

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

We proclaim God's Word, share God's love, and practice God's justice.



January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

8:00 and 10:30 am

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Welcome to Derry Church!

Whether this is your first visit or you come so often it's like a second home, we are glad that you're here. No matter where you are in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Derry is a safe place to ask questions and discover that God is with you and for you.

Bold print indicates congregational reading or response.

An asterisk * indicates to rise in body or spirit.

Offerings: place in the wooden boxes at the entrances or scan this QR code:



PRELUDE

And Can It Be
Dan Dorty, Director of Music and Organist

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

INTROIT

Gesù Bambino
Matthew Robinson, Baritone

Pietro Yon

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 John 4:7-11)

Rev. Shawn Gray

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent Jesus the Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

Let us worship God, whose boundless love comes to dwell in us.

*HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Gray

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not even loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen. (continue to confess silently)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on John 1)

The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Friends, remember your baptism and believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled and forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE 749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light! Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 5:22-23, Mark 12:28-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

Rev. Gray

Your children age 4 - 2nd grade are welcome to participate in KIWI in Room 3.

They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

SERMON

"Love"

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...as we sing glory to your name: Hymn 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old* (verse 1)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold.

As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright.

So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All our bread and juice is gluten, soy, dairy, and nut free.

Please eat the bread and drink the cup as you are served.

Share these words as you serve one another:

*At the bread: **The bread of heaven.** At the cup: **The cup of salvation.***

COMMUNION MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter
Matthew Robinson, Baritone

Gustav Holst/arr. Patrick Liebergen

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BAPTISM (8 am)

Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom 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,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*HYMN 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

THEY'LL KNOW

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

'Jig' Fugue in C Major, BuxWV174

Dietrich Buxtehude

Service Notes

At the 8 am service the three kings are portrayed by Tom Davis, Al Porter and George Porter and at 10:30 am by Pete Gawron, Greg Harris and Ron Hetrick.

TODAY

11 Minute Lessons: Sermon on the Mount

8:45 & 11:45 am Chapel • Led by Pastor Stephen

Classes: 9:15 - 10:15 am

ISSUES: *Update on the Hershey Gardens* presented by Amy Zeigler, Sr. Director of Education
NEXT WEEK: *Someone To Tell It To* • presented by Michael Ginegrich. Find out about a charity to better understand people.
Room 7B and streaming

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Breathe: Making Room for the Sabbath"
Room 2 and Zoom

CHILDREN (age 4 and up) Room 4

YOUTH (6th grade and up) Youth Room

Women's Sunday Evening Study Group

6:30 pm Lounge

THIS WEEK

Prime Timers: Indoor Scavenger Hunt

12 pm Monday, Jan 6 Room 7 • Bring lunch

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Jan 6 on Zoom

Monday Night Study Group discusses:

"The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton

7 pm Monday, Jan 6 Room 2 and Zoom

FREE Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5 pm Tuesday, Jan 7 Fellowship Hall

Featured entrée: Walking tacos

RSVP requested, contact the church office

Music & Creative Arts

5:45 pm Tuesday, Dec 7

Curious Conversation: "America needs to change by..."

6 pm Tuesday, Jan 7 Hammond Library

Evening Worship with Communion:

Epiphany in the Rearview Mirror

6 pm Tuesday, Jan 7 Chapel

led by Debbie Hough

Derry Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 pm Tuesday, Jan 7 Choir Room

GriefShare Support Group Begins

2-4 pm Wednesdays Jan 8 - Apr 3

John Elder Classroom

Contact the church office to register

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7 pm Thursday, Jan 9 Room 7B

UPCOMING

Celebration Honoring Sandy Miceli

10:30 am Sunday, Jan 12 • Reception following

For more information, please review the eNews. Paper copies are available at the Welcome Table.