Holly Presbyterian Church
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude **Julia Hull**

***Call to Worship**
We are saved by God's grace.
We must have faith.
This salvation is God's gift.
We did not have it, nor did we earn it.
We are God's accomplishment.
Jesus wants to do good things through us!
These good things are God's plan for the way that we live our lives…

*__Opening Prayer__ **Based on Psalm 66**

*__Opening Hymn #645__ "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.
(please take time for silent personal confession)
Assurance of Pardon
Amen!
Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Give us, Lord, a clear vision of the truth, faith in your power, and confident assurance of your love.

Scriptures

Old Testament	**Psalm 66:1-20**	**Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 499-500**
New Testament Letter	**Ephesians 2:1-10**	**Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 181**
New Testament Gospel	**John 3:14-21**	**Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 88**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Gospel Story: A New Identity" **Rev. Lindsey Carnes**

***Hymn #441** "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

***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**

Holy God, you love us so deeply that you pursue us relentlessly. You sent your son Jesus into the world that we who were far off would be brought near to you by his blood. We offer our gifts to you, knowing we can never out give you, never balance the equation. You don't desire balance, no quid-pro-quo, only that we find the peace you desire for us, whose foundation is in your word and whose cornerstone is Christ alone. In that holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #700** “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
Charge and Benediction
Postlude **Julia Hull**