

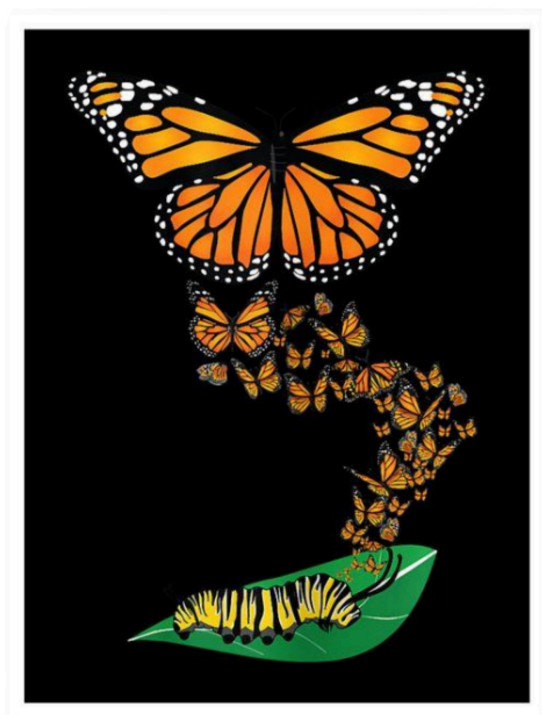
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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

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PRELUDE *We Gather Together* arr. Stan Pethel
BELL CHOIR
Director - April Springfield

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP **DEACONS**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **REV. TANYA**
Please take a moment to review the announcements in your bulletin.

SUNG REFRAIN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #467

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION **DEACON**

We gather to worship in blessing.

We are grateful.

We gather to worship in brokenness.

We are mindful.

We gather to worship in community.

We are hopeful.

Let us worship our God of love and justice. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #526

CALL TO CONFESSION **DEACON**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of expansive dreams, we don't always see your vision for us. We don't act as though your dreams can become reality. We don't love our neighbor or welcome the stranger.

Grateful for your forgiveness, we ask you to renew us again today with grace and possibility. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **REV. TANYA**

***GLORIA**

#38

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Beloved children of God, peace be with you!

And also with you!

SUNG REFRAIN

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A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES:

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

Cameron Fowler (baptized)

Brad & Jenn Millen, Aubrey Millen (baptized)

Shawntel Fugate

Andrea & Mark Weir

INTRODUCTION

QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS and SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

RENEWING COMMITMENTS AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**** Reading and Owning the Covenant of the Church (congregation reads in unison)***

Led by our Deacons, I invite all the members of our congregation now to remember our own commitment to own and uphold the Covenant of the Church:

We confess our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and give ourselves to His service and take this to be His Church. Ever mindful of the welfare of our fellowship, we promise to walk in faithfulness and Christian love, and we promise, insofar as we are able, that we will attend the services of this Church, observe its sacraments, share in its work, support its mission, and endeavor to be a fruitful body of Christians.

Let us express our welcome to our newest members and each other, and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By

the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

And now as the children and their teachers depart to continue your learning and worship somewhere else, we offer you our blessing:

[Congregation]: **God's love be with you.**

[Teachers and Children]: **And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Robert Hobby

Flute - Diane Fallier

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, you inspired Peter to dream beyond what he thought possible. You are always challenging us to expand our dreams and to follow you into new ventures, new hopes, and new ways to touch the hearts of all. Move us, comfort us, and challenge us again today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON & REFLECTION "Dreams That Inspire Feasts" REV. TANYA

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEACON

For privacy reasons, we are not publishing our prayer list names on our website. If you are worshiping virtually and would like a copy of the prayer list, please send a request to the church office at admin@hollischurch.org

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: AN INVITATION TO PLEDGE ALLISON D'AMBROSIO

OFFERING AND PLEDGES

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate online giving, go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Come Ye Thankful People, Come
BELL CHOIR**

arr. D. Horse

Director - April Springfield

*** DOXOLOGY**

#45

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

REV. TANYA

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

#27

*** OUR COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*** BENEDICTION**

REV. TANYA

*** CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

JULIE OLIVER

*** Please stand if you are able.**

Announcements

Poinsettia Order Forms Now Available

Poinsettia order forms are now available for those who would like to dedicate a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one this Christmas season. These beautiful flowers will decorate our sanctuary and help us create a warm and meaningful worship space as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Order forms can be found in the church lobby and the church office or you can download a copy by scanning the QR Code. Please return completed forms, along with your payment, by the deadline listed on the form to ensure inclusion in the Christmas bulletin.



Office Closure for Thanksgiving

Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, Dec 1 with regular office hours.

Nominating Committee

Your gifts, wisdom, and commitment to our community make you a valued member of our congregation. We believe your voice would be a blessing in shaping the future of our church. Board/Committee members play a vital role in stewarding our resources, supporting our ministries, and ensuring our church remains a place of spiritual growth and outreach. Brief summaries follow. You can request a full summary from any one of the Nominating committee members. (*named below*)

Available Positions:

- Deacons Board - Help the Pastor lead with leadership of worship services and spiritual nurture of the congregation.
- Stewardship Board - Help with the spiritual understanding of tithing & pledging in support of church ministries;
- Nominating Committee - Help welcome visitors and new members find ways to serve the congregation and wider community.

Feel free to contact the Nominating Board with any questions you may have at:
NOMINATING@hollischurch.org

Thank you,
Janis Louzek, David Gilmour and Charles Lewis

Loaves & Lessons — Advent Thursday Evenings

December 4, 11 & 18 • 5:30–6:45 p.m. • Hardy Hall

Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle and spend some sacred time in community during Advent. Join us on Thursday evenings for Loaves & Lessons — a warm meal, fellowship, and meaningful conversation based on our Advent theme: What Child IS This? Each week includes a delicious home-made meal (vegetarian and gluten-free options available).

Please sign up for each session you plan to attend — this helps with meal prep and allows you to note any dietary restrictions.



Loaves & Lessons Menu & Sponsors:

- December 4 – Meal TBD
Sponsored by the Faith Formation Team
Childcare provided this night. Please RSVP the number of children in the signup.
- December 11 – Roasted tomato soup, grown-up grilled cheese sandwiches, and apple crisp
Sponsored by Lee & Beth Harper
- December 18 – Host & Meal TBD (Host, Volunteer/ Cooks Needed)

Come nourish your body and spirit as we prepare for the sacred season of Christmas with food, fellowship, and reflection. We hope you can join us!

Christmas Fair Appreciation Announcement

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year's Christmas Fair such a wonderful success. From those who planned and prepared, to the volunteers who gave their time and energy, to all who baked, crafted, donated, set up, cleaned up, and came to support the event we are deeply grateful. Your generosity, teamwork, and joyful spirit helped bring warmth, hospitality, and kindness into our church community. As we move toward Christmas and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, we carry this spirit of giving and gratitude with us.

Thank you again to everyone who played a part in this meaningful tradition. Your contributions truly make a difference.

Support for Our Jamaican Community After the Hurricane

Many of our Jamaican friends and neighbors who work on local farms have family members who were severely impacted by the recent hurricane in Jamaica. Homes, belongings, and essential supplies have been lost, and communities are struggling to recover. Kimber Harmon with the Mission & Action Board, and partner farms (including Brookdale and Lull Farms) are

working together to collect urgently needed items to support these families during this difficult time.

We are collecting clothing (all sizes), essential supplies, and other items for shipment to the affected communities. Checks also continue to be welcome* and may be made out to The Congregational Church of Hollis with the memo line “Jamaican Fund.”.