



Holly Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

***Call to Worship**

Genesis 1:1–2, Psalm 29:3–4, 10–11

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Let us come and worship our God together...

***Opening Hymn #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”**

Call to Confession

Romans 3:23-24

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to love as you have loved. The love you displayed was perfectly selfless. We must admit that we fall far short of this kind of love. We are often self-seeking, self-protective, and use others for our own ends.

Forgive us for our self-centered tendencies. We want to love as you love. Turn our hearts away from ourselves and make us more like you as we worship this morning. Transform our lives into beacons of your love for the world to see.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, your Word can elude us. We lack ears to listen to your Spirit within us and bring our own will to your Word. Help us this morning as we approach your Word. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to believe all that you wish us to know this morning. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Exodus 14:15-22

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 58-59

New Testament Letter

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 161

New Testament Gospel

John 3:1-21

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 108-109

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Water and Spirit"

Rev. Chris Thomas

*Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

*Affirmation of Faith

Selections from the Athanasian Creed**

That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)"

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we are all in! We give to you this morning as a symbol of our dedication to you and to one another. Show us how we use all that we have and all we are for your glory. Use these gifts to bless those you have called our Church to serve. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #305 "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julie Hull

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

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Easter Lilies for Easter

Purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. Singles are 6" pot \$17 and Doubles are two plants 8" pot \$28. Please see the order form in the sanctuary. Your order needs to be in by Sunday March 15th. Make checks payable to HPC and in the memo put flowers. Flowers may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday.



Volunteers needed

We appreciate all you do to help this church. Please check the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for coffee hour, worship, and the baby pantry and see where you could help.



Bible Study

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

Congregational Care Team

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

Prayer Concerns

(For a more complete prayer list visit <https://www.hollypc.org/>)

Pray for: Bob Killewald; Sherry McLaughlin; Mike Pelton with dementia; **Lori and Don Vallance** (Randy Cook's sister and brother-in-law) strength and healing as Don has been diagnosed with dementia; **Glynnna Parker** pancreatic cancer; **Dale Huffman** for increased strength; **Perry Smith** recovering from brain surgery; **Toni** brain aneurysm.

Ongoing prayers: Elizabeth Kici; James Teddy and Charly recovering from liver transplants; **Micha Swanson; Tom and Penny Schettling; Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **Alex Perry; Josh Haneline.**

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

Mark your calendar

- Sun Mar 8th** 10:00am Bible Study
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
- Sun Mar 15th** 10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
12:15pm Worship Team
- Thurs Mar 19th** 7:00pm Session Meeting
- Fri Mar 20th** 10:00am Baby Pantry
- Sun Mar 22nd** 10:00am Bible Study
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship