

Holly Presbyterian Church  
November 19, 2023

**Welcome and Announcements** - We welcome Rev. Chris Thomas today, from Holly.

**Pennies from Heaven** A voluntary small change offering for building projects.

**Prelude**

**Julia Hull**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts for worship. We do not worship a small god. We worship a God of power and might

**People: "It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens."**

Leader: Let us worship our God...

**\*Opening Hymn #476** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Lord and creator of all things, you hold all the power of the universe. By your very word, you created all things and ordered them. We must admit this morning that we fail to trust in that power for our own lives. We scramble our own efforts and try to make things happen in our ways. We look for answers to our problems in sources far inferior to you. We wish to turn away from these ways and seek you once again. Make our hearts to desire after you. Connect us with your will and heart for creation that we might act in your power and not our own.**

(Please take time for silent personal confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri #577** (Avery and Marsh version)

**Sharing the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord we come to your word to be transformed. Open our ears to hear what you have to say to us. Soften our hearts that your word may be firmly planted in our inner being. Make us more like you after we have heard this word than before. Amen.**

Please stand, in body or in spirit as you are able, at the parts of the service marked with \*

## Scriptures

### Old Testament

Numbers 15:37-41

Pew Bible (OT) Page 129

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament

Luke 8:40-56

Pew Bible (NT) Page 64

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "The Source of Jesus' Power"

**Rev. Chris Thomas**

**\*Hymn #288** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Based on Philippians 3:7-11)

**Yet whatever gains we had, we have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, we regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. For his sake we have suffered the loss of all things, and we regard them as rubbish, in order that we may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of our own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow we may attain the resurrection from the dead.**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Doxology #592**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn #388** O Jesus, I Have Promised

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Julia Hull**

Assisting with worship today: Karen Haneline, Jim Lyles, Vicki Lyles, and Tom Schettling.

## Congregational Meeting Notice

There will be a special congregational meeting Sunday, December 10, after worship for the purpose of electing elders and the 2024 nominating committee. Please plan to stay for this short meeting.



We need you! The Worship Volunteer sheet is empty. Who is the church? We are. Kindly find a day and slot you can fill. We need two Greeter/Ushers, a Worship Leader and on the first of the month two communion servers. See Tom with any questions.

## Congregational Care Team

**Coffee Fellowship** Come at 10:30am for some coffee, snack and fellowship. Please see the sign up sheet and see what date might work for you to serve.



If you have prayer requests, please submit them to **Karen Haneline** (email address [haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com), phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.

## Prayer Concerns

**Thanks:** **Sherry McLaughlin** has recovered from pneumonia and will be returning to work next week (still on a limited schedule as she heals from her back surgery).

**For comfort:** The families of **David McKim** and **Linda Living Hawley**.

**For healing:** **Ray Knudsen** recovering from shoulder surgery; **Penny Schettling** recovering from hip surgery; **Clara Renico** (Mary Renico's granddaughter) broke her left elbow on monkey bars, requiring surgery, recovering; **Diana Wagoner** (Mary Renico's best friend) had a stroke; **Diana** (Cathie Killewald's friend) with long-term health issues; **Jane Knudsen** hip surgery scheduled Nov. 27th.; **Barb Brown**; **Mrs. Cook** (Randy and Broady's mother) kidney issues.

**Ongoing Prayers— Don Neuville, Mark Bolen, Steve** in FL, and **Jim Killewald**.



## Prayers for those suffering

- Those affected by the wars in Israel and Gaza, and in the Sudan and Ukraine.
- Those affected by the severe weather in our country and all around the world.
- Those affected by hunger.
- Those affected by gun violence.

*Bring protection and healing to the people of Ukraine. Show them that You are with them and that You hear their prayers. Strengthen those who are hurt, alone, or broken, and bless them with Your peace and hope.*

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### **Christian Education**

#### **Bible Study**

The next Bible Study will be on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am-10:45am. Dessalee Cook will be leading. Note that we will not be meeting Nov. 26 (the weekend of Thanksgiving).

