



**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, September 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally/Homecoming Sunday**

*** 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.***

ALL HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL

PRELUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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**

Welcome in,

come on home.

Come with your load of troubles,

carry in your bundle of doubts.

Bring them home

to a place of healing,

to a community of forgiveness,

to this family.

Bring them home to God:

a God who cares,

who lightens our load,

who gives us rest,

who gives us hope for the future

courage for each day, a song for this moment.

***HYMN No. 33**

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Llanfair

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your love is like a gentle wind
that is forever guiding us along.**

**Yet how often we turn away from your support
and attempt to push ahead in our own way.**

We prefer our plans and miss seeing
 how we might cooperate with your guidance.
 We believe that it is by our own efforts
 that we accomplish the deed or possess the reward.
 We miss the spirit of joyful thanksgiving in our drivenness.
 We live without gratitude and languish in isolation.
 Holy God, keep our hearts turned toward you.
 In your guidance, with the example of your Son,
 we move toward joy, wholeness and community. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out.
But above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

Edward Thomas Chapman

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

MEDITATION

"Choking on Forgiveness"

Matthew 18:21-35

*HYMN 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Toplady

*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, 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**

Almighty God, receive these gifts
that we offer with grateful hearts
and use us for your ministry in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN No. 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

*This congregation's custom is to remain seated for the postlude.
Those wishing to exit may do so quietly.*

SERVING THIS MORNING

Preacher

Director of Music & Organist

Liturgist

Greeters

Security

Rev. Teresa Peterson

Charles Miller

Ruth Haury

James Flynn, Shirley Mayland, and Janet Reickel

Walt Siegl

**PLEASE JOIN US OUTSIDE THE WEIR FOYER DOORS
FOR RALLY SUNDAY LUNCHEON!**

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 tables in the front of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. 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. **Because of the Rally Day Lunch, this class will not meet today but will resume on Sunday, September 20.**

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 over 60 donations to date and extend our thanks to all of our generous donors! **Order end date is Sunday, September 20.**

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 LADIES' LUNCH will take place on September 18, at 11:00 am, at Buddy's Pizza on Michigan Avenue in downtown Dearborn. For details, contact Elaine Filiak at **dgf1945@comcast.net**.

FROM THE ADMIN COMMITTEE: Part-time Custodian position open for non-member candidates. If you know of someone who is looking to fill 6 to 10 hours a week with custodial work, please contact Char Sobieski-Greco or Jan Holmes.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 am** on the lawn by Memorial Garden. Bring your pets and invite a friend! See the September newsletter for more details.

BIRTHDAYS THIS COMING WEEK

Connie Record 09/16

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 Marvin Oberdier John Nichols Susan Webster

Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale David Murphy (friend of Deb Szwed)

Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee

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

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, Sept. 13	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Rally Day Luncheon
	NO 11:45 am BIBLE STUDY TODAY	
Monday, Sept. 14	9:30 am	PNC Meeting
	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Monday Study Group
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16	9:30 am	Helping Hand Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Wednesday Study Group
Thursday, Sept. 17	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Rex's Grill
Friday, Sept. 18	11:00 am	Ladies' Lunch @ Buddy's Pizza
Sunday, Sept. 20	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study
	11:45 am	Confirmation Class
	1:00 pm	CPR / First Aid Class



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