

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 24, 2021



Our heart is restless until it rests in you.
— St. Augustine of Hippo

Welcome to worship. Welcome to the Kirk. Welcome home.

Here at the Kirk, our vision statement is *We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love*. This statement was born from months of congregation-wide listening sessions and years of prayer and discernment. We are already seeing it take root.

We envision a world. In one of Jesus' most famous moments, he feeds the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. In another story, Jesus helps his frustrated disciples to secure a net full of fish by inviting them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. They catch so many fish that there are too many to eat on their own! Ours is a church that hopes to look beyond our own needs to do what Jesus and the disciples did—share our **fish** with the world.



Where every heart experiences. Jesus reminds us in his birth, his ministry, and in his promise of the Holy Spirit, that God is near! Throughout the pages of the gospels, we see people following him to shorelines and meeting him there. Jesus was standing on the shore when he called his first disciples, Peter and Andrew. The **shore** is where the crowd listened to him preach and where the disciples met him after the resurrection. We hope to be a church that comes to shore to meet the living Christ! For us, this starts in **worship**. We hope through our worship, mission, and formation, we will have your eyes lighting up with the reminder of how you and how our community are made well (created), are being made well (healed), and will be made well (saved) into eternity.



Service schedule:

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel, with organ, congregational humming/ light singing (masked), and sermon (25% capacity, 15 people)

9:00 a.m. - Pre-recorded online broadcast on our website and facebook

10:00 am - Sanctuary, with organ, staff singers, congregational humming/ light singing (masked), and sermon (25% capacity, 132 people) Registration is required. Go to kirkinthehills.org.

This service will also be simulcast in refectory, congregational humming/ light singing (25% capacity, 50 people) and live-streamed on the website and facebook.

11:00 a.m. - Radio broadcast 92.7 FM Faith talk

11:00 a.m. - Kirk West (Fox Run) broadcast

God's transforming love. *The Lord is my shepherd*, says the 23rd Psalm and the 100th Psalm reminds us that we are his flock. Jesus uses similar imagery in the New Testament when he assures us that the shepherd will find the lost sheep. Our **Christian formation** ministries are meant to gather us as a **flock** and to be led by the shepherd. Small groups, Bible studies and special events continue over Zoom—you can find all of the links and materials for our groups in our weekly e-newsletter or at kirkinthehills.org on the Worship From Home website page.



Stay warm!
Pastor Nate

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m., Stream from Home Service | 10:00 a.m. Live Sanctuary Service

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?. — Luke 2:49

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES
(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Chorale Prelude on *Liebster Jesu*
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Johann Sebastian Bach
Richard Purvis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

* *Those who are able are invited to stand at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* **INTROIT**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
We pray thee to send into our hearts,
And into the hearts of all people everywhere,
The Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Harold Friedell

* **OPENING PRAYER**

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends have gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light into the world.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, before time, before people,
before the world began,
God was.
Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
God is.
In the future, when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.
Not denying the world but delighting in it,
not understanding the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be.

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The congregation is invited to hum or sing very lightly and quietly the hymns, with masks on.

<p>Blessed Jesus, at Your word We have come again to hear You; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred And in glowing faith be near You. By Your gospel true and holy, Teach us, Lord, to love You solely.</p>	<p>All our knowledge, sense and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded, Till Your Spirit breaks our night, Filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living Come but by Your gracious giving.</p>
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Glorious Lord, Yourself impart,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding.
 Touch our lips and ears and heart;
 Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
 Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation—glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of Life, forgive us that we may forgive one another. Heal us, that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may be makers of peace. Amen.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Christopher Pardini

Lord, have mercy upon us;
 Christ, have mercy upon us;
 Lord have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

Puer nobis

To God the Father, God the Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 May every tongue and nation raise
 An endless song of thankful praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at kirkinthehills.org.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

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.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

THE LORD'S PRAYER (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

The Apple Tree

Scottish folksong, arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see
'Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

SERMON

There is No Place Like Home

Rev. Angela Ryo

THE SENDING

* HYMN 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve You to the end;
Be now and ever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If You are by my side,**

Nor wander from the pathway
If You will be my guide.

O let me hear You speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
True guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, You have promised
To all who follow You
That where You are in glory
Your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve You to the end;
Now give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Angela Ryo

CHORAL AMEN

William Whitehead

TITHES AND OFFERING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Processional in E^b

David N. Johnson

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

THE STATE OF THE KIRK

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

*The State of the Kirk is an annual address given to the congregation by Pastor Nate.
To view the address, please go to kirkinthehills.org. The link to the video will be available on the homepage.*

About today's hymns

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word was written by Tobias Clausnitzer, a German Lutheran pastor and hymn writer. The tune also is of German origin. Settings of this tune comprise today's opening voluntaries, the first of which is by the great eighteenth century German Lutheran composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, and the second by Richard Purvis, who served as Director of Music and Organist at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco from 1947 to 1971.

O Jesus, I Have Promised was written by John Ernest Bode, an Anglican priest, for his children's confirmation. The tune is a Finnish folk melody and is named after a province in this Baltic country.

About today's choral music

The Apple Tree is a setting of an eighteenth century American poem. The song may be an allusion to both the apple tree in Song of Solomon 2:3 which has been interpreted as a metaphor representing Jesus, and to his description of his life as a tree of life in Luke 13:18–19 and elsewhere in the New Testament including Revelation 22:1–2 and within the Old Testament in Genesis. Apple trees were commonly grown in England and there was an old English tradition of wassailing or wishing health to apple trees on Christmas Eve. K. Lee Scott is active today as a composer of over 300 published hymns, anthems, works for solo voice, and larger scale sacred choral works. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, he has served on the faculties of the University of Alabama School of Music and of the Samford University School of Music.

If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at kirkinthehills.org under Connect/Prayer.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer.



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.

Today's Cover Art - The picture on the cover of today's bulletin is of the sculpture above the Kirk Sanctuary altar. The sculpture depicts the boy Jesus teaching the elders in the temple, today's scripture lesson. The sculpture was made by Lee Oscar Lawrie (1877-1963), who was one of the United States' foremost architectural sculptors and a key figure in the American art scene preceding World War II. Over his long career of more than 300 commissions Lawrie's style evolved through Modern Gothic, to Beaux-Arts, Classicism, and, finally, into *Moderne* or Art Deco. His most prominent work is the free-standing bronze *Atlas* at New York City's Rockefeller Center. Lawrie's work is associated with some of the United States' most noted buildings of the first half of the twentieth century, including the chapel at West Point, St. Bartholomew's Church (New York City), Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago, the Library of Congress, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington D. C.), and the interior sculpture of George Washington at the National Cathedral.



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