



*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, January 4, 2026**  
**The Second Sunday of Christmas & Communion Sunday**  
*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body as you are able.*

**\*\*ALL HYMNS TODAY ARE FROM THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL\*\***

**PRELUDE**

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away  
What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

J.S. Bach  
arr. Paul Manz

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Word became flesh and lived among us.  
**And we have seen his glory.**  
The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.  
**Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.**  
**Glory to God forever!**

**\*HYMN No. 152**

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

*Puer Nobis*

*Glory to God hymnal*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people  
and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices,  
hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world.  
We have sinned against you, are deeply sorry,  
and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation.  
By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore,  
and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth,  
through Christ our LORD. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE No. 121, vs. 4**

*Glory to God hymnal*

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

### \*RESPONSE No. 113, Refrain

*Glory to God hymnal*

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo, Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

### \*HYMN No. 150

*Glory to God hymnal*

As With Gladness, Men of Old

*Dix*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-9

## SERMON

**“Jesus Goes Home”**

John 1:10-18

### \*HYMN No. 108

*Glory to God hymnal*

Of the Father’s Love Begotten  
Vss. 1, 2, 3, and 6

*Divinum Mysterium*

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION of Elders & Deacons

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remembering our Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination & Installation

Welcome

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### \*A HYMN OF THANKS No. 144, vs. 4

*Glory to God hymnal*

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, your goodness to us  
is beyond the reaches of our imagination,  
a fullness of love that embraces all of life.  
From you we have received grace upon grace.  
Accept our offering for the sake of the world.  
All that we have is yours, and all we return to you  
is but a reflection of your love for us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and  
praise... Therefore, we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Distribution of the Elements

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have gathered us at your table  
with the company of your people in heaven and on earth.  
In your mercy we have been nourished and refreshed by Christ,  
the living bread, and the power of the Holy Spirit.  
May we God out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth,  
and living his love for the world. Amen.

HYMN No. 136  
*Glory to God hymnal*

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Go Tell It

**\*BENEDICTION**

HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 748  
*Glory to God hymnal*

Go With Us, Lord

Tallis' Canon

**POSTLUDE**

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

*This congregation's custom is to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.  
Those wishing to exit may do so quietly.*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Preaching	The Rev. Teresa Peterson
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	Wendy Solgan
Greeters	Joyce Butykos, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed
Coffee Hour	Walt & Dorothy Siegl and Richard & Joyce Butykos
Security	John Kill

**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**, led by Maged Radamis, meets in the Conference Room.

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

**A NEW MONDAY STUDY** begins on **January 5 at 1:00 pm** and will center 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.

**POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT: Saturday, January 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Parlor.** We had so much fun and great food and fellowship at our last Game Night that we've decided to have another one! Please join us at 5:00 p.m. 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.

**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.

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK**

Brad Garber 01/05   Ray Scoboria 01/05   John Whitfield 01/09

**DEACONS CARD MINISTRY:** Birthday cards are sent to members who reach the octogenarian benchmark (80+ years). Please sign the card on the table in Weir Foyer for Ray Scoboria who celebrates his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on January 5.

#### **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

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

#### **THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL**

Sunday, January 4	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, January 5	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Study Group
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
Tuesday, January 6	10:00 am	Peace Circle
	11:30 am	PWCT Meeting
Wednesday, January 7	9:30 am	Helping Hand Food Pantry
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 8	9:30 am	Quilters Group
	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 pm	Christian Ed. Meeting
Sunday, January 11	9:00 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour / January Birthdays
	11:45 am	Church Un-Decorating (& Pizza)



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