



Holly Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

Reflection during the prelude: What peace do you have from your faith in Jesus?
How does that peace impact your daily life?

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jan Bradshaw

*Advent Hymn #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (v. 2)

Lord we eagerly await full union with you at the end of time. We long to know you face to face. While we wait for that promised day, we will be a people of peace for this world. A beacon of light in the midst of darkness. Salt of the earth that we might preserve your goodness. We give ourselves to you as your faithful remnant in the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Call to Confession

Based on Romans 5:10

Prayer of Confession

Lord forgive us for our lack of trust in your promises. We find ourselves struggling with fear and anxiety more often these days. We hand our anxiety and fear over to you and ask for your work to be done in us for renewal. Help us to believe in all you have promised for us, that we might become a source of peace and wholeness to all those around us.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Colossians 1:20

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord bring us peace through your word. Make us one as we are transformed by your truth. Make us whole and completely surrendered to your will. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Jeremiah 20:10-11

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 679

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 694

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Peace of a People"

Rev. Chris Thomas

*Hymn #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the PC (U.S.A.) Study Catechism,
Question 48

What does it mean that Jesus "will come again to judge the living and the dead"?

Like everyone else, I too must stand in fear and trembling before the judgment seat of Christ. But the Judge is the one who submitted to judgment for my sake. Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. All the sinful failures that cause me shame will perish as through fire, while any good I may have done will be received with gladness by God.
Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

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

*Closing Hymn #96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Jan Bradshaw Worship Leader; Jan Bradshaw Advent Reader; Tom Schettling Usher/Greeter; Brian Parker AV Setup, Jim Lyles Sound.

Fenton Ambassadors Concert

The Fenton Ambassadors will be here tonight at 7pm. Come, invite your friends and relax to the music and hear the Christmas spirit. You will want to bake cookies, shop, wrap and decorate your home after seeing them. Refreshments will be served after.



Adopt-a-Family board is up in the Fellowship Hall. Please take an item to purchase. Bring the item back wrapped with the person's name or what it is. All items need to be returned by next Sunday December 15th. Contact Fran or Jennifer for questions.



Advent

Take time this season to enjoy this Advent season. Hope, Joy, Love and Peace. Oh, wait it gets better, we also get to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Let the season reflect how you want to be.

Finance Team

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
November	\$5,647.25	\$6,043.78

Christian Education

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month for Bible Study at 10:00am.



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers needed THANK YOU!! We need an Advent Reader and light candle for December 22nd. For Coffee Hour we need someone for December 29th. Remember that January is on the boards to sign up as well. Pray and see where God is leading you. God appreciates you.

Congregational Care Team

Coffee and Fellowship

Please join us for Coffee, snack and some fellowship at 10:30am each Sunday.



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

Prayer Concerns

Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and our church, every day.



For healing: **Bob Killewald** recovering from cellulitis in his leg; **Keagen** (Margaret Perry) a 20 yr. old has cancer and it has metastasized-trying chemo; **Wilma Perry** (Mother-in-law of Margaret Perry) is in rehab and not going well; **Hurricane Helene & Milton victims;** **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with his mother and doing physical therapy; **Tom Schettling;** **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer, same age as Tom; **Won Chea** (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) treatment stomach cancer; **Gordie Bradshaw** treatment; **Penny Schettling;** **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad).

Ongoing prayers: **Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles' niece), **Mike Pelton,** **Don Neuville,** **Steve** in FL, and **Jim Killewald.**

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



Poinsettias – Thank you for your order! The Poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary on December 15th. They can be taken home on Sunday December 22nd.

Mark your calendar

Sun Dec 8 th	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Worship 7:00pm Fenton Ambassadors Concert
Tues Dec 10 th	7:30pm Property Team Meeting
Wed Dec 11 th	1:00pm Worship Team Meeting
Sat Dec 14 th	9:00am – 12:00pm Holly Calvary Church Cookie Walk and Craft Show
Sun Dec 15 th	10:30am Coffee Hour
Sun Dec 15 th	11:15am Worship Special Congregational Meeting after worship