



**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 18, 2026  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

Adoration  
Steal Away to Jesus

Florence Price  
Gilbert M. Martin

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Give Me Jesus

*Traditional Spiritual*

*In the morning when I rise: give me Jesus. You may have all this world: give me Jesus.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

How precious is the steadfast love of God

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Christ is the fountain of life.

**In Christ we behold the light of God.**

**\*HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

*Glory to God hymnal*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray  
by the idols of our world.**

**We have depended on our possessions  
and have not placed our trust in your grace.**

**We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer  
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.**

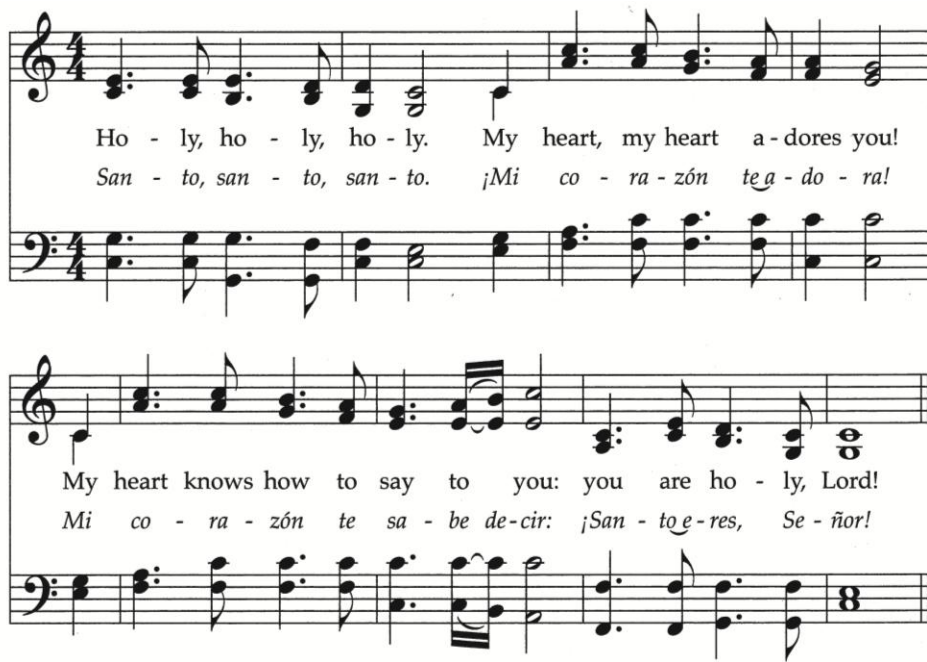
**We have sought security in the might of the sword  
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.**

**Through Christ we pray. 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



*<sup>C</sup>All* Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -  
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -  
fense, and God will be my Sav - ior. *C (F) Fine*

## GIFT OF MUSIC

### Over My Head

John W. Bell

Over my head I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air.

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air.

Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air.

## CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## SERMON

### "Effective Invitations"

John 1:29-42

### \*HYMN #518

*Glory to God hymnal*

Your Only Son

*Lamb of God*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Statement of Faith, United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created  
and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and  
make new, who works in us and others  
by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## **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, #606**

*Glory to God hymnal*

**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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Creator God, you are the great giver of gifts  
which gladden the heart.**

**With grateful hearts we offer our gifts  
back to you. Bless them and our lives**

**to your service, that they may reveal your glory,  
nurture our faith, and manifest the common good.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN #300**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

*Glory to God hymnal*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

## HYMN OF GOING FORTH #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

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

*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

Tracey Turbett

Greeters

Joyce Butykos, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed

Coffee Hour

Worship & Music Committee

Security

Jeff Wensorski

**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 below, or by our secure and easy online giving option at 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. **ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, February 1, 2026.** The Session has called for the annual meeting of Congregation and Corporation of The Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church for Sunday, February 1, 2025, immediately following worship. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall and will begin with an enhanced coffee hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and receive reports from the committees and organizations of the church for 2025 and any other business that might come before the congregation.

**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.

**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY** is participating with our 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. Cash gifts (\$1=1 can) are also helpful. 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 retreat Planning Meeting.

**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!!

**THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** continues to meet regularly in its pursuit of our next Pastor. We recently received a new batch of candidates and are reviewing them. We will continue to update the Congregation on a regular basis.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

Evelyn Poti   Lewis Sequin   Winnie Murphy  
Judy Ewasuk   Ekanem Ekpenyong   Pam Thorpe

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

Bob Stead   John Haury   Marv Oberdier   Sharon Cloney  
John Nichols   Pamela Moore   Judy Tisdale  
Bob Szwed   Barb Krupka

All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and infirmed  
Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee  
Staff, Elders, & Deacons of Cherry Hill / The Presbytery of Detroit

## THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, January 18	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, January 19	<b>OFFICE &amp; BUILDING ARE CLOSED</b>	
Tuesday, January 20	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wed., January 21	9:30 am	Helping Hand Food Pantry
Thursday, January 22	11:00 am	Colony Club Meeting
Sunday, January 25	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour

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#### Church Office Hours:

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

**Friday – 8:30 am-Noon**

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