



*Emmaus brings us an encouraging message.  
With Jesus, not suffering but joy is the final outcome.  
For just as Jesus drew near to the grief-stricken disciples  
and transformed their sorrow into love and joy,  
He will do the same today.*

## **CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Dearborn, Michigan**

*We are committed to discerning and doing God's will through worship, study, and mission, while becoming a more open, supportive community of neighbors.  
Welcoming everyone. Including all.*

*The doors of this church  
are as wide as God's love.*

*The Rev. Dr. Frank Irvine, Founding Pastor*

**Sunday, April 7, 2024 – First Sunday after Easter**

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### **THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

Romance  
Peter Paolini, cello

Claude Debussy

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost  
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power.  
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN No. 113

Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son, our Savior. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine worship setting into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE No. 572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE

*vs. 2 of Hymn 123*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center

GIFT OF MUSIC

Spring Song

Frank Bridge

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

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SERMON

*Easter Thoughts of a Traveling Evangelist*

*Text: They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road? – Luke 24:32"*

\*HYMN No. 122

Thine is the Glory

*Judas Maccabeus*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From "A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA"*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We



believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\*HYMN (See Insert)

Because He Lives

*Resurrection*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*This congregation's custom is to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.*

*Those wishing to exit may do so quietly.*

*Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship!*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

<b>Preaching</b>	The Rev. Mark Phillips
<b>Director of Music &amp; Organist</b>	Charles Miller
<b>Liturgist</b>	Judy Goerke
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley Mayland, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center
<b>Security</b>	Jim Brown

**WELCOME TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH:** We are grateful you have joined us in worship today! Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation.

**OFFERING:** Your offering may be placed in the offering plates at each sanctuary door, mailed to the church office, or by our secure and easy online giving option! Follow the online giving instructions on our website, [www.cherryhillchurch.org](http://www.cherryhillchurch.org).

**WORSHIP AIDS:** Hearing assist devices are in the narthex and in Weir Foyer, along with instructions on using the system. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available as well. Please ask a greeter for a copy!

**CHILDCARE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** is provided during the worship service upstairs in the nursery. Olivia Gee is our childcare provider. Please ask a greeter for directions.

**DEACONS CARD MINISTRY:** Birthday cards are sent to members who reach the octogenarian benchmark (80+ years). Cards are on the table in Weir Foyer for **Helene MacMillian**, who celebrates on 04/10, **Wendy Solgan**, who celebrates on 04/13, and **Jim Johnson**, who celebrates on 04/14. Be sure to sign the cards today!

**CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:** The session has called a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, April 7, 2024, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to request the Presbytery of Detroit to dissolve the call of the Rev. Mark F. Phillips as pastor of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, Michigan, effective April 20, 2024. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.

**SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY!** Following worship this morning, the Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center would like to invite the Cherry Hill congregation to share in a coffee hour and open house at the Center in gratitude for the forty years of housing the counseling center. Please join us for coffee hour after worship.

**RECEPTION FOR REV. PHILLIPS AND LARRY CERESO:** Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill is hosting a reception for Rev. Mark Phillips and Larry Cereso after worship on Sunday, April 14, in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship and the opportunity to extend our best wishes to them. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator.

**MUSIC AT CHERRY HILL IN APRIL: The Seipp/Sheets Duo – Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 7:30 pm.** The Seipp/Sheetz Duo is unlike any ensemble performing today. Custom musical arrangements of virtuoso, beautiful, entertaining, humorous, and patriotic selections enhance the exquisite blend of their instruments. Trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Randall Sheetz are two performers at the top of their craft and highly visible musicians in their own right. Dr. Seipp is Sergeant Major (retired) from the United States Marching Band, "Pershing's Own" (Washington, DC) and Dr. Sheets is the Ceremonial Organist for Arlington National Cemetery (retired). A free-will offering will be taken: a suggested donation of \$15 per person.

**SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, MAY 18 – 11:00 am – Memorial Parlor:** All women and their guests are invited to join us for this fun gathering hosted by Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill. We'll begin the morning with an interesting program on "Rug Hooking", presented by Cherry Hill's Deb Szwed. After the program, we'll dedicate the PW Birthday Offering and enjoy a delicious salad lunch. Tickets for the lunch are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings in Weir Foyer beginning April 21. The last day to purchase tickets is May 12. Please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator, if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!

**THE ANNA B. HOADLEY SCHOLARSHIP:** All members who have not previously received The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship are eligible to apply for a 2024 Hoadley Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. Members planning to attend or currently attending an accredited college, university, technical/trade school, or seminary may apply. Applications are available in the church office and due to Mary Boudreau, Clerk of Session, by May 1. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Sherry Brown.

### **STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS THIS SPRING!**

More information on each class is available in the April issue of The Messenger. Copies are on the table in Weir Foyer or on our website, [www.cherryhillchurch.org](http://www.cherryhillchurch.org).

**Sunday Mornings – 9:00 am – The Prophet Amos - Beginning Sunday, April 7:** Maged Radamis will facilitate this study. The prophet Amos lived among a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town approximately ten miles south of Jerusalem. Amos’s connection to the simple life of the people made its way into the center of his prophecies, as he showed a heart for the oppressed and the voiceless in the world. `More than almost any other book of Scripture, the book of Amos holds God’s people accountable for their ill-treatment of others. This group gathers in the Christian Education Office.

**Sunday Mornings – 11:45 am - The Book of Revelation – Beginning Sunday, April 21:** Have you ever been puzzled by all the symbolism in Revelation? What or who are the Beasts that are talked about? Or the Dragon, or the four horses of different colors? And what is your overall reaction to Revelation? Puzzlement, confusion, even anxiety? Starting on Sunday, April 21, Dr. John Whitfield will begin a class exploring these issues and more through a fascinating study of the book of Revelation. The class gathers downstairs in the old choir room.

**Monday Afternoons 1:00 pm – “Stockton After Church” – Beginning April 22:** The Monday afternoon study group is pleased to welcome Dr. Ronald Stockton as our guest leader this spring! Ron is an award-winning political science professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In his retirement, Ron continues to host his own podcast, “Stockton After Class.” Ron will speak on various topics, including How Churches Grow, How a Pope is Elected, John Calvin and Protestant Work Ethics, and Israel and Genocide. This group meets in Memorial Parlor.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Sandy Elling 04/07	Wendy Solgan 04/13
Don Filiak 04/08	Helene MacMillian 04/10
Ken Simon 04/08	Jim Johnson 04/14



**Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)**

Linda Krolik   Annelies Nisbet   Evelyn Poti   Lewis Sequin   Judie Fraser  
Linda Lee Oke   Donna Molnar   Judy Ewasuk   Ekanem Ekpenyong

**Health Concerns & Support**

Jonelle Robinson   Susan Webster   Marv Oberdier   Margaret Strachan  
Jim Head, Tracey Turbett's Father   Dorothy Hoeft, Deb Szwed's mother  
Cherry Hill Church Transition Team

**THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL**

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	10:00 am	Sew What
	7:00 pm	Property Committee
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	3:00 pm	Mission Committee
	6:30 pm	Church Growth & Fellowship
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Reception in Fellowship Hall

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*A Member of the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday through Thursday - 8:30 am – 2:30 pm - Friday – 8:30 am-Noon**

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**Olivia Gee, Sunday Childcare Provider**

**Donna Wilsher, Custodian**

**The Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus**

# Because He Lives

William J. and Gloria Gaither

William J. Gaither

Ab/Eb Cm/Eb Eb7 Ab A**9**/C Db

1. God sent His Son— they called Him Je - sus; He came to  
 2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by And feel the  
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er, I'll fight life's

5 Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Db Ab/Eb E7 Bbm7/F Eb7 Cm/Eb Eb7

love, heal, and for - give. He lived and  
 pride and joy he gives, But great - er  
 fi - nal war with pain; And then as

9 Ab Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab7 Db D**9**m6

died to buy my par - don; An emp - ty  
 still the calm as - sur - ance: This child can  
 death gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the

13 Ab/Eb Fdim7 Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab/C Eb/Bb

grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. }  
 face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. } Be - cause He  
 lights of glo - ry— and know He reigns. }

17  $A\flat$   $D\flat/A\flat$   $A\flat$   $A\flat 9/C$   $D\flat$

lives, I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He

21  $A\flat$   $E\flat 7/B\flat$   $A\flat/C$   $Fm7$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m7$   $E\flat$   $E\flat/D\flat$   $A\flat/C$   $E\flat 7$

lives, all fear is gone. Be - cause I

25  $A\flat$   $E\flat 7/B\flat$   $A\flat/C$   $A\flat$   $A\flat 9$   $A\flat 7$   $D\flat$   $D\flat m6$

know He holds the fu - ture And life is

29  $A\flat/E\flat$   $A\flat/G\flat$   $Faug$   $F7$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m7$   $Cm/E\flat$   $E\flat 7$   $A\flat$  (x3)

worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.