



Holly Presbyterian Church
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

**disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne
of God. Amen**

***Opening Praise "Give Me Jesus"**

Call to Confession

Based on Psalm 130

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we are an impatient people and fail to trust in your promises. We
make impetuous decisions and seek our own results rather than your
goodness. Forgive us for lacking the faith we need to follow your Spirit into
the unknown and trust your timing. Transform our hearts to surrender to
your desires at all times; we are not able, but we are willing for you to make
us able. When we forget to trust, reveal our lack of trust in you, and lead us
to repentance.**

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Psalm 103

Amen.

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

**Father in heaven, give us sober minds as we read your scriptures and examine
our history. Teach us new lessons of your goodness. Help us to know you more
and transform our hearts as we draw near. Amen.**

Scriptures

New Testament

Acts 6:8-15

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 116

New Testament

Acts 7:54-8:1

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 118

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The First Martyr”

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Praise of Response** “In Christ Alone”

***Affirmation of Faith** “This I Believe (Creed)”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Accept our humble offerings this morning, O God. Give us eyes to see how we can offer more. Give us ears to hear your Spirit calling us day by day to give all to you. Use all that you have blessed us with so that we would become a blessing to others. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #300** “We Are One In the Spirit”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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

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.



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: Mike Pelton in hospice care; **Larry Remillard** with shingles; **Sherry McLaughlin** recovering from carpal tunnel surgery; **Mike Call** (the father of Pam Remillard's daughter-in-law, Cathi) is battling leukemia; **Rick Perry** (Margaret's husband).

Ongoing prayers: Brinley age 3 with an autoimmune disorder; **Richard Mikulak** (Karen Haneline's brother); **Mark Bolan** (Debbie Miller's husband); **Vicky** (Tom Schettling's sister-in-law); **Elizabeth Kici**; **Jennie and the Cook Family**; **Lori Vallance**; **Glynna Parker**; **Dale Huffman**; **James Teddy and Charly**.

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 Aug 9	11:15am	Worship
	12:15pm	Property Team meeting
Sun Aug 16	11:15am	Worship
	12:15pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thur Aug 20	7:00pm	Session Meeting (Zoom)