



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, February 1, 2026
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Communion

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.

PRELUDE

Bread of Life

Evelyn Larter

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Robert Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, you seek us out:

In the dead of night

and on this bright morning;

in the depths of despair

and in the valleys of worry.

Holy One, you shake us from complacency,

wrestling fear from our souls

and caution from our plans.

Loving God, you draw near,

as close as our breathing,

as present as the beat of our hearts.

Loving God, you desire our attention,

rejoice at our singing,

and welcome our worship.

***HYMN #463**

Glory to God hymnal

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, at times we are the prodigal child;
we take what we can get and go our own way.**

**At times we are the elder child,
doing your work only out of a sense of duty.**

At times we are called to be the loving one,
 scanning the horizon for a chance of reconciliation,
 but instead we turn our backs.
LORD, have mercy on us and forgive us.
In your arms may we learn the lesson of mercy and reconciliation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
 In - cline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

***RESPONSE #581**

Glory be to the Father

GIFT OF MUSIC

O Magnify the Lord

Carl F. Mueller

O magnify the Lord with me and exalt his name together.
 I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

SERMON

"So Blessed"

Matthew 5:1-12

***HYMN #673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

Lauda Anima

Glory to God hymnal

***AFFIRMATION 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY, #606

Glory to God hymnal

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for your saving love, poured out for us
in Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts we offer—
use them to help those who are suffering
and to show the good news of salvation;
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...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 Bb C Dm

pow - er and might, Ho - heav - en and earth are the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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 go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way,
proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

*HYMN #372

Glory to God hymnal

O For a World

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*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH (See last page)

POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Preacher
Director of Music & Organist
Liturgist
Greeters
Security

Rev. Teresa Peterson
Charles Miller
Ruth Haury
Joy Park, James Flynn, and Bob Szwed
Stu Oke

Enhanced Coffee Hour will be served at the Annual Meeting

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: 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 by Olivia Gee during the worship service upstairs in the nursery (above the church offices). Please ask a greeter for directions.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY! The Session has called for the annual meeting of Congregation and Corporation of The Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church for Sunday, February 1, 2026, immediately following worship. The meeting will be held in **Memorial Parlor** and will include an enhanced coffee hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and receive reports from the committees and organizations of the church for 2025 and any other business that might come before the congregation.

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK

Susan Waddell 02/04 Bill Terrell 02/04 Sara Errante 02/04
Debbie Bechtel 02/05 Erin Wensorski 02/07

THE SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASSES are on hiatus at present. Start-up dates will be announced soon.

THE 1:00PM MONDAY STUDY centers 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.

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY will be collecting **toiletries** to distribute during the month of February. We will purchase toilet paper, so we would appreciate donations of **bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes**. Beyond that we are always in need of **cereal** and **peanut butter**. We continue to collect **canned goods** through February 8 towards the Souper Bowl Challenge. **Our current count is 1,844 cans and dollars.**

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT IN APRIL: Come join us for a women's retreat celebrating the truth that we are God's masterpiece — lovingly crafted, continually restored, and never finished yet. Our *Masterpiece* themed program includes worship, Bible study, time for laughter, renewal, and quiet reflection. The 18th Annual Women's Retreat will be held **April 10-12, 2026**, at the Weber Center in Adrian, MI. This year we have two lodging options, shared room for \$170 and a single room for \$200. The price includes two nights, four meals, meeting space, program, and craft material. Registration and half of participation fee is due February 25, with the second half due March 18. Scholarship options are available. Make checks payable to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. Due to inclement weather on January 25, we postponed the planning meeting for the Women's Retreat, so if you are interested in helping plan, please let Leslie Garber know at garbeles@gmail.com and she will reach out to you.

THIS AFTERNOON: JOSEPH DELLER VIOLIN CONCERT! The Music at Cherry Hill Concert Series presents Dearborn's most popular violinist, Joseph Deller, in a recital in the Sanctuary this afternoon at 4:00 pm, with pianist Patrick Johnson and cellist Ivana Biliskov. The trio will perform works of Camille Saint-Saëns, J.S. Bach, and Sergei Prokofiev. A reception in Weir Foyer will follow the performance. Please join us for this elegant musical event that will give hearts and souls a bleak mid-winter boost!!

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON SIGN-UP: Please sign up on the clipboard in Weir Foyer to let us know if you will attend and, if you're bringing soup, what kind of soup you will bring. Thanks!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Winnie Murphy
Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekenyong Pam Thorpe
The family of former CHPC member and employee
Jean Allen, upon her death

Health Concerns & Support

Bob Stead John Haury Marv Oberdier Sharon Cloney
John Nichols Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale Bob Szwed
All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and infirmed
Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee
Staff, Elders, & Deacons of Cherry Hill / The Presbytery of Detroit

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, February 1	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am	Annual Meeting & Enhanced Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	Joseph Deller Violin Concert
Monday, February 2	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Study Group
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
Tuesday, February 3	10:00 am	Peace Circle Meeting
	11:30 am	PWCT Meeting
	7:00 pm	Christian Ed. Mtg. (ZOOM)
Wednesday, February 4	9:30 am	Helping Hand Food Pantry
	6:15 pm	Worship & Music Committee Mtg.
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	PNC Meeting
Sunday, February 8	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Souper Bowl Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

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Unison D

Shalom to You

Em

A7

D

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends." The chords are D, Em, A7, and D. The second staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends." The chords are Bm, Em, A7, and D. The third staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing," The chords are G, Em, A, and F#m. The fourth staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom." The chords are Bm, Em, A7, and D. The fifth staff starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom." The chords are Bm, Em, A7, and D.

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SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

MUSIC: Anon.; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1989

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