Holly Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude **Julia Hull**

Advent Reading **Based on Psalm 130**
We wait for the Lord; our souls wait, and in His Word we hope.
Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.
For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem.
Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

***Call to Worship** **Based on Psalm 27**
We shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let our hearts take courage; wait for the Lord!
We will offer sacrifices of worship with shouts of joy;
We will sing and make melody to the Lord.

*__Opening Hymn #82__ "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Call to Confession **Based on 1 John 2:1**
Prayer of Confession
Lord, you always come through on your promises. Why do we find it so difficult to trust them? We make our plans, hedge our bets, and think we have greater control than we do. Forgive us for not trusting you completely. Where we lack faith, turn our hearts to you and fill them. Where we lack action, lead us on in your Holy Spirit's guidance. Where we lack perseverance, strengthen us by your Word.
(please take time for silent personal confession)
Assurance of Pardon **Based on 1 John 3:1, 3**
Amen.
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, 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

Old Testament Genesis 15:1-6, 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 11, 13, 16
New Testament Gospel Luke 1:26-38, 46-55 Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 53-54

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Promise of Hope" **Rev. Chris Thomas**

***Hymn #93** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*__Affirmation of Faith__ **Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 52**

Q: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A: In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.
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, we are unworthy of your wonderful gifts toward us. We accept them with no entitlement. Instead, we want to be vessels of your blessing to the whole world. Use what we offered this morning, inside and outside the plate, to shine your light on Holly and beyond. Amen!

***Closing Hymn #104** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
Charge and Benediction
Postlude **Julia Hull**

Assisting with worship today: Worship-Leader**-Vicki Lyles;** Usher**-Dessalee Cook**; AV Setup-**Karen Haneline**; Sound-**Randy Cook.**

Announcements

Special Congregational Meeting



We will be having a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, December 13th immediately following worship. We are meeting for 1) voting on elders for Session, 2) voting on at-large members for the 2027 Nominating Committee and 3) voting on proposed bylaw changes. This is important for all members to come and vote.

Jim Lyles



Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the church for Christmas today, November 29th after worship. Please bring a sack lunch. Please plan on attending. Many hands make the work light.

Dessalee Cook



The Fenton Ambassadors Concert

We are pleased to announce that coming to our church on Sunday, December 6th at 7pm is The Fenton Ambassadors. If you need to get excited about Christmas this year, or you know someone who needs to get excited have them join us. Refreshments that are amazing are followed. A love offering will be taken to go towards our helping the less fortunate.

Fran Pelton & Margaret Perry

Mark your calendar

Sun Nov 29th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:15am	Worship
	12:15pm	Hanging of the Greens
Fri Dec 4th	10:00am	Baby Pantry
Sun Dec 6th	10:30am	Coffee

	11:00am	Outreach Team
	11:15am	Worship
	7:00pm	Fenton Ambassadors Concert
Mon Dec 7th	*No Information Technology Team Meeting*	
Sun Dec 13th	10:00am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Coffee
	11:15am	Worship
	12:15pm	Special Congregational Meeting
	12:15pm	Property Team
	3:30pm	Special Christmas Service

Congregational Care Team

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - haneline526@gmail.com or 248-894-3489.



Prayers Concerns

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

Prayer for- Beth (Jim Lyles' sister) non-alcoholic cirrhosis diagnosis and she is back in the hospital undergoing more testing for unrelated symptoms.

Ongoing prayer Megan (Betsy Stephanic's daughter) Megan's leg was broken in 2 places and starting to put weight on it. **Donna Miller** congestive heart failure; **Zach Williams** (grandson of Cathie Killewald) leg recovery; **Len DeYoung; Rick Perry** (Margaret's husband), **Brinley** age 3 with an autoimmune disorder; **Vicky** (Tom Schettling's sister-in-law); **Elizabeth Kici; Jennie and the Cook Family; Lori Vallance; Glynna Parker; Dale Huffman; James Teddy and Charly.**
Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, health issues, and/or addiction.



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 to see where you could help.