



**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 8, 2026  
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

May from *The Seasons*  
Hiroko Otahni, pianist

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come from different backgrounds  
on various roads to get here.

**But we are all here seeking an experience  
of the holy.**

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love  
and God's faithfulness.

**We are listening for God's call in our lives  
as we worship our Creator and Sustainer.**

**\*HYMN #1**

*Glory to God hymnal*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicæa*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of the universe and Creator of all that is,  
we admit that we fail to be honest  
about our lives and in the challenges  
we face in the world.**

**Sometimes we are deceitful;  
other times we judge ourselves harshly  
and feel unworthy of your guidance.**

**Touch us with your grace and take away  
our fear, that we may have renewed spirits  
to serve you, our true God. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.  
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.  
항 상 진실 케 내 맘 바꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
Haz - me co - mo tú, tu yo quie - ro ser.  
주님의 모습 닮게 하소서

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## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 112:1-9

**SERMON****"Lit for the Long Run"**

Matthew 5:13-20

**\*HYMN #757***Glory to God hymnal*

Today We All Are Called

*Kingsfold***\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the United Church of Canada)**We are not alone, we live in God's world.****We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,****who works in us and others by the Spirit.****We trust in God.****We are called to be the church:****to celebrate God's presence,****to live with respect in Creation,****to love and serve others,****to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,****crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.****In life, in death, in life beyond death,****God is with us. We are not alone.****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, #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****Holy God, we give you thanks  
for your generosity to us.****Bless these gifts and multiply them,  
for the sake of those in need around us,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN #691 Lord, When I Came Into This Life *Land of Rest*  
*Glory to God hymnal*

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

666 *Unison* **Shalom to You**

Sha-lom to you now, sha-lom, my friends.

May God's full mer-cies bless you, my friends.

In all your liv-ing and through your lov-ing,

Christ be your sha-lom, Christ be your sha-lom.

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545

J.S. Bach

*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  
Carolyn Haury  
Joy Park, James Flynn, and Bob Szwed  
Walter Siegl

**Souper Bowl Luncheon is served in Fellowship Hall**

**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](http://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.

**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 2,766 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. The planning meeting for the women's retreat has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 15, after worship. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Garber.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK**

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Pam Hollingsworth 02/08 | Jonelle Robinson 02/08 |
| Ray Greco 02/11         | Rosemary Paul 02/11    |

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Winnie Murphy

Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekenyong Pam Thorpe

### 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

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO PIANIST HIROKO OHTANI**, our guest pianist this morning. Hiroko is a good friend of Walt & Dorothy Siegl. We're deeply grateful for Hiroko's sharing of her musical gifts with us this morning and so wonderfully enhancing worship!

## THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

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|----------------------|----------|---|
| Sunday, February 8   | 9:00 am  | Choir Rehearsal                         |
|                      | 10:15 am | Worship/Sunday School                   |
|                      | 11:30 am | Souper Bowl Luncheon in Fellowship Hall |
| Monday, February 9   | 10:00 am | Sew What Group                          |
|                      | 1:00 pm  | Study Group                             |
|                      | 6:30 pm  | PNC Meeting                             |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | Property Committee                      |
| Tuesday, February 10 | 3:00 pm  | Mission Committee                       |
|                      | 6:30 pm  | Church Growth & Fellowship              |
| Thursday, Feb. 12    | 9:30 am  | Quilters Group                          |
|                      | 6:30 pm  | Deacons                                 |
| Sunday, February 15  | 9:00 am  | Choir Rehearsal                         |
|                      | 10:15 am | Worship/Sunday School                   |
|                      | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour & Birthday Celebration      |



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

**Friday – 8:30 am-Noon**

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