



*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, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent & Communion Sunday

** At the asterisk, please rise in body as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Hildebrandt Family

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING HYMN (See Last Page)

Verses 1 and 3

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes us to this place.

As one body, with one voice,
**we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,
counsel, knowledge, and joy. Let us worship the LORD!**

***HYMN No. 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.
We confess that we do not always believe in your incarnation.
We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.
We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as beloved children whom you have made.
In your mercy, forgive us. We repent of our ways
and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that,
at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. 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** Angels We Have Heard on High
Glory to God hymnal
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo, Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM

How Shall We Know Him?

Gilbert M. Martin

How shall we know him when he comes? Not by any din of drums;
neither by the manner of his airs, nor by anything he wears.
How shall we know him when he comes? Not by any rush of wings;
neither by the flashing of a sword, nor by anything untoward.
How shall we know him when he comes? Not by any flag unfurled;
neither by a gesture or a frown, nor by any golden crown.
We shall know him when he comes!
And his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

"1,700 Years of the Nicene Creed"
Romans 15:4-13

*HYMN No. 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein' Ros'

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father;
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of the Father. And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and Son,
who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude,
the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire,
so that they may serve your purposes,
and shine with your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

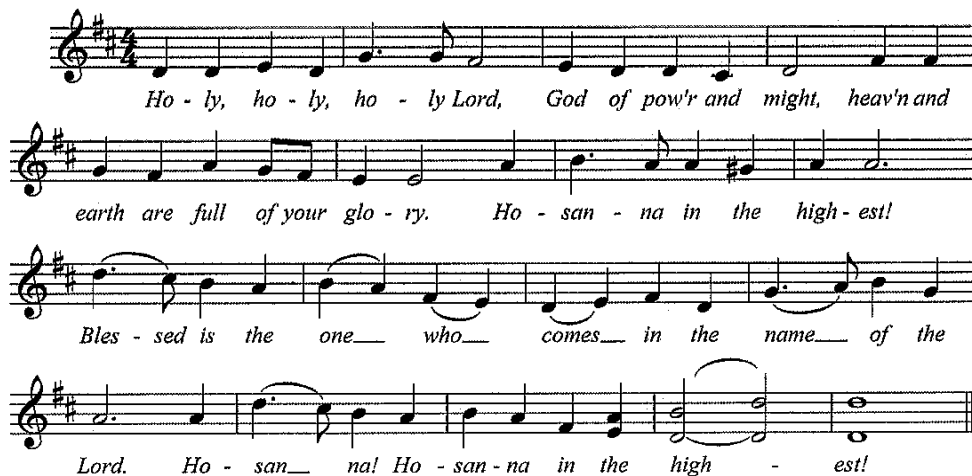
Lift up your hearts.

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, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and
place who forever sing to the glory of your name:



The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Creator, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son, Jesus Christ,
and have fed us through the sacrament of bread and cup.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and give us strength to love and serve you with gladness,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN No. 143

Glory to God hymnal

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 545

Glory to God hymnal

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Land of Rest

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

*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

Anna Dewey

Greeters

John Kill, Janet Reickel, and Bob Szwed

Coffee Hour

The Board of Deacons (December Birthdays)

Security

Jim Thorpe

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. **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.

MONDAY STUDY: Please join us as we continue the book study centered on *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. The author takes us through six major themes about which Jesus taught. The final class will be on December 15.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS booklets, entitled *Draw Near*, have been sent electronically. Paper copies are also available in Weir Foyer.

BAKERS & CONGREGANTS OF CHERRY HILL: The Presbyterian Women extend their sincerest thanks to all who baked for the Bake Sale and all those who purchased those baked goods. Because of your generous donations, PW was able to send a check for \$633 to the Second Mile Center, which will help them immensely. Many thanks again!!

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY is collecting toiletries to give to our clients, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, and toilet paper in **FOUR PACK PACKAGES**. We also continue to need Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Pasta, Macaroni, and Peanut Butter, bags of Dried Beans and bags of Rice in 1 lb. weight. Thank you for your continued generous support of this church mission!

A PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GATHERING is planned for Wednesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm at First Farmington Presbyterian Church. To reserve tickets, call Sue Carlson at 248-330-7188, or email her at srdcarlson@me.com.

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – LIVE GENEROUSLY: As of Wednesday, December 3, we have received 45 pledges totaling \$157,361. 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 Sunday, December 28, to claim a charitable deduction for 2025. For those that generally use offering envelopes, the 2026 boxes are available beginning today, in Weir Foyer.

SAVE THE DATE: VANGUARD VOICES' LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held on Sunday, December 21, at 6:00pm. Hear Dearborn's premier choral ensemble, directed by G. Kevin Dewey, 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK

Katie Garber 12/08 Martha Whitfield 12/09

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 Yvonne Parks (Pastor's cousin)

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 7	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour (December Birthdays)
	11:45 am	Bible Study
Monday, December 8	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Study Group
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 11	9:30 am	Quilters
Sunday, December 14	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study



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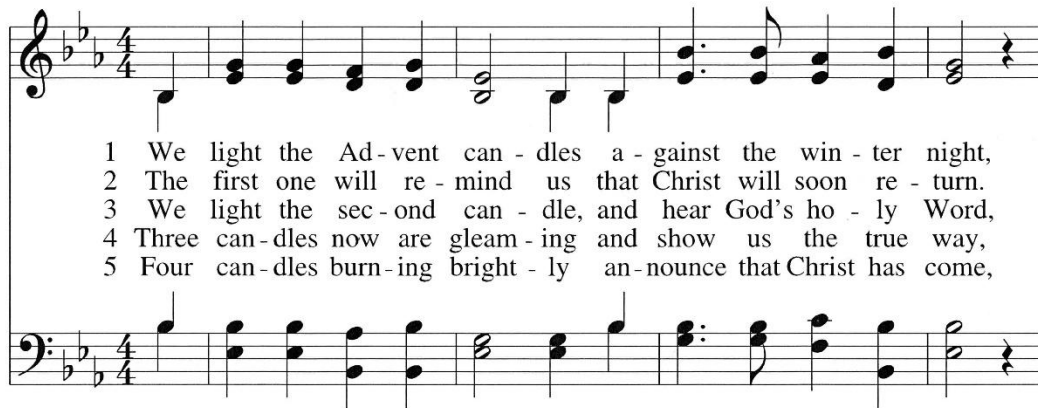
Michael Sellers, Social Media Manager

John Peterson, Custodian

Olivia Gee, Sunday Childcare Provider

The Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus

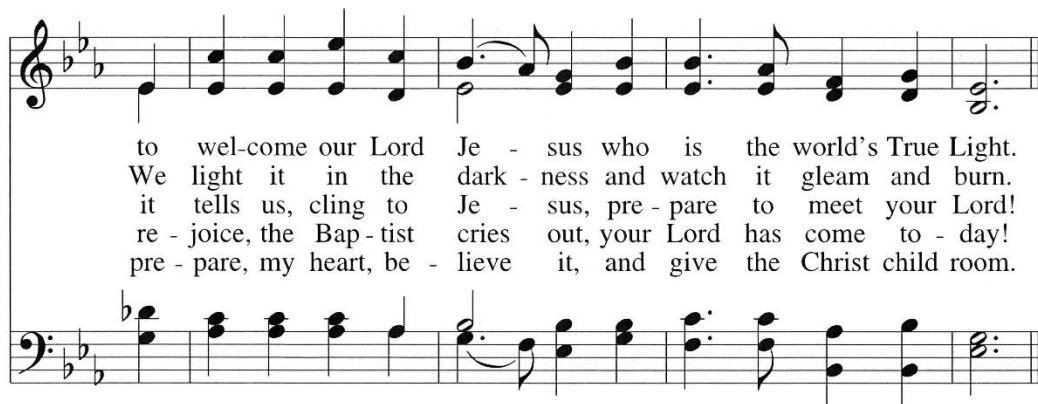
We Light the Advent Candles 175



1 We light the Ad-vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night,
 2 The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn.
 3 We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly Word,
 4 Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way,
 5 Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come,



to wel-come our Lord Je - sus who is the world's True Light,
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 it tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord,
 re - joice, the Bap - tist cries out, your Lord has come to - day,
 pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room,



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MUSIC: German folk tune

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