



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*

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**  
**\* At the asterisk, please rise in body as you are able.**  
*All hymns are found in the Glory to God hymnal.*

**PRELUDE** Air in G Major Herbert Howells

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**CHORAL INTROIT** O Come, Let Us Sing James Rivers  
*O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation. O sing with the trumpet, with the harp and the voice of a psalm. Let us sing. Amen.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *selected verses from Psalm 68*  
Let the righteous be joyful. Let them rejoice before God.  
**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**  
Sing to God, all peoples of the world.  
Sing praises to God most high.  
**From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life,  
and renews the face of the earth.**  
Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.  
**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

**\*HYMN No. 263** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Coronation*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Loving God, we confess that we do not always  
bring honor and glory to your name.  
We are rebellious and weak;  
we flee before your goodness.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
by the grace and mercy of Christ,  
that we may rise up again in peace  
to love and serve your world. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

**\*RESPONSE**

Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, my love is strong-er than your  
 fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, and  
 I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

Gsus G C G Dm C  
 Am F Dm Gsus G C

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**Come to Me, O Weary Traveler**

William Rowan

*Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with our distress,  
 come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.  
 Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;  
 do not fear the path before you do not run from me in fright.  
 Take my yoke and leave your troubles, take my yoke and come with me.  
 Take my yoke, I am beside you, take and learn humility.  
 Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.  
 Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.*

*\*\*Children may depart for Sunday School at this time.*

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 1:6-12

**SERMON**

**"Still in the World"**

John 17:1-11

**\*HYMN No. 250**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Promise

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that we are the light of the world.  
 We believe we should let our light shine  
 before others, so that they may see our good works,  
 and give glory to our Father in heaven.  
 We believe that our love should be genuine.  
 We believe that we should hate what is evil,  
 and that we should hold fast to what is good.**

**We believe that if we live by the Spirit,  
we should also be guided by the Spirit.  
We believe we should not become conceited,  
compete against one another or envy one another.  
We believe that we are God's chosen ones.  
We believe that we should clothe ourselves  
with compassion, kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience.**

## **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, No. 606**

**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**

**Gracious God, everything that is given to us  
comes from the abundance of your love.  
Bless these gifts and our lives together,  
that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;  
in the name of Christ, who is the way,  
the truth, and the life. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN No. 463**

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7  
C Am7 D G Am7 G

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major

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**

G. Kevin Dewey

**Greeters**

James Flynn, Shirley Mayland, and Joy Park

**Security**

Jim Brown

**Coffee Hour**

Ron and Jane Stockton

**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.

**CHILDCARE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** is provided during the worship service upstairs in the nursery (above the church offices). Please ask a greeter for directions.

**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** is focusing on the book of Ephesians, led by Maged Radamis. Dr. John Whitfield's 11:45 am Bible class today is centered on the first eleven chapters of Genesis. Both classes are held in the Conference Room near the church office.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK**

Peter Schellang 5/15   Bob Jones 5/17   Angie Stead 5/18

Judy Goerke 5/19

**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY** is in special need of canned soups at the present time. All other donations are also welcomed and appreciated!

**THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has been meeting regularly since last May. We certainly understand the urgency that an open Pastor position in our church creates. We remain faithful to the charge as presented to us in the Self-Study Report. That report provides a detailed account of the pastoral attributes required for the position while making us accountable as a committee to make sure the needs of our congregation are met, no matter what. The PNC's work has been methodical, and process driven. We regularly review the profiles of candidates, interview candidates that match our Church's needs and prayerfully move to additional steps with candidates where warranted. While the pool of qualified candidates is small, we remain confident that our church, our congregation and our community will prove very attractive to the right Pastoral candidate. It is critical that we extend a Call to someone who can provide the leadership that will guide the Church to manage the current challenges and exploit existing opportunities. And, just as importantly, has a vision to imagine how this congregation can thrive in this community for the coming decades. We remain committed to finding that candidate.

**ANNUAL CEREAL DRIVE:** CHPC has been invited to participate in Children's Hospital of MI 17th Annual Cereal Drive. The drive began May 1 and ends June 2. The purpose of the drive is to provide children of SE MI with breakfast during their summer vacation. Donations of any size boxes of cereal and/or cash (checks payable to Gleaners Food Bank) are welcome. There will be large boxes from Gleaners in Weir Foyer for the donations. Cash donations can be delivered to the church office. Thank you in advance for your support in this effort.

**SUMMER DREAMS:** For many years, our church has given support in many ways to The Second Mile Center of Detroit. During the month of May, we are collecting donations during coffee hour to support their "Summer Dreams" program. Our donations will go toward the Center's summer programs and food and meal distribution for impoverished children and their families in the most dangerous zip code in Detroit. Look for the bright sand pails on the tables in Memorial Parlor!

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31, at 4:00 pm!** One of our favorite soprano soloists, Giles Simmer, will present the one-woman operetta, *Bon Appetit!*, based on the television shows by chef Julia Child. The music is by American composer Lee Hoiby, and Giles will be accompanied by pianist Steven McGee. The program will also include works by Mozart and Bach. The recital will be followed by a Julia Child-inspired reception. This event is a fundraiser for the Austin pipe organ console replacement project. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**LADIES' LUNCH AT BUDDY'S PIZZA:** All women are invited to Buddy's on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn for lunch on **Friday, May 29, at 11:00 am**. The group will meet monthly, even in the summer. The exact Friday will change so watch for announcements. Please RSVP by May 22, so that the group can be seated together, to Shirley Mayland at 313-689-7086 or [31shirleym@gmail.com](mailto:31shirleym@gmail.com)

The Growth & Fellowship committee will be hosting the annual **COMMUNITY PLANT EXCHANGE** on Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 AM-Noon on the east-facing lawn of the church near Memorial Garden. If you're looking for something new for your yard or you have some plants that need dividing you would like to share, everyone is welcome. We will have a variety of plants as well as seed packets, all at no cost. This event is open to the community and you do not have to bring plants to participate.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

Lewis Sequin Winnie Murphy

Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekpenyong Pam Thorpe

##### **Health Concerns & Support**

Bob Stead Marv Oberdier John Nichols

Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale

Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee

Staff, Elders, & Deacons of Cherry Hill / The Presbytery of Detroit

## THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, May 17	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
Monday, May 18	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	2:00 pm	PNC Meeting
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, May 20	9:30 am	Helping Hand Food Pantry
Thursday, May 21	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Rex's Grill
Sunday, May 24	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
<b>Monday, May 25</b>		<b>BUILDING/OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b>

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#### Church Office Hours:

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

**Friday – 8:30 am-Noon**

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