



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, September 7, 2025 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
COMMUNION SUNDAY & 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.*

**PRELUDE**

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought  
Steal Away to Jesus

David Cherwien  
Gilbert M. Martin

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Spirit of the Living God  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Dan Iverson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen! The LORD calls out to us, offering life!

**Teach, lead, and turn us to your ways, O God.**

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

**Teach, lead, and turn us to your ways, O God.**

**With our whole heart we will turn to you and live!**

**\*HYMN No. 476**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*Lyons*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,  
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God,

and restore us to you,

that we may walk in the way of love. Amen

**SILENT CONFESSION**

## RESPONSE (Red Hymnal, No. 535)



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

**\*RESPONSE (Hymnal No. 579)** Gloria Patri

**PSALTER (See last page)**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

## WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

### CHORAL ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard: Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people: Alleluia. O be joyful in God all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name. Make his praise to be glorious.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-4

### SERMON

**"What Should We Let God Do?"**

Luke 14:25-33

**\*HYMN No. 302**  
**(Maroon Hymnal)**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*Adelaide*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 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**

Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise, O God.  
May we use them for your glory and the good of your people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and  
praise. . . Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament  
of bread and cup. Send us now into the world in peace,  
and give us abundant strength to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in D

Frederick Swann

*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**

Mary Boudreau, Shirley Mayland, and Bob Szwed

**Security**

Jim Thorpe

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR RALLY IN THE ALLEY!!**

**WELCOME TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH:** We are deeply grateful you have joined us in worship today! Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus 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, or by our secure and easy online giving option! Follow the online giving instructions on our website, [www.cherryhillchurch.org](http://www.cherryhillchurch.org).

**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!

**CHILDCARE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** is provided during the worship service upstairs in the nursery. Olivia Gee is our childcare provider. Please ask a greeter for directions.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING 11:45 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASS**, led by the Rev. Dr. John Whitfield meets in the Conference Room, beginning on September 14. The class will be starting a new study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY CLASS**, led by Maged Ramadis, will resume on October 8 and will focus on the Book of Zechariah. This class will meet in the Conference Room.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 22!** Join us Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm for a 5-week book study, *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. Each lesson will include a video by the author highlighting the theme followed by discussion led by Pastor Teresa. This study is designed to help us grow in our faith and explore suggested practices for coping with life challenges. Let us know you'd like a book. Sign up in Weir Foyer. Cost: \$5.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, September 27, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak, Meet the Co-Moderator of PCUSA, Rev. CeCe Armstrong. Theme: How Does the Church LIVE? Free lunch to follow the presentation. RSVP is needed. Contact the office for more information.

**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry continues to gratefully accept donations of staple items: canned vegetables, cereals, pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna, crackers, rice, canned fruit, jarred marinara sauce, and boxed macaroni and cheese. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE: DAY-LONG BACH ORGAN MARATHON FUNDRAISING CONCERT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11!** The next pipe organ restoration fundraising event will be held from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 11. The schedule of performers is:

10:00 am	<b>Charles Miller</b> (Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church)
11:00 am	<b>Nicole Keller</b> (University of Michigan)
12:00 pm	<b>Joseph Balistreri</b> (St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Detroit)
1:00 pm	<b>Jonathan Ryan</b> (Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield)
2:00 pm	<b>David Hufford</b> (First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor)
3:00 pm	<b>Caroline Robinson</b> (University of Michigan)
4:00 pm	<b>Jeremy David Tarrant</b> (Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit)
5:00 pm	<b>David Stultz</b> (First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn)
6:00 pm	<b>James Kibbie</b> (University of Michigan)

Each organist will perform a 50-minute recital on the Austin Organ covering the Preludes, Toccatas, Fugues, Trio Sonatas, and Chorale Preludes of the great master Johann Sebastian Bach. Donations will be accepted to support the new organ console project. We are \$28,000 away from reaching the \$190,000 goal. Come and go as you please throughout the day, which will begin and end with the famous "Toccatina and Fugue in D minor". The final recital by Dr. James Kibbie will be followed by a gala reception in Memorial Parlor.



#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK COMING**

Jacob Betley 09/09   Kim McDonald 09/10

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

Evelyn Poti   Lewis Sequin   Judie Fraser

Judy Ewasuk   Ekanem Ekpenyong   Pam Thorpe

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

Bob Stead   Marv Oberdier   Sharon Cloney   John Nichols   Judy Tisdale

Eric & Julie Jepperson   John Haury

The caregivers and family members of those who are infirmed

Cherry Hill Church Transition Team

Staff, Elders, and Deacons of Cherry Hill - The Presbytery of Detroit



## THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, September 7	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Sunday School
	11:30 am	Rally in the Alley (Rain location: Fellowship Hall)
Monday, September 8	10:00 am	Sew What Group
	11:30 am	Administration Committee Mtg.
	6:30 pm	PNC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 9	3:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Church Growth & Fellowship Mtg.
Wednesday, Sept. 10	6:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee Mtg.
Thursday, September 11	10:00 am	Quilters
	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, September 14	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Bible Study

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#### Church Office Hours:

**Monday through Thursday – 8:30 am-2:30 pm / Friday – 8:30 am-12 noon**

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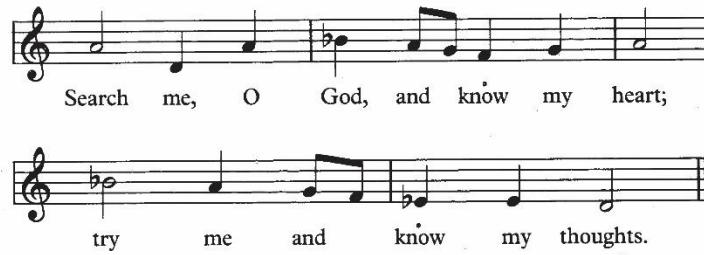
Michael Sellers, Social Media Manager

John Peterson, Custodian

Olivia Gee, Sunday Childcare Provider

The Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus

## PSALM 139 (read responsively)



O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

[REFRAIN]

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,  
**when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
When I awake—I am still with you.**

[REFRAIN]

1 O Lord, thy work is sweet and true, thy vine-yard vast, the  
 2 "Go forth," said Je - sus, "and bap - tize, that in me you one  
 3 To feed the hun - gry, clothe the bare, to ev - ery stran - ger  
 4 Thy king - dom come, O Lord we pray, as thou hast taught us;  
 5 Thy name is hal - lowed when we hew close to thy love and

1 work - ers few. Re - vive us, Lord, and make us  
 2 day may rise; for I shall send my spir - it  
 3 of - fer care; to set the pris - oners free, 'tis  
 4 light our way. O Word of God, set us a -  
 5 teach - ing true, to bring thy king - dom's peace and

*Ped.*

1 free to con - se - crate our lives to thee.  
 2 sweet," and now we are Christ's hands and feet.  
 3 this that fills thy heart and ours with bliss.  
 4 flame that we may bless thy ho - ly Name.  
 5 grace in - to our age, in - to this place.

6 Dear Christ, whose hands did harrow hell,  
 that in thy glory all may dwell:  
 refresh our souls 'til life shall end,  
 O our best teacher and our friend.