



**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, August 23, 2026
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*** 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

Hear Ye, Israel
Giles Simmer, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

The love of God lasts forever!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN No. 281** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world
and not the ways of your kingdom.

**We think of ourselves too highly
and regard others as lowly.**

We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted.

We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy upon us, we pray.

**Forgive and transform us,
that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

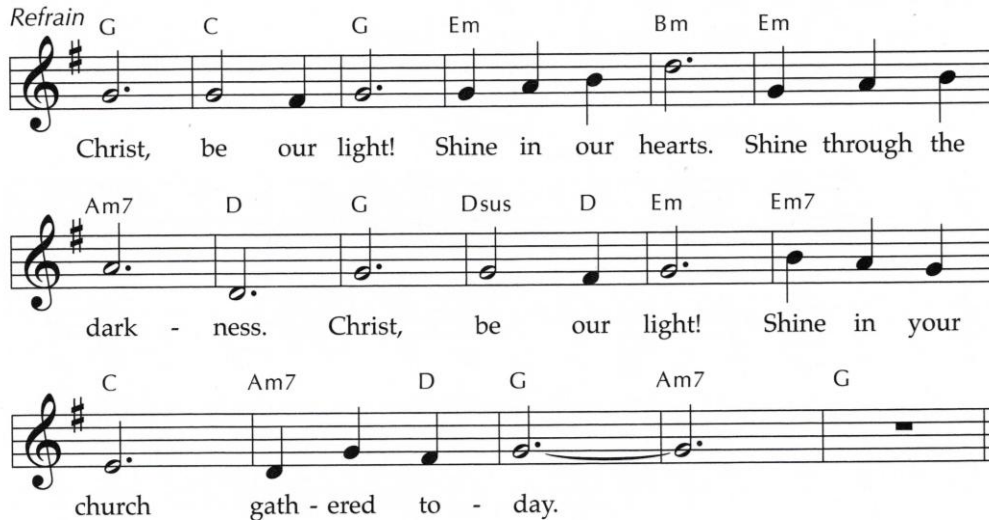


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE



PSALM 124 (Please see insert)

GIFT OF MUSIC

Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre
Giles Simmer, soprano

G.F. Handel

MEDITATION

"Early Hebrew Influencers"

Exodus 1:8-2:10

*HYMN (Please see insert)

Shall We Gather at the River

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement 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, No. 592

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, we thank you for the measure of faith
you have given to each of us.
Increase in us generosity, compassion,
and prophetic courage, so we may continue
to be your body in and for the world.
With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN No. 391

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*This congregation's custom is to remain seated 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

Sherry Brown

Greeter

Elaine Filiak

Security

Jim Brown

Coffee Hour/Catered Lunch

Don and Elaine Filiak

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**. Easy instructions are provided. Thank you for supporting the ministry at Cherry Hill!



WORSHIP AIDS: Large print bulletins, Bibles, and large print hymnals are available on the table at the back of the Chapel. Please ask a greeter for a copy.

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 11:45 am, led by Dr. John Whitfield, continues the study of the first eleven chapters of Genesis. This class is held in the Conference Room near the church office.

COFFEE HOUR THIS MORNING will be a fully catered lunch for all, provided by Don and Elaine Filiak in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. All are cordially invited to share in this milestone occasion!

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DONATIONS: In order to have enough Glory to God hymnals for our congregation and visitors, especially for services at Christmas and Easter, we are seeking donations to purchase new hymnals. Donations can be made in honor or memory of loved ones and a name plate will be inserted on the inside cover. Please use the donation forms found in Weir Foyer and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church office with your payment. New hymnals are \$25.00 each. If you wish to purchase a personal copy of the hymnal, please indicate that on the form as such. We are happy to report that we have received nearly 60 donations to date and extend our thanks to all of our generous donors!

FOR OUR SPECIAL MUSIC THIS MORNING we are deeply grateful to long-time friend of CHPC, soprano Giles Simmer! Giles is on the music staff at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, and also on the staff of the Fair Lane Estate where she serves as Senior Director of Philanthropy and part of the team helping to guide the estate's restoration.

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY is in special need of canned soups, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, and canned tuna. Your donations are truly welcomed and appreciated!

THE DEACONS' ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION has begun and concludes today. The Dearborn Police and representatives from the Goodfellows organization will be here very soon to pick up and distribute the supplies to Dearborn students.

**WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL
WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS!!**

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
Susan Webster 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, August 23	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour/Catered Lunch
	11:45 am	Bible Study (Conference Room)
Monday, August 24	10:00 am	Sew What Group
Tuesday, August 25	11:30 am	PNC Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 26	1:00 pm	Wednesday Study Group
Friday, August 28		OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, August 30	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK

John Nichols 08/29



WHEN I CAN'T DO IT

When I JUST can't seem to do it Lord
I know that You can – in me
I thank You that all the things I lack
In YOU, O Lord, I see
As I journey along this heavenly path
No matter what test I face
It's not about might, nor even power
But patiently running the race
I look at You and it's possible
New faith begins to rise!
Then I reflect and wonder why
I looked through earthly eyes
Deep down in me, my heart says, "Yes"
When flesh would rather say, "No"
At times You want me, Lord, to wait
When it seems I'm raring to go
I thank You Lord for love that sees
Beyond this fleshly veil
When it seems I can't, in You I can
Through love that never fails

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