



Holly Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

*Call to Worship

Based on 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written,

“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” Amen!

***Opening Hymn #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Call to Confession

Based on Jude 20-21

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess and repent that we let many voices speak to our faith without submitting those voices to your Holy Spirit’s guidance, in your Holy Scriptures and in us. Forgive us for the ways we have subjugated your truth to misguided attempts to understand your creation and your purposes. We turn away from anything that may hinder us from knowing You and receiving Your truth in relationship. Make us humble and unassuming, so we may be servants of all.
(please take time for silent personal confession)**

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Second Helvetic Confession

Amen!

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Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we long to know your word. We desire it more than anything else. In your word we find breath and life.

Scriptures

New Testament Letter

Jude 1-4

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 229

New Testament Gospel

Matthew 16:13–18

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Contending for the Faith”

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #846 “Fight the Good Fight”**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 need you, and you do not need us. But we know you desire that we give you our whole hearts willingly. We offer you these gifts this morning in response to your goodness. Bless us so that we might become a blessing to the world you have placed us in. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

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

Announcements

Halloween Saturday October 31st

Our Outreach for Halloween is passing out candy as well as serving popcorn and cider. We also provide a warm place to rest. Help is needed to set up. You should arrive between 5pm-5:30pm and 6pm – 8pm to pass out candy, popcorn and cider. We need candy and non-candy treats to pass out. Please bring candy by Sunday October 25th.

Any questions, please contact Jim Lyles.



Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser

It's that time of the year again to think about poinsettias and wreaths. Signup sheets are at the back of the church. Last day to order is today, Sunday October 25th. Payment can be delayed until December.



Mark your calendar

Sun Oct 25 th	10:00am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Coffee
	11:15am	Worship
		Final day to order wreaths and poinsettias.
Mon Oct 26 th		IT Meeting
Sat Oct 31 st	6:00pm	Halloween Celebration
Sun Nov 1 st	2:00am	Change clock back one hour
	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Outreach Team
	11:15am	Worship-All Saints Day
		Stewardship Sunday

Congregational Care Team

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

Prayers Concerns

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

Prayer for-Donna Miller congestive heart failure-she is back home now; **Megan** (Betsy Stephanic's daughter) Megan's leg was broken in 2 places and can't have any weight on it at all for at least 4-6 weeks. She had a rod added at one end and a plate at the other.; **Beth** (Jim Lyles' sister) medical testing; **Zach Williams** (grandson of Cathie Killewald) who injured his leg and will require surgery with a long recovery.



Ongoing prayers: **Len DeYoung**; **Rick Perry** (Margaret's husband), **Brinley** age 3 with an autoimmune disorder; **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.



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 to see where you could help.
