



Holly Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2026

## Welcome and Announcements

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

**Prelude**

**Julia Hull**

### **\*Call to Worship**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Let us come and worship this King of glory.

**\*Opening Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Creator God, who is our redeemer, we thank you for your saving sacrifice in the birth of Jesus. We must admit that we are not worthy by our own merit. We recognize your grace in offering us salvation for free! Forgive us when we make the sacrifice you made cheap. When we don't recognize the cost to you and take it for granted. Turn our hearts away from any beliefs that cheapen the purchase of our lives by your goodness. Make us sing with gratitude constantly. And turn us into ambassadors of your goodness to all our neighbors.**

(please take time for silent personal confession)

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Amen!**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord, your Word is living and active. Sharp enough to divide our hearts and our minds. Make us open to your Word as we hear it read and preached. Cut out all within us that is not of you and make us entirely yours. Amen.**

## **Scriptures**

**Old Testament Proverbs 30:4, Daniel 7:13-14 Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 577 & 780**

**New Testament Gospel John 3:1-21 Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 108-109**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon “Ascending and Descending”**

**Rev. Chris Thomas**

**\*Hymn #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Selections from the Athanasian Creed\*\***

**That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.**

**He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

**Amen!**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology Hymn #607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)”**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept our humble offerings this morning, O God. Give us eyes to see how we can offer more. Give us ears to hear your Spirit calling us day by day to give all to you. Use all that you have blessed us with so that we would become a blessing to others. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Julia Hull**

**Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Vicki Lyles; Usher-Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Jim Lyles; Sound-Gordie Bradshaw.**

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### **Outreach Team**

**Traverse Place-**We will again be making toiletries and candy bags for 5 men and 3 women ages 17-21 years old. You can make a cash donation or see Jennifer or Fran to find out what to purchase. This needs to be to the church by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a gift for Easter for them.



### **Easter Lilies for Easter**

Purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. Singles are 6” pot \$17 and Doubles are two plants 8” pot \$28. Please see the order form in the sanctuary. *Your order needs to be in **today** and you have until the end of the month to pay for them.* Make checks payable to HPC and in the memo put flowers. Flowers may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday.



### **Volunteers needed**

We appreciate all you do to help this church. Please check the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for coffee hour, worship, and the baby pantry and see where you could help.



### **Bible Study**

Join us at 10am for an in-depth look at Scriptures. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

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### **Care Team**

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

### **Prayer Concerns**

(For a more complete prayer list visit <https://www.hollypc.org/>)

**Pray for:** Randy's sister **Jenny and the Cook family.;** **Bob Killewald;** **Sherry McLaughlin;** **Mike Pelton** with dementia; **Lori and Don Vallance** (Randy Cook's sister and brother-in-law) strength and healing as Don has been diagnosed with dementia; **Glynnna Parker** pancreatic cancer; **Dale Huffman** for increased strength; **Perry Smith** recovering from brain surgery; **Toni** brain aneurysm.

**Ongoing prayers:** **Elizabeth Kici;** **James Teddy and Charly;** **Alex Perry.**

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

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### Mark your calendar

<b>Sun, Mar 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Worship Team</b>
<b>Thur, Mar 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Fri, Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Baby Pantry</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
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Dale Huffman & Karen Haneline

Should you visit someone-take a picture and share it with us!