



Holly Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

***Call to Worship**

Based on Galatians 5:22-26

We come united by the Holy Spirit to worship the one true God and Creator of all things.

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

Against such things, there is no law. Freedom calls us to them. And in freedom we are gifted these fruits.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Let us worship now united in God's Spirit...

***Opening Hymn #286 "Breath on Me, Breath of God"**

Call to Confession

Based on Galatians 5:1

Prayer of Confession

**Lord of liberty, you have gone to great lengths that we might find freedom from the bonds of sin and death. We must admit that we do not understand your definition of freedom. We often look at the life you offer us and find it unappealing, a life of selfless sacrifice and love. We act self-protectively, motivated by our comfort and security, rather than your will.
(please take time for silent personal confession)**

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Galatians 5:24-25

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word is a key to freedom for us, O God. As we read and study your Word this morning, open our eyes to see its guiding light. Open our hearts that seeds of great fruitfulness may be planted. Open our minds that we may be transformed by your knowledge and wisdom. Fill us with your truth that we may leave here ready and willing to act as you would act. Amen.

Scriptures

New Testament Letter

Galatians 5:1-12

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 179

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Foolish Galatians: For Freedom”

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

Affirmation of Faith

Galatians 3:6-14

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,”

those who believe are the descendants of Abraham.

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,

“All the gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

All who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written,

“Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.”

Now it is evident that no one is reckoned as righteous before God by the law, for “the one who is righteous will live by faith.”

But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, “Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.”

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Giver of all gifts, we offer this sacrifice to you in the freedom you have given to us. Make us glad in all you have given to us, whether it is plenty or little. Please help us to use all our resources for your glory. Accept our offering this morning as a sign of our trust and faith in you for all things. Multiply it as you did the loaves and fish, that it may accomplish far more than we can do with it. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

Charge and Benediction
Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Karen Haneline; Usher-; AV Setup-Gerry Jackson; Sound-Jim Lyles.

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
July	\$6,102.00	\$5,194.00

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the next three weeks in August- Worship Leader and Usher. God appreciates all you do and so do we.



Congregational Care Team

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

Prayer Concerns

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



Pray for: Donna Miller recovering from heat stroke and also has extra fluid in her eyes (vitreous). Using eye drops to minimize the fluid. Pray that the drops continue to work. **Dale Huffman** prayers for recovery and increased strength.; **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Update-feels good and is back to work. Disappointed that his hands don't work well because of the burns. Prayers that he continue to improve. Also, they had a new baby.; **Mark Bolan** has now started chemotherapy treatment for cancer; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 needs had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

Ongoing prayers: Jody (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; **Bill** (biological dad of Julie Schram) has a hiatal hernia and needs surgery; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook' sister-in-law) recovering well from from surgery has pancreatic cancer.; **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer; **Tom Schettling**; **Penny Schettling**; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **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 Aug 10 th	10:00am Bible Study
	11:15am Worship
Tues Aug 12 th	7:30pm Property
Wed Aug 13 th	6:30pm Zumba
Fri Aug 15 th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Aug 17 th	11:15am Worship
	12:15pm Worship Team
Wed Aug 20 th	6:30pm Zumba
Sun Aug 24 th	11:15am Worship
