



Holly Presbyterian Church
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 133

Friends, how very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Like oil and spices mixed into one holy blend used to anoint Aaron as priest.

Like all the drops of dew which fall on the mountains of Zion.

When we are united, we become God's very ordained blessing now and forevermore. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

Call to Confession

Based on John 3:16

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, sustainer of all life, we need your forgiveness and healing. We have decided what is right in our own eyes and passed judgment on ourselves, the church, and our world. We have justified our selfishness while harshly pointing out when others have failed, both aloud and, more commonly, in our hearts. We turn away from this haughty conceit and humbly recognize our need for new hearts. Heal us and make us like you as you reveal your will to us.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we seek to know you more. In your Word, you make yourself known to us. As we dive into your Word and into our history, help us to see you clearly. Plant your truth in our hearts so that it may grow into the full fruit of your Kingdom. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Genesis 4:1-7

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 3

Old Testament

Genesis 37:1-4

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Playing Favorites"

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"**

***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!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we are so grateful for your abundant goodness toward us. We respond with gratitude for all you have blessed us with. Take our offering this morning and bless our community with it. Take our hearts and make them entirely yours. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Karen Haneline; Usher-Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Brian Parker; Sound-Randy Cook.

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: Mark Bolan (Debbie Miller's husband); 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 Hanteline's brother); 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 16	11:15am	Worship
	12:15pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thur Aug 20	7:00pm	Session Meeting (Zoom)
Fri Aug 21	10:00am	Baby Pantry Open
Sun Aug 23	11:15am	Worship