



Holly Presbyterian Church
Fifth Week of Advent
December 21, 2025



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

Advent Reading

Hallelujah! Praise God in His sanctuary.

Praise God in God's mighty firmament!

Praise God for His mighty deeds!

Praise God for His surpassing greatness.

Lighting of the Fifth Advent Candle

*Call to Worship

Praise Him with trumpet sound!

Praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with clanging cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Let's join the choirs of all God's people past, present, and future, and praise the Lord with Hymn #150, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

***Opening Hymn #150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we must confess that our lives are not often defined by joy in you. We seek after lesser experiences of pleasure and happiness. Forgive us for our self-centered desires and actions. Help us to gain new hearts and new minds that seek your will above all and find joy in obedience to you. Make us like Jesus in sacrificing our desires for the good of all.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Word of life, we know you have planted your word in our hearts that we might receive life. Your very word is life! Open our hearts as we listen to your word now. Continue to transform us by your word that we might become vessels of your love in this world. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Psalm 150:1-6

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 551

New Testament

Revelations 4:1-11

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 233

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Hallelujah! Throne of God"

Rev. Chris Thomas

*Hymn #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Affirmation of Faith

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.
Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)"

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we offer this gift to you in love. We sacrifice ourselves for your good. We know that you can do so much more with what you have blessed us with than we can. Guide us and help us to see the ways you desire to use these resources. Amen.

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Closing Hymn #134 "Joy to the World"

Charge and Benediction
Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader- Vicki Lyles; Usher Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Karen Haneline; Sound-Jim Lyles.

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
November	\$6,102.00	\$6,132.83

Volunteers needed!

We appreciate all you do to have a successful service. Please check the signup sheet for the rest of December and 2026 sheets are also available. God blesses his appreciates all you do and so do we.



Bible Study



Join us at 10am for an in-depth look at Scriptures. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Poinsettias - Today, you may take home your Poinsettias. Thank you for making the Sanctuary beautiful. Please enjoy them at home.



Congregational Care Team

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

Prayer Concerns



Prayer of Thanksgiving-Jennifer Chanter-heart attack-Dr. said she was lucky to be alive. Arteries were 80%, 90% and 100%.
Prayers of Comfort to the family of Don Stephanic and Betsy.
Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and our church, every day.

Pray for: James Teddy, son of Duana Teddy recovering from liver transplant.;**Bob Killewald** having trouble walking, in PT and having surgery on his head to remove melanoma in January; **Sherry McLaughlin** new crack in femur. Pray for the doctors do what is necessary.; **Alex Perry** (Margaret Perry's son) recovering from a stroke.; **Josh Haneline** for strength and comfort during childrens' toddler years, sleep deprivation is real!; **Glynnna & Ben Parker** (Laura and



Brian's sister-in-law) as **Glynnna** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for comfort and guidance as they determine the next steps.; **Betsy and Don Stephanic**, new attenders. Don has had pancreatic cancer for a year, and the trial treatment is not working.; **Dale Huffman** prayers for recovery and increased strength.; **Perry Smith** (Laura Parker's friend) brain surgery; **Elizabeth Kici** had surgery for a serious medical condition, and is currently staying with her daughter (phone 248.496.0816).; all the people affected by the Grand Blanc shooting and fire at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.**; **Toni** (Bob Killewald's sister's dear friend) had a brain aneurysm-prognosis is poor.; **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) cancer not doing well.; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law); **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **Mike Pelton**, and **Don Neuville**.

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

Mark your calendar

Sun Dec 21st 10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
12:15pm Worship Team
Office and building closed Dec 23rd-Jan 2nd
Sun Dec 28th 10:00am Bible Study
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
Fri Jan 2nd 10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Jan 4th 10:30am Coffee
Sun Jan 4th 11:00am Outreach Team
11:15am Worship
Mon Jan 5th 7:00pm IT Team
Wed Jan 7th 6:30pm Zumba
Sun Jan 11th 10:00am Bible Study
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship



**Poinsettias in the
Sanctuary are in
Remembrance of**



~ Jean Goss ~ Mary Kay Lyles~

~ Leon Parker ~ Judy Watkins~

~ Ron Howe ~ Aaron & Margaret Ganshaw ~

~ Jack & Jean Fundis ~ Gordon & Gladys Bradshaw ~