

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Edwin R. Estevez



Advent invites us to slow down—to breathe, to listen, and to long again. In a season often defined by hurry and shine, the Church turns toward deeper gifts. We bring our hopes, fears, and longings before God, trusting that grace meets us in every place of need.

This year's Advent series, "The Gifts We Seek," invites us to rediscover

the gifts our heart's hunger for: hope, peace, joy, and love, culminating on Christmas Eve with the treasure of Christ himself. Christ is the fulfillment of all the gifts our souls seek. These are not fleeting holiday sentiments, but signs of God's faithfulness—hope that rises, peace that steadies, joy that surprises, and love that never lets go.

Throughout the season, we gather as a church family to celebrate, serve, reflect, and rejoice. We begin with the **Angel Tree** initiative, offering gifts to children and families in need, and our **Advent Season Kickoff**, a joyful gathering for all ages. We will pause for beauty at **Advent by Candlelight**, create sacred space for those carrying heaviness at the **Service of Comfort & Hope**, and lift our spirits through music at "**Joyful Noise: The Twelve Tunes of Christmas**" and the "**Hear the Angels Sing**" Christmas Concert. On Christmas Eve, family-friendly services, candlelit worship, and 30 minutes of prelude music at the 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services will lead us once again to Bethlehem, where Christ—the truest gift—is born for us.

Whether you are returning home or joining us for the first time, there is a place for you here. Bring a neighbor, a child, a questioning heart, or a weary spirit—you will be welcomed with warmth and joy.

May this season draw us deeper into the wonder of Emmanuel—God with us—and may the gifts we seek find us in surprising ways.

Welcome. Let us journey to Bethlehem together.

We invite
you to join us
in the joyful
celebration of
the Advent &
Christmas Season!

You're
Invited!

Advent
and
Christmas

at Kirk in the Hills



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Be a blessing to someone in need this season by making a special Christmas gift to the Food Pantry. Simply scan the QR code.



Now - December 17, 2025

Angel Tree - The Kirk is partnered with Micah 6, for children in need and CARE House, to provide holiday gifts for children and teenagers who are victims of abuse. The trees are located in the Welcome Center, Narthex, Preschool Entrance, and Heritage Hall. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Ann Manning at Ann.Manning.21@gmail.com.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday in Advent:
8:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.
“The Gifts We Seek: Peace”

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Service of Comfort & Hope | 7:00 p.m.
This is a service for remembrance and healing for those needing God’s special touch during the holidays. If joy is hard to find this year, if sadness or loss are clouding your thoughts at Christmastime, then join us in worship and let one of our Stephen ministers or pastors help guide you through the season with comfort and hope.

Friday, December 12, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Jazz at the Kirk Fundraiser
Renew & Resound Presents “*Joyful Noise: The Twelve Tunes of Christmas*” featuring Wesley Reynoso & Friends. Scan the QR code to purchase ticket(s).

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday in Advent:
8:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.
“The Gifts We Seek: Joy”

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Kirk Seniors Luncheon | 11:30 a.m.
Registration required by December 9. Please call the Kirk Business Office - (248) 626-2515 - to register.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Advent Dinner Church | 5:30 p.m.
As you adorn your favorite Christmas sweater, come prepared to listen to a message by Pastor Edwin, and to sing Christmas carols led by Dr. Merideth Estevez and accompanied by pianist Philip Kelly. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. Scan the QR code to register.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Advent:
8:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.
“The Gifts We Seek: Love”



“Hear the Angels Sing” Christmas Concert | 4:00 p.m.
Join us for a program featuring carols and choral music of the Advent and Christmas Season with music by Matthew Owens, Patrick Hadley, C.V. Stanford, Philip Stopford, James Biery, and familiar congregational carols accompanied by strings, oboes, harp and organ, conducted by Marilyn Biery.
Concert will be live streamed for our virtual audience.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

College Young Adult Advent Event | 4:00 p.m.
College students and young adults are invited to help prepare and serve dinner — and join in Sunday night worship — with our friends at Micah 6 in Pontiac. We will meet in the Refectory kitchen at 4:00 p.m. to prepare the meal, depart for Pontiac at 5:15 p.m., participate in worship at 6:00 p.m., and serve dinner immediately after. Following cleanup, we’ll return to the Kirk.
Questions? Julie Webb - Julitherunner@hotmail.com

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Services:
“The Gifts We Seek: Treasure”
11:00 a.m. (Service for Children)
5:00 p.m. (Service with Pageant)
*8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. (Holy Services)
*Both the 8:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Services will be preceded by 30 minutes of prelude music, preparing our hearts for the Feast of the Nativity. For more information, visit our website at www.kirkinthehills.org.

Christmas Eve Carillon Concert | 12:00 Noon

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Merry Christmas!
No Services. Be on the lookout for a special message from the Estevez Family

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The First Sunday of Christmas
8:00 a.m. | Combined Service—10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 4, 2026 - Happy New Year!

Epiphany: The Second Sunday of Christmas
8:00 a.m. | Combined Service—10:00 a.m.