



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, December 28, 2025
The First Sunday of Christmas

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.*

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

PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Before the Marvel of This Night

Ruth Haury, soprano / Carolyn Haury, accompanist

David Cherwien

Carl Schalk

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Presents unwrapped,

Batteries are all run-down.

Christmas trees are turning brown.

Still one present glows bright—

The child in a manger with heavenly light.

Christmas continues the whole year round

whenever love and kindness abound.

***HYMN No. 107 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)** Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

Rejoice, Rejoice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,

yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.

Forgive our dullness and make us alert

to the ways you make yourself known,

that we might be witnesses to your good news

and proclaim your extravagant love;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE (Hymnal No. 121, vs. 4)

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

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came into the world to save us.
Let us believe and rejoice in this good news, as we sing:

*RESPONSE (Hymnal No. 132, vs. 3)

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CAROL SING

The congregation is asked to remain seated and sing the first two verses of each carol:

No. 135	There's a Star in the East
No. 139	That Boy-Child of Mary
No. 144	In the Bleak Mid-Winter
No. 129	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

MEDITATION

The Stories of the Carols

First Carol Story: What Child is This?

Carol No. 145, vs. 1 and 3

Second Carol Story: Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night

Carol No. 97, vs. 1 and 3

Third Carol Story: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Carol No. 88, vs. 1 and 2

Fourth Carol Story: Joy to the World

Carol No. 134, vs. 1, 2, and 4

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

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

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

As we have gathered our tithes and offerings this morning,
O Lord, we ask that you bless these gifts
for the sake of those in need,
for the care of the church in proclaiming Christ's birth,
and for all that God calls us to do.
Bless our lives in the service of sharing your love
here and throughout the world.
This we ask, through your Son,
our Emmanuel, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN No. 136

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Go Tell It

*BENEDICTION

HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 545, Verse 1

Glory to God hymnal

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

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

Preacher

Rev. Teresa Peterson

Director of Music & Organist

Charles Miller

Liturgist

Tracey Turbett

Greeters

Shirley Mayland, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed

Security

Jim Brown

There is no Coffee Hour served this morning.

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. 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, focuses on the Book of Zechariah. Class meets in the Conference Room. Today will conclude this series.

THE SUNDAY MORNING 11:45 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASS, led by the Rev. Dr. John Whitfield meets in the Conference Room. The class is focusing on Paul's letter to the Romans; today will conclude this series.

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.

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – LIVE GENEROUSLY: As of Sunday, December 21, we have received 55 pledges totaling \$180,221. Our thanks to all who have already pledged. If you have not returned your pledge card, you may place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Pledge cards are available in the church office.

YEAR END GIVING AND 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES: As we come to the end of the year, please consider whether you have paid your per capita and fulfilled your pledge for 2025. For those making year end gifts, please remember the church in your giving. All donations must be received no later than **TODAY** to claim a charitable deduction for 2025. For those that generally use offering envelopes, the 2026 boxes are available in Weir Foyer.

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK
Jeff Wensorski 12/31 Joyce Knoop 01/03

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 Joyce Knoop who celebrates her 93rd birthday on January 3.

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, December 28	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:45 am	Bible Study
Monday, December 29	BUILDING IS CLOSED	
Tuesday, December 30	BUILDING IS CLOSED	
Wednesday, Dec. 31	BUILDING IS CLOSED	
Thursday, January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY – BUILDING IS CLOSED	
Friday, January 2	BUILDING IS CLOSED	
Sunday, January 4	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour



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