



Holly Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 126:4-6

Restore us, O Lord, in our act of worship.

Make us a fountain overflowing with goodness in your land.

Plant in us the seeds of joy.

Make even our suffering fruitful for your harvest.

We come before you and go out with shouts of joy.

Make us to come back with a great harvest from your work!

Come let us worship our Lord!

*Opening Hymn #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Call to Confession

Based on Hebrews 12:1

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you offer us transformation, but we are looking for control. You offer us a partnership, and we want the judgment seat. You offer love, and we look for transactions. Forgive us when we turn down all you have to offer us to pursue something lesser. Give us new hearts that beat like yours. Give us new minds that think like yours. Give us new eyes and new ears to see and hear like you do. We surrender our failures to you and look for your transforming power.
(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

King of our hearts, only you know the true depth of our love for you. Only you can deepen our love for you. Break down the walls we have constructed around our hearts. Transform them to be your dwelling place. And may this word we read and hear this morning bring forth your glory in our lives.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Genesis 2:4-7

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 2

New Testament Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:1-11

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 169-170

New Testament Letter

Philippians 2:6-11

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 186

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Form of a Servant: Vessel"

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

Affirmation of Faith

Based on Philippians 2:6-11

Though Jesus existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn #607 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings we have received. Please take this offering as a symbol of our gratitude and commitment to you.

Consecrate our hearts and make them yours even as these gifts are yours. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Dessalee Cook; Usher-Dessalee Cook; Setup-Karen Haneline; Sound Randy Cook.

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
April	\$6,102.00	\$7,917.00

Congregational Care Team

Coffee and Fellowship

Please join us for Coffee, snack and some fellowship at 10:30am each Sunday. We have one more week and then we take off for the summer.



Volunteers needed. Volunteers are needed for Worship and Baby Pantry. God appreciates all you do and so do we.

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - haneline526@gmail.com or 248-894-3489.

Prayer Concerns



For Comfort and Peace to the families of: Won Chea (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) and **Jim Alexander** (Penny Schettling's cousin and husband of Cindy who works at Dryers.)

Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and our church, every day.

For healing: **Mark Bolan** treatment for cancer; **Mary Renico** pubic rami fracture of pelvis.; **Tim McLaughlin** (Sherry's husband) shoulder replacement; **Bill & Rose** (biological dad of Julie Schram) Bill has a hiatal hernia and needs surgery and Rose has health issues; **Aletheia Thomas** knee.

Ongoing prayers: **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook' sister-in-law) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.; **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer; **Tom Schettling**; **Penny Schettling**; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body.; **Mike Pelton**, **Don Neuville**, **Steve in FL**, and **Jim Killewald**.

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.



Mark your calendar

Sun May 18 th	10:30am Coffee
	11:15am Worship
	12:15pm Worship Team Meeting
Wed May 21 st	6:30pm Zumba-Gathering Place
Sun May 25 th	10:00am Bible Study
	10:30am Coffee -Last one for the summer)
	11:15am Worship
Wed May 28 th	6:30pm Zumba-Gathering Place