



Holly Presbyterian Church
Fourth Week of Advent
December 14, 2025



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Julia Hull

Advent Reading

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song.

We will sing praises of God as we gather.

Let the faithful exult in glory!

We will sing praises of God in our places of rest.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Call to Worship

Let all of God's people be glad in their maker.

We rejoice in God as our King.

Let the high praises of God in in their throats.

And His very word as our conviction and defense.

***Opening Hymn #349 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us"**

Call to Confession

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

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

Psalm 149:1-9

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 550-551

New Testament

Hebrews 4:1-13

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 206

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Hallelujah! Sword of God”

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #362 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”**

Affirmation of Faith

Isaiah 9:2-7

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.
Amen!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)”**

***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 #384 "Soon and Very Soon"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader- Jan Bradshaw; Usher Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Brian Parker; Sound-Gordie Bradshaw.

| Monthly summary | Average budgeted needs | Income received |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| November | \$6,102.00 | \$6,132.83 |



The Ambassadors concert was a huge success. Thank you to all who supported the concert.

Volunteers needed!

We appreciate all you do to have a successful service. Please check the sign up sheet for the rest of December and 2026 sheets are also available. God blesses his appreciates all you do and so do we.



Bible Study

Join us at 10am for an in depth look at Scriptures. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Poinsettias You may take them home next Sunday December 21st. Thank you for making the Sanctuary look so beautiful.



Congregational Care Team

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving- **James Teddy**, son of regular attender Duana Teddy, did have his liver transplant. Please pray as he continues to recover.



Pray for: **Bob Killewald** having trouble walking, in PT and having surgery on his head to remove melanoma in January; **Sherry McLaughlin** new crack in femur. Pray the doctors do what is necessary.; **Alex Perry** (Margaret Perry's son) recovering from a stroke.; **Josh Haneline** for strength and comfort during childrens'

toddler years, sleep deprivation is real!; **Glynn & Ben Parker** (Laura and Brian's sister-in-law) as **Glenna** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for comfort and guidance as they determine the next steps.; **Betsy and Don Stephanic**, new attenders. Don has had pancreatic cancer for a year, and the trial treatment is not working.; **Dale Huffman** prayers for recovery and increased strength.; **Perry Smith** (Laura Parker's friend) brain surgery; **Elizabeth Kici** had surgery for a serious medical condition, and is currently staying with her daughter (phone 248.496.0816).; all the people affected by the Grand Blanc shooting and fire at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.**; **Toni** (Bob Killewald's sister's dear friend) had a brain aneurysm-prognosis is poor.; **Donna Miller** recovering at her new residence. Her new address is 14480 N. Holly Rd., Apt. 316, Holly, MI 48442 (Hampton Manor); **Mark Bolan** treatment for cancer; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

Ongoing prayers: **Alex Searfoss** (great grandson of Donna Miller) Prayers that he continues to improve.; **Jody** (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) possibly has throat cancer but does have testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law) **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 Dec 14th 10:00am Bible Study
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
Wed Dec 17th 6:30pm Zumba
Thurs Dec 18th 7:00pm Session
Fri Dec 19th 10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Dec 21st 10:30am Coffee
11:15am Worship
12:15pm Worship Team



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



~ Jean Goss ~ Mary Kay Lyles~

~ Leon Parker ~ Judy Watkins~

~ Ron Howe ~ Aaron & Margaret Ganshaw ~

~ Jack & Jean Fundis ~ Gordon & Gladys Bradshaw ~

