



Holly Presbyterian Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Prelude**

**Julia Hull**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Based on Psalm 1**

We come before the Lord in the way of the righteous and not the way of the wicked.

**The righteous take delight in the very Word of God and meditate on God's Word day and night.**

The righteous are like trees planted by streams of living water.

**The righteous produce fruit according to God's will.**

But those who mock God and seek their own way shall perish.

**We choose to be like the righteous and come before God in Spirit and Truth to worship this morning. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn #619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (Psalm 103)"**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord of creation, only you can define what is good and what is bad. You have laid the foundations of all creation. You have painted the beautiful landscapes we enjoy. You have crafted the wonderful flavors and smells of life. Forgive us when we judge your creation by our own standards. We admit that we have no grounds for our judgments. Humble our hearts and help us to become comfortable with our dependence on you. Give us new eyes to see your creation as you see it. Give us new hearts to bring your will on earth as it is in heaven.  
(please take time for silent personal confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Based on Matthew 7:24-25**

**Amen!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, illumine our path and make our way clear through the reading and studying of your word. Draw us near that we may meditate day and night on your ways. May we be on the path of the righteous by your transformative power. Amen.

## **Scriptures**

**Old Testament**

**Psalm 1:1-6**

**Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 462**

**New Testament Gospel**

**Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27**

**Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 2**

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon "Psalms Part 1: The Way of the Righteous"**

**Rev. Chris Thomas**

**\*Hymn #743 "O God, You Are My God (Step by Step)"**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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 Ghost, 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 at 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen!**

## **Baptism**

**Remembering Baptism**

**Profession of Faith**

**Question to the Congregation**

**Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**

**Welcomed into the Body of Christ**

## **Offertory**

**\*Doxology Hymn #609 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, we thank you for all your blessings. Even the trials and tribulations we face in life are redeemed in your goodness for the good of those who love you. We give back in gratefulness to your mercy. Take our lives and let them produce exponential fruit for the benefit of others. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

## **Charge and Benediction**

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Jan Bradshaw; Usher-Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Jim Lyles; Sound-Gordie Bradshaw.

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

### Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for September for Worship Leader and Coffee Attendant. God appreciates all you do and so do we.



### Coming in September-



Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will bring back Coffee Hour. It starts at 10:30am. If you are able to sign up to share a snack and make coffee, the sign up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.

### Annual Picnic-

September 14<sup>th</sup> after worship we will have our Annual Picnic here. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and drink will be provided.



### Congregational Care Team

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - [haneline526@gmail.com](mailto: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 at her daughter's house; Dale Huffman prayers for recovery and increased strength.; Mark Bolan treatment for cancer; Charly (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

Ongoing prayers: Alex Searfoss (great grandson of Donna Miller) Prayers that he continues to improve.; Jody (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; Micah

**Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) possibly has throat cancer but does have testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) **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.

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### **Mark your calendar**

Sun Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am Worship
Wed Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Zumba
Sun Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	11:15am Worship
Tues Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00pm IT Team
Wed Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm Zumba
Fri Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am Coffee
	11:00am Outreach Team
	11:15am Worship