



Holly Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025



Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Based on Mark 12:30-31

Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

We gather not only to speak of God's love,

But to live it, share it, and embody it.

It has been said: Preach the gospel at all times—

And when necessary, use words.

Today we witness how Christ's love opens eyes, heals bodies, and restores hope.

Let us worship the God who is love in action. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #295 "Go to the World!"**

Call to Confession

Based on Mark 12:28-34

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have called us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and all our strength, but we have held back from loving you that fully. You have called us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but we judge with unfair measures, and do not extend the generosity we expect from others. Forgive us when we neglect the very commands you have given to us and chosen a lesser way. Give us new hearts to see and serve all as your image bearers.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Rev. 3:20

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Based on Rev. 3:18-19

Lord, help us to receive your Word to us as real wealth and your knowledge as our very pure white clothing. Discipline us in your love, that we might

accurately know your will and do it. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.
Amen.

Scriptures

New Testament

Mark 12:28-34

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 46

New Testament

Revelation 3:14-22

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 232-233

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "I Cried"

Elder Gerry Jackson

*Hymn #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*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

Lord, you have given so generously toward us. We offer these gifts back to you this morning in humble adoration of your generosity. Take these offerings and may they be a pleasing aroma to you of our thankfulness. Take our whole lives

and use them, even as you use these gifts, and bless our community through them. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Assisting with worship today: Elder-Gerry Jackson; Worship Leader-Dessalee Cook; Usher Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Gerry Jackson; Sound-Randy Cook.

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

Volunteers needed!

We appreciate all you do to have a successful service. Please check the sign up sheet for the 2026 sheets. God blesses and 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.

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 Comfort to the family of Don Stephanic and Betsy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Jennifer Chanter-heart attack-Dr. said she was lucky to be alive. Arteries were 80%, 90% and 100% blocked.



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 for the doctors to 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!; **Glynna & Ben Parker** (Laura and Brian's sister-in-law) as **Glynna** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for comfort and guidance as they

determine the next steps; **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.; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

Ongoing prayers: **James Teddy**, son of Duana who is recovering from his liver transplant; **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) cancer not doing well.; **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**, and **Don Neuville**.

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

Mark your calendar

Sun Dec 28th	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee 11:15am Worship
Fri Jan 2 nd	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Jan 4 th	10:30am Coffee 11:15am Worship 12:15pm Taking Down the Greens
Mon Jan 5 th	7:00pm IT Team
Wed Jan 7 th	6:30pm Zumba
Sun Jan 11 th	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee 11:15am Worship

Taking Down the Greens



Join us on Sunday, January 4th after worship to Take Down the Greens.