



Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Church can be messy sometimes; the sermon may be boring, the song leader might be tone deaf, there might be no one else your age there. But you know what? My Dad was right when he said that God works powerfully in messy, unimpressive churches; God uses them to build disciples I love the church because the church is one of the ways I can experience God's love in this world. I love the church most of all because I trust and know that God is working awesomely through it and I want to support that work in every and anyway that I can. How about you? - David Morgan

PRELUDE

Marche Religieuse

Leon Boellmann

***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. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Delight! Children of God, delight!

We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

What mighty praise belongs to you, O God, for your acts of love and faithfulness toward us! From one end of the earth to the other, you inspire worship and praise!

We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving

for your mercy and your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration,

our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of your Holy Spirit

make your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN No. 485**

To God Be the Glory

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving God, we are ambivalent in our commitment to your kingdom. We continue to define ourselves by what we have rather than by what we give. We long to put our lives in your hands but are afraid to give up the illusion of control. Have mercy, on us, O God. Commit us to a joy that comes not from hiding life tightly, but from opening our hearts to serve you.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy *Land of Rest*

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Chords: F, C, F, B^b, C, F, (A), (D/F[#]), (F[#]m), (G), (A), (Bm), C, F/A, Am, B^b, C, Dm, (G), B^b, (D), F, (A)(Bm), C, Dm, (Em7), Gm7, (A), C, (Dsus), F, (D), F, C, Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE

Glory Be to The Father

Lauda Anima

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Ever three and ever one!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version
(pg. 14 in the front of the Hymnal)

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

GIFT OF MUSIC

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN (See Insert)

Bringing In The Sheaves

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-14

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SERMON

Drops in The Bucket ... Add Up!

Text: There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? - John 6:9

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES & COMMITMENTS

LITANY OF DEDICATION

O Lord, throughout the ages Your people have lived under the care of your covenants. We respond now in faith only because you have first committed your grace to us.

Accept these offerings as our pledges to live by faith in your pledge to us.
We offer our church to You. Use it as a light that shines in a dark world, as your heavenly city set on a hill.

We commit this church back to You because it has never belonged to us. So use what we will give to bring Your church deeper into the service of Jesus Christ.

Multiply and magnify these gifts to Your work, so that as we give in Your name and spirit, we may receive a hundredfold of Your blessings, which are so abundant there is enough for all!

To God be the glory, now and forever! Amen!

*HYMN No. 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We all Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Those who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. You are invited to remain seated and to be inspired by this act of praise. If you wish to depart, please do so quietly.

WELCOME TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH: Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. In the words of our founding pastor, The Rev. Dr. Frank Irvine, "The doors of this church are as wide as God's love."

OFFERINGS may be placed in the offering plates at each of the sanctuary doors as you depart this morning. Alternatively, contributions may be mailed to the church office. Many members and friends are using our secure and easy on-line giving option! Please visit www.cherryhillchurch.org for more details.

COVID 19 PROTOCOL UPDATE: The session is requiring that all persons entering the church building be masked regardless of vaccination status.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for a socially distanced time of fellowship downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship this morning. Our Administration Committee is hosting an "Enhanced Coffee Hour" today to celebrate Commitment Sunday.

OUT-TO-LUNCH GROUP MEETS ON NOVEMBER 18: Would you enjoy the opportunity to enjoy lunch with fellow church friends? If so, why not join us for lunch on Thursday, November 18, at 1:00 pm at Rex's Golden Grille (2424 South Telegraph Road). A group gathered back in September and had a great time together! Why not join us in November? The more the merrier! If you're planning on attending, please contact the church office – 313-563-4800.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, November 21, 2021 – Immediately Following Worship: The session has called for a special meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021, in the sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive a report from the nominating committee, to elect elders and deacons to serve in the class of 2024, and to approve the pastor's terms of call for 2022. No other business may come before the congregation at this time.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: All are invited to join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 24, at 7:30 pm. We will be joined by our friends from Littlefield Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn and Dearborn Congregational Church. The service will include beloved Thanksgiving hymns, special music by a combined choir, and a Thanksgiving message. Those attending are invited to bring nonperishable food items for our Helping Hand Food Pantry. Why not make this time of worship part of your Thanksgiving celebration and invite family and friends to join you?

PW CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Saturday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill invites all women in the congregation to join us on Saturday, November 27 to help decorate the Weir Foyer, Memorial Parlor and Women's Restroom. We will begin decorating at 10:00 a.m. When we are finished, we will go out for lunch somewhere close by. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship!

SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS DECORATING: The Worship and Music Committee will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas immediately following worship on Sunday, November 28. All are invited to lend a hand! The more the merrier!

REMINDER: Even though it's the middle of November, it's not too late to pay your Per Capita for 2021 - **\$31.00 for each active member in a family.** 2022 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up by mid-December.

HELPING HAND: Current needs are canned tuna, cereal, bagged rice, Hamburger Helper, Saltine crackers, applesauce, and toilet paper. Please remember: The pantry no longer accepts plastic medication bottles. Please do not donate single use items (i.e. packets of oatmeal or pop-tarts) and the pantry does not accept any perishable items (potatoes, fresh fruit, etc.) at any time. Helping Hand is open on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. As always, many thanks for your continued support of the pantry!

WHAT IS "SEW WHAT?" "Sew What" is a sewing group that meets on Monday afternoons from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 pm in Memorial Parlor. Participants bring whatever projects they are currently working on and enjoy lively conversation and good fellowship.

TWO SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECTS THIS YEAR

THE KID SANTA

Many long time members of Cherry Hill Church will remember Kenneth Isaacson. Ken was born in Russia and brought to the United States as an orphan. He was adopted by former Cherry Hill Members Jo Ann and Kevin Isaacson. Ken and Katya were baptized at Cherry Hill and attended Sunday School as children. Today, at the age of 20, Ken is also known as the "Kid Santa" and is doing whatever he can to make sure kids in need have a merry Christmas.

In 2018, Ken wanted to make a difference for kids at a homeless shelter. "I spent Christmas morning with other people who are less fortunate as well, so I wouldn't have to be alone and it just stuck with me," Ken said. "Among the families I'm helping are those who have lost jobs, loved ones, or businesses," he said. Ken works as an EMT and uses money from that to raise funds for toys. "I donate an entire day of pay each week. I also donate plasma two times a week." If donating blood isn't hard enough, he's made financial cuts in his life to fund this mission. He is hoping other people will be inspired to help as well.

This year, we have the opportunity to help "The Kid Santa" spread holiday cheer by donating new toys which will then be delivered to children in need in our community. Kid Santa's list includes:

**Legos Board games Art Supplies Barbie Dolls Paw Patrol
Baby Dolls Stuffed Animals Baby Toys Hot Wheels/Matchbox Toy Cars
Wrapping Paper and Large Boxes are needed as well.**

A large box will be in Weir Foyer for you to place your donations. In coming weeks, look for opportunities to help with wrapping and packing the toys for delivery!

BOARD OF DEACONS WARMING TREE

Our Board of Deacons has been working with Marcy Mohsen, Student Support Coordinator, at Bryant Middle School. At the end of summer, we collected a large number of school supplies which were given to the teachers at Bryant for students in need. As winter draws closer, Marcy informs us that there is a growing need for scarves, winter hats, gloves, etc. among a number of students. The Board of Deacons is sponsoring a "Warming Tree" in Weir Foyer. The tree will be in place on Sunday, November 21, and will stay up until the middle of December. Items needed include:

Winter hats, scarves, and gloves for boys and girls, ages 5 through 13

Winter boots and coats for boys and girls, ages 5 through 11

You may place your donations directly on the tree. (Boots may be placed under the tree.)

Our participation in one or both of these Christmas projects will indeed help to make Christmas a bit brighter (and warmer) for children in our community! Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas in a very special way.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 28**. Each week during Advent we will light the Advent Candle wreath and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this year. Beginning **Wednesday, December 1**, we will post an Advent meditation on our Facebook page. These will continue each week through December 22. The combined Cherry Hill and Littlefield choirs will offer a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 pm**. Christmas Eve services will be held on **Friday, December 24 at 5:00 & 11:00 pm**. The 5:00 Christmas Eve service will be preceded by an outdoor carol sing on the church steps from 4:30 – 4:40 pm. More details to follow!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Margaret Strachan 11/17 Ruth Ann Johnson 11/21

PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Bruce Funston Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet
Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Linda Banks

Health Concerns & Support

Gilbert & Margaret Strachan Linda Lee Oke Linda Wall Bobbie Redmer
Marv Oberdier Janet Phillips Ann Johnson Sefcik Shirley Painter Kelly Pemberton
Pastor, Staff, Elders, Deacons & Members of Littlefield Presbyterian Church
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church -The Presbytery of Detroit

The Session

Rev. Mark Phillips, Moderator
Mary Boudreau, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Margaret Blohm
John Kill
Jim Thorpe
Martha Whitfield

Class of 2022

Josh Elling
Leslie Garber
John Matthews, Jr.
Jeff Wensorski

Class of 2023

David Hollingsworth
Norman Record
Tracey Turbett
Suzanne Wallace

The Board of Deacons

Susan Dalton & Randall Nicholls, Moderators

Class of 2021

Susan Dalton
Jill Nichols
John Nichols
Ken Simon

Class of 2022

Carolyn Carr
Kathy Kerr
Linda Guinn
Randall Nicholls

Class of 2023

Rachel Golem
Clarice Justice
Shirley Mayland
John Whitfield

TODAY AT CHERRY HILL

Preacher	Rev. Mark Phillips
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	Bob Szwed
Greeters	Janet Reickel & Sandy Silfven
Security	Jim Brown

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, Nov. 14	10:15 am	Worship/Godly Play
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class
Monday, Nov. 15	12:00 Noon	Sew What
	3:00 pm	Monday Afternoon Study Group
Tuesday, Nov. 16	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 18	1:00 pm	Lunch Bunch
	6:30 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 21	10:15 am	Worship/ Godly Play
	11:15 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall
	11:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class

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**Church Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon**

Rev. Mark F. Phillips, Minister
Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist
Kim McDonald, Church Business & Administrative Director
Marcy Osborne, Director of IT, Media & Security
Larry Cereso, Facilities Manager

CHERRY HILL'S MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**