Cherry Hill PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, November 22, 2026
Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday

**** 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.

ALL HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL

PRELUDE We Gather Together — Robert Powell

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT O Be Ye Joyful — Hal Hopson

O be ye joyful, be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with a song.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God established the world from of old.
God's reign shall never end.
God delivered us in freedom and truth.
God' love is everlasting.
Let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN No. 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — *St. George's Windsor*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore, we pray:

Break our rebellious will.
Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.
Expose our insincere thoughts.
Give us integrity in our quest for truth.
Release us from the fear of death.
Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.
For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE**



CHOIR ANTHEM Love Must Be Genuine Deborah Holden-Holloway

Love must be genuine, hate what is evil, and cling to what is good.
Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves.
Keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.
Share with God's people who are in need,
and practice hospitality. Love must be genuine.

Romans 12:9-13

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON **"View from the Tower"**
Ephesians 1:15-23

***HYMN No. 643** Now Thank We All Our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Isaiah 42:5-9 and Revelation 21:5)

We believe that the LORD is God,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it,
and spirit to those who walk in it:
who called us in righteousness,
who took us by the hand and kept us;
who has given us as a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out from prison those who sit in darkness.
We believe the former things have come to pass,
and new things now spring forth.
For we believe the one seated
on the throne of heaven, who says:
"See, I am making all things new."

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**

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**

Holy God, use us, and these gifts,
to feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
and honor your presence in all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN No. 37** Let All Things Now Living *Ash Grove*

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** *Ar hyd y Nos*

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Preacher	Rev. Teresa Peterson
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	G. Kevin Dewey
Greeters	Sue Dalton, John Kill, James Flynn
Security	Stu Oke

All are invited to join in holiday decorating at 11:30 am.
Pizza will be served for all decorators!

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**. Easy instructions are provided. Thank you for supporting the ministry at Cherry Hill!

WORSHIP AIDS: Large print bulletins, Bibles, and large print hymnals are available on the tables in the front of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. Please ask a greeter for a copy and return them to the tables following the service.

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 11:45 am, led by Dr. John Whitfield, continues the study of the first eleven chapters of Genesis. This class is held in the Conference Room near the church office.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place following worship **TODAY**, and a pizza lunch will be held in lieu of our regular coffee hour. All are welcome to help beautify our Sanctuary and all other rooms in our building for the holiday season!

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY is in special need of canned soups, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, and canned tuna. Your donations are truly welcomed and appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Dearborn's Meals on Wheels: Monday through Thursday, kitchen helpers (no cooking) at 7:00 am, and delivery drivers at 9:00 am. Both jobs take approximately two hours and don't require commitment to all four days. If available, please call Lori at 734-552-1722.

HYMN FESTIVAL THIS AFTERNOON: The CHPC congregation is invited to attend a hymn festival, entitled "Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ Will Come Again", presented and hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn this afternoon, November 22, at 4:00pm. The event is in celebration of St. Paul's 100th Anniversary. Eleven hymns will be led by choir, organ, and brass ensemble and the congregation is asked to sing along. It is sure to be an uplifting afternoon of singing!

SAVE THE DATE: VANGUARD VOICES' LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 pm. Come hear Dearborn's premier choral ensemble present carols and anthems of the Christmas/Holiday season in a musical event patterned after the famed Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, England. The audience will join in the singing of Christmas carols. G. Kevin Dewey will conduct, and Charles Miller will be the organist.

WARMING TREE: The Deacons again will be collecting items for the Warming Tree **starting TODAY**. Donated items (coats, gloves, scarves, and hats in a variety of sizes for children and adults) will be distributed by Dearborn Goodfellows. **All donated items must be on the tree no later than Sunday, December 6.** Thank you for your generous support of this mission!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Lewis Sequin Winnie Murphy
Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekpenyong Pam Thorpe

Health Concerns & Support

Bob Stead Marvin Oberdier John Nichols Judy Goerke
Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale David Murphy (friend of Deb Szwed)
Our New Pastor and her family
as they prepare for their move to Dearborn
Staff, Elders, & Deacons of Cherry Hill / The Presbytery of Detroit

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK

Kathy Kerr 11/24 Cindy Betley 11/25 Sue Dalton 11/26

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, Nov. 22	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Christmas Decorating & Pizza Lunch
	11:45 am	Bible Study
Monday, Nov. 23	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	4:15 pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday, Nov. 26	**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**	
	Office and Building Closed	
Friday, November 27	**Office and Building Closed**	
Sunday, November 29	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Elder / Confirmation Meeting
	11:45 am	Confirmation Class
	11:45 am	Bible Study



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