(NT, page 174.)*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Seafaring Faith: All Hands on Deck** 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 81** **Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken** AUSTRIA

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING | PLEDGE DEDICATION

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

Cover Art: **Ship**, stained glass – from *the window on the landing of the staircase, Kirk House.*



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.)

Whether you are a longtime member, a returning friend, a first-time visitor, or a seeker exploring faith, welcome to Kirk in the Hills! May you find here a place to rest, reflect, pray, and discover the transforming love of God.

Today we reach the final Sunday of our stewardship series, *Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith*. Our theme, "All Hands on Deck," invites us to consider the ship as a symbol of the Church and our life together. Scripture reminds us that we are one body with many members. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, every part matters, every gift has a purpose, and we belong to one another in Christ.

A ship cannot sail on the strength of its captain alone. It needs every hand, each person contributing their gifts to a shared journey. So it is with the Church. Some teach, some sing, some lead, some care for the vulnerable, some welcome newcomers, and others quietly sustain the ministry through prayer and generosity. No gift is insignificant, and no member stands alone. Together, we become more than the sum of our individual contributions.

Today, on **Generosity & Pledge Commitment Sunday,** we give thanks for the many ways God has blessed this congregation and invite everyone to prayerfully consider their pledge for the coming year. Our financial commitments are more than numbers on a page; they are expressions of faith, gratitude, and hope. They help sustain worship, nurture children and families, form disciples, support our staff, and extend Christ's love into the wider community.

As we chart our course into the year ahead, may we remember that the Church is not simply a beautiful building or a treasured inheritance. It is a living community called to follow Jesus together. The wind of the Spirit fills our sails, Christ guides our journey, and every one of us has a place aboard.

Thank you for being part of this voyage. May we set sail with generous hearts, a shared purpose, and confidence in the God who calls us forward.

In Christ's service,

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

P.S. Next Sunday, November 22, we celebrate the Kirk's Anniversary and our beloved *Kirkin' O' the Tartan*! Join us for a combined 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary, followed by a festive reception. Come give thanks for our shared heritage, celebrate the life of this congregation, and enjoy this special day together.