



**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 20, 2026

The Seventeenth 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.***

ALL HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL

PRELUDE

Choral Prelude on *Bunessan*

Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Robert Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord!

The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great.

Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles,

and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Glory and praise is due to the Lord our God!

***HYMN No. 664**

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness,

we confess that we want your grace for ourselves

but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.

We judge the efforts and motives of others

while ignoring the faults of our own.

Forgive us, we pray,

when we let jealousy overtake us,

or are petty even in the presence of your generosity.

May your grace fill our lives.

In Jesus name, we pray. 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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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.

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CHORAL ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.
From depths of sin I cry, "give me Jesus."
O when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:2-8

MEDITATION

"What is This Stuff?"

Exodus 16:9-15

*HYMN 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and Tenderly

*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

Lord, giver of all good gifts,

thank you for the resources gathered here.

Use us and these gifts for the advancement

of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

*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

Praeludium in D minor

J.S. Bach

*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

Wendy Solgan

Greeters

James Flynn, Shirley Mayland, and Janet Reickel

Security

Stu Oke

Coffee Hour

Linda Guinn, Joy Park, and Janet Reickel

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.

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! **TODAY is the final day to place your order/donation.**

FLOWERS TODAY are given by the family of John & Christina Cuthbertson in honor of what would have been their 79th wedding anniversary, and also by the Wilcox family in loving memory of Linda and John Banks.

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.

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!

FROM THE ADMIN COMMITTEE: Part-time Custodian position open for non-member candidates. If you know of someone who is looking to fill 10 to 15 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

Jim Brown 09/26

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. 20	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study
	11:45 am	Confirmation Class
Monday, Sept. 21	1:00 pm	CPR / First Aid Class
	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	1:00 pm	Monday Study Group
Wednesday, Sept. 23	1:00 pm	Wednesday Study Group
Thursday, Sept. 24	9:30 am	PNC Meeting
	11:00 am	Colony Club Meeting
Friday, Sept. 25	9:30 am	PNC Work Group
Sunday, Sept. 27	10:15 am	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study



How Great This Grace

How great this grace,
poking, prodding,
filling every empty space
with scarlet, crimson, burnished gold,
an autumn smell and sound,
burnt crackle color freckling clouds with fire.
Unseen seen,
ever surprise,
words, wonders,
chance not chance
but guided good
subtly woven in us, through us;
look what God has made for us.
His finger holds us,
knows each vein, each stripe of light,
recognized design,
within-woven,
fire wrought from fire to be fire;
look what God has made of us.
How great this grace whose hand we hold.

Mary Ellen Smajo

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