



Holly Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday after Christmas  
February 2, 2025

## Welcome and Announcements

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

**Prelude**

**Julia Hull**

## \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 104:1-3, 24, 35**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

**You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;**

You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Praise the Lord!**

## \*Opening Hymn #354 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

## Call to Confession

*The whole song of Scripture tells of God's justice and God's mercy. Both justice and mercy are fully revealed in God's Son Jesus, bringing healing to a broken and sinful world. Knowing this eternal story, let us come and confess our need for healing and mercy...*

## Prayer of Confession

**Lord we must confess that our view of you is often limited but we make wide judgements based on those limited views. Forgive us for judging our neighbors harshly while justifying our own failures. Help us to be merciful as you are merciful. Help us to trust your justice accomplished on the cross, even when it means forgiving someone who has hurt us. Show us where we may need to ask for forgiveness from others even as we generously give forgiveness to all.  
(please take time for silent personal confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 8:1-2**

**Amen!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Father in heaven, give us sober minds as we read your scriptures and examine our history. Teach us new lessons of your goodness. Help us to know you more and transform our hearts as we draw near. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

**Old Testament**

**2 Samuel 23:1-7**

**Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 286**

**New Testament Letter**

**Romans 13:1-7**

**Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 152**

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon “A Brief History of the Church in the Americas (Part 2)” Rev. Chris Thomas**

**\*Hymn #337 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**Barmen Declaration 8:11-16**

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation. “Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”**

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.”**

**Amen!**

### **Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology Hymn #609 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord we give ourselves to you and you alone. Take all that we are and all that we have and make it fit for your purposes. Shine your glory on us, allow our lives, and all you have given us to steward, to reflect that glory into the world around us. Give us ears to hear your still small voice guiding us through our days and eyes to see the opportunities you have provided for us to do your goodness toward others. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

**Charge and Benediction  
Postlude**

**Julia Hull**

**Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader Karen Haneline; Usher/Greeter Larry Remillard; Communion Margaret Perry; Setup Brian Parker, Sound Randy Cook.**

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Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
January	\$6,102.00	\$5,216.00

**Congregational Care Team**

**Coffee and Fellowship**

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




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**Volunteers needed.** Worship Volunteers are done for February except Usher!! Praise God! Baby Pantry is done for February! Coffee hour we need for next Sunday, and a replacement for Mary Renico on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Not sure when she will be able to help). God appreciates all you do and so do we.

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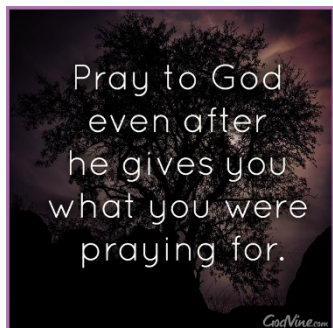
If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - [haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) or 248-894-3489.

**Prayer Concerns**

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

**Prayers, Comfort and Peace** to the families of: the victims of the plane-helicopter crash in Washington DC; **Wilma Perry** (Mother-in-law of Margaret Perry).

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**For healing:** **Mary Renico** broke hip and is in rehab at Regency; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) has been diagnosed with testicular and bladder cancer having surgery; **Elizabeth Kici's Daughter/husband and son-** all have pneumonia.; **Cathie Killewald** recovering from knee surgery; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) went to hospital for stomach pain and had a heart attack.; **Brian Parker** broke rib; **Rosealie Robinson** (step mother of Julie Schram) struggling with dementia and COPD now has pneumonia in both lungs and is at St Ignace Hospital.; **Keagen** (Margaret Perry) a 20 yr. old has cancer and it has metastasized-trying chemo; **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with his mother now and doing physical therapy; **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.

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## Mark your calendar

- Sun Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am Coffee  
11:15am Worship  
After worship-Session Meeting
- Tues Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Outreach Team
- Fri Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Baby Pantry
- Sun Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Bible Study  
10:30am Coffee  
11:15am Worship
- Tues Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Property Team
- Sun Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Coffee  
11:15am Worship  
After worship-Worship Team meeting
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The office is open. What will be different is I won't be there. Don't worry, I will be an email or phone call away as I will be working remotely. You can email me at [office@hollypc.org](mailto:office@hollypc.org) as normal or my cell phone is 248.249.3879. I will have the help of Jim Lyles doing things I can't do remotely. My husband and I will be traveling south for a couple months due to medical issues of

Tim's. We will be back March 5<sup>th</sup>.