



Cherry Hill

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Messenger

Daily Lenten Devotional

Read the Psalm, Reflect on the Psalm, Pray

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness,
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak; and upright in your judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁷ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁸ Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹³ I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁶ Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸ Be favorable and gracious to Zion, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations;
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Cherry Hill's Mission Statement

We are committed to discerning and doing God's will, through worship, study, and mission while becoming a more open, supportive community of members and neighbors. Welcoming everyone. Including all.

Adopted by Session December 17, 2013



Greetings:

In Psalm 51 (see cover page), the Psalmist is grieving for wrongs that have been done. It is one of the most poignant scriptures in the Bible. The one singing to God cries out:

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (vs. 1)*

Then, after pouring out a confession to God, the Psalmist asks God for a new heart and a new spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (vs. 10)

What's interesting about this Psalm is that the writer does not blame the brokenness and sorrow on anyone else. Rather, the Psalmist takes time to look closely within and determine what personal failures have occurred.

The beauty of this Psalm is that the writer looks deep within and discovers a brokenness that only can be made whole by confessing that brokenness to God, seeking God's mercy, asking for a new heart and a new spirit.

During Lent, Christians are invited to take a hard look at our lives and to confess where we have failed God and others. It is a difficult journey to look carefully at your life and to ask yourself how and when you have broken God's heart.

Still, there is something healing about naming the one thing that is broken within you and allowing God to have that moment of healing. In the church, we ritualize this inward journey of self-examination, confession and seeking mercy with the mark of ashes. This signing with ashes gives us a chance to see ourselves as God sees us and to discover that, even in our brokenness, God heals and restores us to new life.

I invite you to join me in reading Psalm 51 in its entirety as a daily devotion during these 40 days of Lent. Read it, and take time to look hard at your life. Then seek God's mercy and know God's blessing. See if you discover a sense of healing hope wash through you, or, as the Psalmist says, "*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*" (vs. 2) Then turn, once again, to engage in daily following Christ, restored and whole.

Participating in this devotional practice is simple: Read the Psalm. Reflect on the Psalm. Reflect on your relationship with God. Then pray:

*God of mercy,
you know us better than we know ourselves, and still you love us.
Wash us from all our sins, create in us clean hearts,
and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may give you praise;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

May we all expand our relationship with God this Lenten season so we can serve Christ in healthier, stronger, more meaningful ways.

Your Interim Pastor,



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year as we prepare for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, many are grateful for the transformation made possible through this special offering. In places like Kitui, Kenya, Asheville, North Carolina, and Iona, Michigan, those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. In this media-driven environment of "the next big story," it is easy to become distracted from the reality faced by our brothers and sisters around the world where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering.

This is why Presbyterians continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. When we give this year, we give in faith — knowing that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be responding in Christ's name to the cries of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. We trust that they will respond as they did in West Africa in the wake of the devastating Ebola crisis: immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, we know that they will remain in areas of devastation long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere as they continue rebuilding both lives and communities.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters — these are all ways that your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world.

Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which will be received on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

Holy Week Events



Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2015
Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Join the festal, palm procession around the sanctuary. Our worship will take us from the celebrative joy of hosannas into the suffering (passion) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday Worship
April 2, 2015
7:30 p.m.



We will gather in the sanctuary to commemorate the final meal that our Lord shared with his disciples. On this night, we will hear once again the final commandment that Jesus gave to his followers as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



Good Friday Worship
at Kirk of Our Savior, Westland
April 3, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The central focus for this worship is our Lord and his journey to the cross.

The Resurrection of the Lord
April 5, 2015
10:15 a.m.



On Easter, we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with scripture, songs, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The joy of God's grace will once again fill the air with our "Alleluias!"

Plan to participate in these
Holy Week Worship opportunities.

Lenten Study with Dinner *Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Let's sing our way through this Lenten season! The study "Will You Come and Follow Me?" takes a look at the text of various Lenten hymns. Each week, we will discover the meaning of a hymn text and learn more about the hymn writer. We will also discuss how the text relates to us today.

The following hymns will be reviewed, one each week: "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days," "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)," "To God Be the Glory," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Come when you can for study and fellowship.



Do you feel called to make a contribution to Cherry Hill's Music Ministry?

There are various ways that you can share your gifts. There is the Hand Bell Choir, the Adult Choir or even helping to sell tickets for the upcoming Measure to Measure concert. To express your interest, simply stop by the organ after a worship service or contact Meghan Meloy at meghan.meloy@gmail.com.

Measure for Measure, A Men's Chorus

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 p.m., Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Measure for Measure was founded in 1988 to provide an opportunity for men to perform music composed and arranged for male chorus. Chorus members come from all over Southeast Michigan, ranging in age from twenty one to over eighty. The group has earned praise for their lively musical excellence in performances throughout America and Europe. Steven Lorenz, Music Director & Conductor.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Orders for Easter plants to grace our Chancel for Easter must be received by Sunday, March 22, 2015. If you would like to give an Easter plant or order flowers for the Resurrection Cross in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of Easter, please fill in the following information. Mail to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn, MI 48124 (Att. Easter flowers), or put it in the offering plate, in a separate envelope, clearly marked for Easter flowers. Make your check payable to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. Please **PRINT** clearly.

- Easter plant (\$11.00)
- Flowers for the Resurrection Cross
 - \$10 \$15 \$20 other _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of Easter
(Check one and fill in necessary information.)

We have many persons who, for various reasons, are unable to get out of their homes for regular church attendance and activities. If you want to order a plant, but really don't want to take it home, your plant will be given to one of the homebound. Your thoughtfulness will help brighten another's life.

- Please take plant to a Shut-in
- I will be able to take a plant to a Shut-in
- I will pick up after the 10:15 a.m. Easter service





Session Highlights

From the February 17, 2015 Meeting

- Approved the minutes of the February 15, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Congregation
- Recorded approved vacation dates for Meghan Meloy: July 5 & 26, August 2 & 9, 2015
- Made the decision to order offering envelopes for 2016 from Hubbard Press before March 31 in order to save money
- Discussed procedure necessary for updating our safety deposit box at Comerica Bank
- Discussed the limited use of endowment funds for budget needs
- Received the report that performance reviews of staff members has taken place
- Approved extension of Rev. Nichols' contract for three months (contract includes a thirty day termination clause if a new pastor is called)
- Received information that there will be a review of the church financial books, probably by a CPA firm we have worked with before
- Approved revised fees and honorariums for Weddings and Funerals for members and non-members
- Approved a combined Good Friday worship service with Kirk of Our Savior, St. Andrews & Garden City Presbyterian churches with confirmation on time and location to be determined by the pastors
- Approved the Worship & Music Committee soliciting sponsors/patrons for the upcoming Measure for Measure concert
- Approved the budget for 2015

In Our Prayers



We extend our sympathy to Howard Renton and his family on the death of his brother.

To Andrea Giandiletti, Janet Hollingsworth (Dave's Mom) and Marge McCusker, all recuperating from surgery.

To the family of Henry Hulter, prior member and Boar's Head Beefeater, died on January 30th at 107 in California. His daughter, Marilyn married Jeff Ackermann.

PNC UPDATES

The PNC has been hard at work meeting 1-2 times each week. We have reviewed 87 PIFs (Pastor Information Forms) from pastors. We are now in serious conversation with two pastors. We have high hopes for a big announcement soon. Prayers are still requested and appreciated.

Thank you all for your support.

Mary Boudreau, Judie Fraser, Jeff Levangie, Jim Thorpe, Kris Williams

Per Capita Apportionment

Help the church keep expenses down by paying your per capita apportionment for 2015. The church is responsible to pay the per capita for all 233 members. So paying your per capita will relieve the church budget.



Per capita goes to cover administrative costs for the PCUSA governing bodies. Paying per capita assures that mission dollars go to mission, not administration.

Per capita for 2015 is \$25 per member.



ALL-CHURCH INDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m., we will have an indoor clean-up day.

We need everyone's help to make our church sparkle for Easter!

Please bring your own cleaning supplies and we will put you to work. We will be washing chandelier globes, polishing pews, washing window sills, cleaning refrigerators and kitchen counters, etc.

To let us know that you will be participating, please sign up on the sheet in Weir Foyer. For more information, please contact Sherry Brown at (313) 561-6787.

Smiling, Welcoming Faces Need Apply



We are in need of Greeters each Sunday morning to act as ambassadors to all people arriving for Worship. It is always nice to have someone say hello to you before you head into the Sanctuary, but especially important if you are a visitor and don't know your way around the church.

You can always use the sign up sheet to let us know when you can do it, or don't be surprised if you get a phone call asking when you can help. All you have to do is arrive by 9:50 a.m. and stay at the foot of the stairs until the announcements are finished before heading into Worship.

C.H.A.S.E. EVENTS (Cherry Hill Adult Social Events)

C.H.A.S.E. will be hosting the Lenten dinner on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Parlor. Please join us for this time of fellowship and the Lenten study.

No other events are planned at this time. ***If you have suggestions for events, or would like to organize an event, please contact Sherry Brown, Mary Boudreau or Elaine Filiak.***



to all our **March** birthdays !

- 1 Christopher Hoepfner
- 3 Kristen Hollingsworth
Jill Nichols
- 6 Sandy Jugan
- 7 Shirley DeKarsky
Annelies Nisbet
Gary Tisdale
- 10 Laura Swahn
Florence Wallace
- 11 Tracie Houghan
- 14 Sherry Brown
- 20 Amy Podeszwik
- 22 Andy Turbett
Bill Kerr
Neeta Nichols
Gilbert Strachan
- 25 Amanda Bechtel
- 27 Ron McIngvale
Mark Osborne
- 28 Trevor Kenyon
Ken Lee
Eric Swahn
- 30 Judy Tisdale
- 31 Samantha Rechlin

If you find any birth date incorrect or realize that a birthday has been omitted, please contact the church office so that a correction can be made.

Keeping Healthy

Just asking that you take a look around you before you leave your pew on Sunday mornings to be sure that you haven't left a tissue behind. It is cold and flu season and coming into contact with those items can pass your cold onto others who clean up the Sanctuary.



Don't forget to "spring" your clock forward on Sunday, March 8th!

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Email: office@cherryhillchurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. in Sanctuary

Church School

Newborn to 2 years:

Are invited to play in the nursery while parents attend church.

Children ages 2 years old through Kindergarten:

Will meet in Room 229 before Worship, teacher will bring children to hear the Children's Message, then return to Room 229 to experience Godly Play curriculum.

Children Grades 1 through 5:

Will attend Worship with their family, then leave after the Children's Message to hear a story, watch a movie, and do a craft in Room 224 (the boat room).

Senior & Mid-High Grades 6 through 12:

Will attend Worship with their family, then leave after the Children's Message to do a small group study in the library.

Publishing Deadlines

The *Messenger* deadline
is the 15th of each month.

The weekly bulletin deadline is
noon Monday for the following Sunday.

Send articles or information to:
Lisa Levangie
lisa@cherryhillchurch.org

Cherry Hill's Leadership

The Session

Class of 2015

Mary Boudreau	John Porath
Jeff Levangie	Julius Otten

Class of 2016

Pam Hollingsworth	Wendy Solgan
John Matthews, Jr	Carrie Thorpe

Class of 2017

Leslie Garber	Kristen Williams
Gilbert Strachan	Linda Willis

Clerk of Session	Mary Boudreau
Church Treasurer	David Hollingsworth

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2015

Sherry Brown	Linda Lee Oke
Elaine Filiak	Louis Sequin

Helen Turchan

Class of 2016

Kathy Kerr	Janet Reickel
Winnie Murphy	Ray Scoboria
Carolyn VandenBosch	

Class of 2017

Judie Fraser	Pam Thorpe
Philip Kalan	Suzanne Wallace
(vacancy)	

Deacon Moderator	Janet Reickel
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The Church Staff

Neeta R. Nichols	Interim Pastor
Meghan Meloy	Director of Music
Lisa Levangie	Administrative Director
Kim McDonald	Financial Secretary
Mark Osborne	Custodian/Security

The Office Volunteers

Monday	Elaine Filiak
Tuesday	Joyce Knoop/Janet Reickel
Wednesday	Judie Fraser
Thursday	Sherry Brown
Friday	Marge McCusker/Linda Willis

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i> Lord's Supper 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm LG Cadettes</p>	<p><i>2</i> 4:00pm New Beginnings-Ram's Horn 6pm Cubs B & G Banquet</p>	<p><i>3</i> 11:15am CHUP Cleanup 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP 7pm Peace Circle-MP 7pm Property Mtg-HH</p>	<p><i>4</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6pm Lenten Study w/Dinner - PW-MP 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 3-6pm Cadettes-ST</p>	<p><i>7</i> 1pm-7pm CHUP Family Fun Night</p>
<p><i>8</i> Daylight Savings Time Begins 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>9</i> 4s CHUP Field Trip 4:00pm New Beginnings-Bob Evans 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>10</i> 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP</p>	<p><i>11</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 10am Pikeville Circle 6pm Lenten Study w/ Dinner-CHASE- MP 6-8:30pm CHUP Open House 7:30-9pm Choir</p>	<p><i>12</i> 7pm Deacon Mtg-MP</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> 9am 4s Special Person's Day 12pm Tyra Baby Shower - FH</p>
<p><i>15</i> 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm LG Cadettes</p>	<p><i>16</i> 9:10am CHUP Bd Mtg-MP/GP 4:00pm New Beginnings-Rex's 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>17</i> 8am-4pm Century 21 Cont. Ed.-FH 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP 7pm Session Mtg - MP</p>	<p><i>18</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 5pm W & M - MP 6pm Lenten Study w/Dinner-Deacons- MP 7pm CE Mtg - CE 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>19</i> CHUP 3s Field Trip 9am Men's Breakfast @ Rex's</p>	<p><i>20</i> 3-10pm Cadettes-ST</p>	<p><i>21</i> 9am 3s Special Person's Day 9:30am-1pm Lindbergh Pack Pinewood Derby-FH</p>
<p><i>22</i> 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>23</i> 4:00pm New Beginnings-Leon's 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>24</i> 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP</p>	<p><i>25</i> 9:30am PW CT Mtg - MP 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6pm Lenten Study w/Dinner-Choir/CE- MP 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>26</i> 11:30am Colony Club-MP</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> 9am All Church Indoor Clean Up Day 10:30am Pack 1111 Pinewood Derby - FH</p>
<p><i>29</i> Palm Sunday 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>30</i> 4:00pm New Beginnings- 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>31</i> 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP</p>				