



**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, March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent**

**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**

Prelude

Everett Titcomb

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

Jesus, lamb of God : have mercy upon us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Everyone who thirsts:

**Come to the waters, seek the LORD,  
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who are hungry for righteousness:

**Come to the waters, seek the LORD,  
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who need the help of God:

**Come to the waters, seek the LORD,  
repent and return so that you may live.**

**\*HYMN #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

*Glory to God hymnal*

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING**

As we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each Sunday to prepare for the "light" which will come into the world through Jesus. As we prepare for Good Friday, we extinguish a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you.**

**You set before us a rich feast of blessing,**

**but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.**

**You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires.**

**Forgive us when we fall short of your claim on our lives.  
 Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.  
 Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are,  
 in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be;  
 in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**RESPONSE**



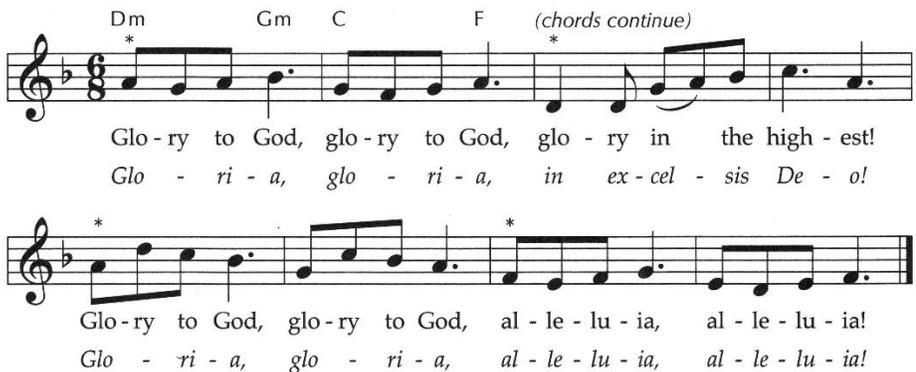
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
 In - cline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

**\*RESPONSE**

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

O Lamb of God Most Lowly

Gordon Young

O lamb of God most lowly! All free from spot and stain, O help us now to serve thee and sing thy praise again.  
 O lamb of God most holy! So great and yet so meek, May we when pride allures us thy lowly spirit seek.  
 O lamb of God most lovely! To thee our faith would flee; Reveal to us thy beauty and win our hearts to thee.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 5:1-11

**SERMON**

**"Heart of Service"**

Luke 13:1-9

**\*HYMN #432**

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

*Glory to God hymnal*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the LORD who questions,  
"Why are you afraid, you of little faith?",  
and then stills the storms of our lives and gives us peace.  
We believe in the Jesus who tenderly asks,  
"Who touched me?" and then heals us of our disease.  
We believe in the Master who says,  
"You of little faith, why did you doubt?",  
and then reaches out his hand to catch us  
when we are sinking.  
We believe in the Christ who wonders what it profits us  
to gain the whole world but lose ourselves.  
We believe him when he says,  
"If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.  
And when he asks, "Who do you say that I am?",  
we are glad to confess, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living 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**

God of wilderness and Promised Land,  
in days of want and in days of plenty,  
you have been with us.  
By these gifts, may others know  
of your great love and care,  
because of the living out of our faith,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **\*HYMN #724**

*Glory to God hymnal*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Angel's Story*

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

1 Canon  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in A minor

William Boyce

*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	Rev. Teresa Peterson
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	Carolyn Haury
Greeters	Sue Dalton, John Kill, and James Flynn
Security	Jim Thorpe
Coffee Hour	Becky & Bob Jones

**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.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY** has resumed, and is focusing on the book of Galatians, led by Maged Radamis. Dr. John Whitfield will resume his 11:00 am Bible class after Easter and will focus on the first eleven chapters of Genesis.

**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry continues to gratefully accept donations of staple items: cereals, pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna, crackers, rice, canned fruit, canned marinara sauce, and boxed macaroni and cheese. We are extremely grateful for the congregation's continued support throughout the year.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATION COMMITMENTS DUE TODAY:** We welcome your donations for Easter flowers and to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Flower orders must be received TODAY **Sunday, March 8**. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please complete the enclosed form and place in the offering basket or in the church office.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK**

Laura Swahn 03/10    Tracie Hysell 03/10    Barb Krupka 03/11    Sherry Brown 03/14

**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN POTLUCK & STUDY**

**Potluck Dinner – 6:00 pm – Memorial Parlor**

**Lenten Study – 6:45 to 7:30 pm – Memorial Parlor**

Everyone is invited to join us for our weekly Lenten Potluck Dinners and Study on Wednesday evenings. Signup sheets are on the table in Weir Foyer for those planning to attend. We continue the tradition of a potluck meal followed by a brief time of study. The study after dinner will be Adam Hamilton's book and video *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*. Plan to join us at 6:00 pm for dinner.

**EASTER CANDY IS NEEDED!** The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held (weather permitting) following worship on Sunday, April 5, on the front lawn of the church. We are asking for donations of candy to stuff inside plastic eggs. Please be sure the candy you donate is small enough. Any kind of candy is great, but non-chocolate candy is especially helpful as it doesn't melt. A large basket will be in Weir Foyer starting this Sunday to collect donations.

**THE ANNA B. HOADLEY SCHOLARSHIP:** All members who have not previously received The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship are eligible to apply in 2026 for a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. CHPC members planning to attend, or are currently attending, an accredited college, university, technical/trade school, or seminary may apply. Applications are available in the church office and due to Deb Szwed, Clerk of Session, by May 1. Contact Sherry Brown for more information.

**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  
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, March 8	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, March 9	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, March 10	3:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Church Growth & Fellowship
Wednesday, March 11	6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner & Study
Thursday, March 12	9:00 am	MI Rugg Artistes
	9:30 am	Quilters Group
Friday, March 13	9:00 am	MI Rugg Artistes
Saturday, March 14	9:00 am	MI Rugg Artistes
Sunday, March 15	9:00 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour



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

**Friday – 8:30 am-Noon**

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