



We are Christians committed to discerning and doing God's will  
through worship, study, fellowship, and mission.

We seek to continue to grow as an open, supportive,  
and compassionate community of neighbors.  
Welcoming everyone. Including all.

*Session, March 2025*

**The doors of this church are as wide as God's love.**  
*The Rev. Dr. Frank Irvine, Founding Pastor, 1958*

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**The First Sunday after Epiphany / The Baptism of the Lord**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body as you are able.*

*Our worship service begins with Prelude music at 10:10 am.*

*We kindly ask that conversations come to a close  
so that worshipers may enter a spirit of quiet meditation and for our livestream broadcast to begin.*

**PRELUDE**

Intermezzo in G Major

Joseph Rheinberger

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

I Saw Water

chant, arr. John Scott

*I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple. Alleluia.*

*It brought God's life and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise. Alleluia.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

**\*HYMN No. 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*Glory to God hymnal*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We are precious in your sight,  
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent.

We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life  
harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,  
reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

## RESPONSE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

## \*RESPONSE



C All G Am F Dm7

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

Gsus G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

Em7 Am Dm Gsus C F C (F) Fine

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

## GIFT OF MUSIC

### Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Herbert Brewer

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

## CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

## SERMON

### "What's Your Why?"

Isaiah 42:1-9

## \*HYMN No. 482

*Glory to God hymnal*

Baptized in Water

*Bunnessan*

## \*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

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.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY, No. 606

*Glory to God hymnal*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus  
as your beloved Son, and through him  
you opened to us a way to become your children by grace.  
May these gifts we return to you be a sign  
of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons,  
born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*HYMN No. 546

*Glory to God hymnal*

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

### \*BENEDICTION

## HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.

## POSTLUDE

Praeludium in F Major

Heinrich Scheidemann

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

*Those wishing to exit are kindly asked to do so quietly.*

## SERVING THIS MORNING

Preacher	Rev. Teresa Peterson
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	G. Kevin Dewey
Greeters	Joyce Butykos, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed
Coffee Hour	Deacons (celebrating January Birthdays)
Security	Jim Brown

**WELCOME TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH:** We are grateful you have joined us in worship today! Inspired by the radical hospitality of 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, using the QR code provided, or by accessing our secure and easy online giving option through our website @ [www.cherryhillchurch.org](http://www.cherryhillchurch.org). Easy instructions are provided. Thank you for supporting the ministry at Cherry Hill!



**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 also available. Please ask a greeter for a copy.

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

**THE SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASS** is on hiatus at present and will resume in a couple of weeks, to be determined.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING 11:45 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASS**, led by the Rev. Dr. John Whitfield, is on hiatus until mid-April 2026.

**THE 1:00PM MONDAY STUDY** centers around the national best-selling book by Harold Kushner, entitled "When Bad Things Happen to Good People". Through Kushner's family's shared ordeal of a terminally ill son, this distinguished clergyman came to see God as he never had before – a God who *does* weep with us, *won't* abandon us, and *can* fill the deepest needs of an anguished heart. Please sign up for this class on the clipboard on the Weir Foyer table and let us know if you need a book.

**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY**, beginning January 1, will participate with the congregation in the annual Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church. The pantry will gratefully accept donations of ANY canned food – soup, vegetables, fruit, and tuna for example – to count towards our total. Thanks to the congregation for its amazing and generous support of this mission.

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT IN APRIL:** What do Michelangelo, Monet, and the Master Creator have in common? Intentional design. Purpose. Beauty. Come join us for a women's retreat celebrating the truth that we are God's masterpiece — lovingly crafted, continually restored, and never finished yet. Our *Masterpiece* themed program includes worship, Bible study, time for laughter, renewal, and quiet reflection. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat will be held **April 10-12, 2026**, at the Weber Center in Adrian, MI. This year we have two lodging options, shared room for \$170 and a single room for \$200. The price includes two nights, four meals, meeting space, program, and craft material. Registration and half of participation fee is due Feb. 25, with the second half due March 18. Scholarship options are available. Make checks payable to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Garber, or call the church office 313-563-4800. Got ideas? Love to plan? Consider joining us in Chapel Parlor on January 25, at 11:30 am for a Planning Meeting, as we shape the *Masterpiece* retreat — one brushstroke at a time.

**POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT: Saturday, January 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Parlor.** Please join us to share a potluck dinner followed by games from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Dress casual. Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert, and your favorite games. We'll provide paper products and beverages. This is a fellowship event for adults and children who are old enough to play games, and a wonderful way to spend a cold, winter evening. Please sign up on the clipboard in Weir Foyer to let us know that you will be attending and what you will be bringing. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Winnie Murphy

Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekenyong Pam Thorpe

##### **Health Concerns & Support**

Bob Stead John Haury Marv Oberdier Sharon Cloney John Nichols

Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale Bob Szwed

All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and infirmed

Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee

Staff, Elders, and Deacons of Cherry Hill - The Presbytery of Detroit

**SAVE THE DATE: JOSEPH DELLER VIOLIN CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 1!** As part of the Music at Cherry Hill Concert Series, Dearborn's most popular violinist, Joseph Deller, will present a recital in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 1, at 4:00 pm, with pianist Patrick Johnson and cellist Ivana Biliskov. The trio will perform works of Camille Saint-Saëns, J.S. Bach, and Sergei Prokofiev. A reception in Weir Foyer will follow the performance. Please join us for this elegant musical event that will give hearts and souls a bleak mid-winter boost!!



## THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, January 11	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour / January Birthdays
	11:45 am	Church Un-Decorating
Monday, January 12	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Study Group
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, January 13	3:00 pm	Mission Committee
	6:30 pm	Church Growth & Fellowship
Thursday, January 15	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Rex's Grill
Saturday, January 17	5:00 pm	Game Night in Memorial Parlor
Sunday, January 18	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour



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

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