



Holly Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Vicki Lyles

***Advent Hymn #85** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (v. 4)

Lord we eagerly await the fulfillment of your love for the world. We long to know you face to face. While we wait for that promised day, we will be a people of love 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 #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession

Based on John 3:16

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to love as you have loved, but we reduce love to a simple emotion rather than a heart of selflessness like you displayed on the cross. We act toward one another without first thinking about how our actions will impact the other. We seek selfish gain while we ignore the needs of those around us. Forgive us for our selfishness. Help us to learn what it means to be like Jesus in our love. Give us new hearts that seek the best of those you have called us to serve.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on 1 John 1:9

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Word of life, we know you have planted your word in our hearts that we might receive life. Your very word is life! Open our hearts as we listen to your word now. Continue to transform us by your word that we might become vessels of your love in this world. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Jeremiah 52:31-34

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 716

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Love of a People"

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"**

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

***Hymn #86 "The People Who Walked in Darkness"**

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we offer this gift to you in love. We sacrifice ourselves for your good. We know that you can do so much more with what you have blessed us with than we can. Guide us and help us to see the ways you desire to use these resources. Amen.

***Lighting the Christ Candle**

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Giver of all gifts, we give these offerings to you in joy this morning. We freely offer all that we have and all that we are, that we might bear your fruit in our lives. Take these offerings and bless them. Multiply them that they may bring joy to every place you have placed us. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #134 "Joy to the World"**

Assisting with worship today: Vicki Lyles Worship Leader; Vicki Lyles Advent Reader; Mary Renico Communion; Tom Schettling Usher/Greeter; Gerry Jackson AV Setup, Jim Lyles Sound.

Finance Team

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



Volunteers needed THANK YOU!! For Coffee Hour we need someone for December 29th and January 5th . 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



Prayers and comfort to Sharleen (Shar) Hecht who passed away Dec 7th.

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

For healing: Jennifer Cotaling (Randy Cook' sister-in-law went to hospital for stomach pain and had a heart attack.; Elizabeth Kici has Covid and suffered a heart attack.; Brian Parker broke rib; Jim Lyles, Vicki Lyles, and Sherry McLaughlin Covid victims; Rosealie Robinson (step mother of Julie Schram) struggling with dementia and COPD now has pneumonia in both lungs and is at St Ignace Hospital.; 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 – The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary may be taken home today. Enjoy!

Mark your calendar

Sun Dec 22 nd	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee 11:15am Worship Take home Poinsettias
Tues Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 th	Christmas Day
Sun Dec 29 th	10:30am Coffee 11:15 am Worship
Tues Dec 31 st	New Years Eve
Wed Jan 1 st	New Years Day



The office is closed from December 21st to January 2nd. Should you need something please contact Jan Bradshaw. Thank you!



**Poinsettias in the
Sanctuary are in
Remembrance of**



~Jean Goss ~ Jene & Betty Striggow~

~Jack & Jean Fundis ~ Gordon & Gladys Bradshaw~

~Rudy & Bernice Schettling ~ Ron Howe~

~John Miller ~ Mary Kay Lyles~

~Aaron & Margaret Ganshaw ~ Donna DeNise
