



Holly Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

***Call to Worship**

Based on Galatians 3

Come, people of God, hear the good news: "All who believe are children of Abraham."

"For in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith."

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

Let us worship the God who unites us by grace through faith!

***Opening Hymn #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are too often like the crowds you spoke to those millennia ago. We have our bellies filled and still seek a sign to give us assurance. Forgive us for believing too little and not recognizing the greatest sign we could ever be given, your sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Transform our hearts and help us to have faith in your love for us. Make us capable of obeying all your commands and to sense your Spirit as He guides us in your will.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Galatians 4:4-5

Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Creator of the cosmos, the mysteries of your truth are great. Without your Spirit we cannot claim to understand your will rightly. Open our hearts to receive your truth and do your work in us that we might become vessels of your will. Amen.

Scriptures

New Testament Letter

Galatians 3:1-14

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 177

New Testament Letter

Galatians 3:15-29

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 178

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Foolish Galatians: Faith or Law"

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Affirmation of Faith

Galatians 3:6-14

Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,"

those who believe are the descendants of Abraham.

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,

"All the gentiles shall be blessed in you." For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

All who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written,

"Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

Now it is evident that no one is reckoned as righteous before God by the law, for "the one who is righteous will live by faith."

But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, "Whoever does the works of the law will live by them."

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn #607 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Redeemer and Sustainer God, receive the gifts of our heart as a sign of our gratitude. We know you have more abundance than we can ever comprehend. Our offerings do not please you alone. We must give our hearts. Receive our gifts from the heart and be enthroned on our praise. Make yourself known to the world in our gifts so that your glory may spread. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #702 "Christ Be Beside Me"**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Dessalee Cook; Usher-Vicki Lyles; Setup-Jim Lyles; Sound Randy Cook.

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
June	\$6,102.00	\$6,925.00



Annual Picnic postponed.

We are postponing our Annual Picnic to be a Fall Kick off picnic instead in September. We will advise you of the date at a later time.

Congregational Care Team

Volunteers needed. Volunteers are needed for August Worship and Baby Pantry. God appreciates all you do and so do we.



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.



Pray for: Dale Huffman home now-prayers for recovery and increased strength.; **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Update-feels good and is back to work. Disappointed that his hands don't work well because of the burns. Prayers that he continue to improve. Also, they had a new baby.; **Donna Miller**

has extra fluid in her eyes (vitreous). Using eye drops to minimize the fluid. Pray that the drops continue to work.; **Mark Bolan** has now started chemotherapy treatment for cancer; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 needs liver transplant; **Junior** (Bob & Cathie's friend) going thru a bad time; **Aletheia Thomas** knee.

Ongoing prayers: **Jody** (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; **Bill** (biological dad of Julie Schram) has a hiatal hernia and needs surgery; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook' sister-in-law) recovering well from from surgery

has pancreatic cancer.; **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer; **Tom Schettling**; **Penny Schettling**; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad); **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.

Mark your calendar

Sun July 27 th	10:00am Bible Study
	11:15am Worship
	1:00pm Reserved Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Wed Jul 30 th	6:30pm Zumba
August already? Right?	
Fri Aug 1 st	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sat Aug 2 nd	5:00pm Blues Brews & BBQ
Sun Aug 3 rd	11:00am Outreach Team
	11:15am Worship
