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 8, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**** 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 Pastorale Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT Surely the Presence of the Lord Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can feel the rush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN No. 641** When in Our Music God is Glorified *Engelberg*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you a broken people
in a broken world. We confess we have ignored,
yet again, your assured presence.
We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters.
In the name of independence we have ignored your aid,
your comfort, and your peace.
We have called upon you in desperation
rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places.
Forgive us.
You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE**



CHOIR ANTHEM Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring J.S. Bach

Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright.
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.
Through the way where Hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure;
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 78:1-7

SERMON **"The Wise Can Wait"**
Matthew 25:1-13

***HYMN No. 767** Together We Serve *San Anselmo*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, who loves us as a parent,
searching for us when we are lost,
embracing us in our hurt,
always looking for any reason to celebrate.
We believe in the risen Christ,
who gathers all the lost and forgotten
into a new community and tells them
and us we are all forgiven, blessed and loved.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who empowered the new community of followers
to share bread, tell stories of God's love,
and turn the world upside down.
We are a faith-filled, Spirit-empowered,
God-blessed community.
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, 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 One, in gratitude for all that you give us,
including those who have gone before us,
we offer you these gifts and ask you to bless and multiply them,
that they may become the good work
and word that comforts and strengthens
both our hearts and the hearts of others. Amen.

***HYMN No. 694** Great God of Every Blessing *Aurelia*

***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 Postlude on *Engelberg* Robert Powell

SERVING THIS MORNING	
Preacher	Rev. Teresa Peterson
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	John Haury
Greeters	Sue Dalton, John Kill, and James Flynn
Security	Jeff Wensorski
Coffee Hour	Sue Dalton and 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 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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship, to elect the 2029 Class of Elders and Deacons and the 2027 Nominating Committee. No other business will be addressed at that time.

STWEARDSHIP LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Please join us for lunch, following worship (location TBD), provided by the Administration Committee. Let us know if you will be attending by adding your names to the sign-up sheet on the large table in Weir Foyer. We look forward to a time of fellowship and good food to celebrate Cherry Hill's commitment to "Live Generously".
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.

FILM DISCUSSION: Monday, November 9 at 1:00 pm, a discussion session about the film 1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture, which was shown in Memorial Parlor last Monday, will be held. All who watched the film are cordially invited.

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 ON NOVEMBER 22: 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 on Sunday, 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!

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
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

Stu Oke 11/09 Debbie DeKarsky 11/13

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, November 8	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:15 am	Congregational Meeting
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study
	11:45 am	Confirmation Class
Monday, November 9	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Monday Study Group
	7:00 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, Nov. 10	9:30 am	Admin Meeting
	6:30 pm	Church Growth & Fellowship
Wednesday, Nov. 11	7:00 pm	Christian Ed. (via ZOOM)
Thursday, Nov. 12	6:30 pm	Deacons
Friday, November 13	**Office Hours by Appointment Only**	
Sunday, November 15	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Stewardship Luncheon
	11:45 am	Bible Study
	11:45 am	Confirmation Class



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