

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



February 23, 2025

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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Dan Dorty, Director of Music and Organist

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

INTROIT

Watercolors
Celebration Ringers • Debbi Kees-Folts, Director

Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on psalm 133)

Bill Parrish

Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

Though the world around us often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

In humility, gentleness, patience, and love,

Let us worship the God who has called us together.

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, you demonstrate strength under control, but we often lose control. We let our anger lead us. We're impressed with displays of strength and power more than meekness and mercy. We confess we misuse and misunderstand strength and might. Forgive us, Lord, and renew a good and gentle spirit within us. (continue to confess silently)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Galatians 5:1, 13)

Children of God, it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

We are called to be free and to use that freedom to serve one another humbly in love.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled and forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11

Bill Parrish

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

Pastor Stephen

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

"The Fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness"

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

ANTHEM

A Song of Gentleness
Sanctuary Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Sunday Sexton

Rob Zell

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.

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 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*BENEDICTION

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

*POSTLUDE

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place

arr. Mark Hayes

FELLOWSHIP: *Everyone is welcome in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*

TODAY

Timely Topics: A Positive and a Negative

8:45 & 11:45 am with Pastor Stephen in the Chapel

Classes: 9:15 - 10:15 am

ISSUES: Update from *Gather the Spirit for Justice* presented by Art Williams, Board Vice President

NEXT WEEK: *What Does the Future Hold?* series presented by Dr. Lee Barrett (1 of 5) 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

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS

9:15 am John Elder Room (1 of 4)

Betty Helmer Celebration of Life

2 pm Chapel

Reception following in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

Prime Timers: Was America Founded as a

Christian Nation?" with Pastor Stephen

12:45 pm Monday, Feb 24 Room 7

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Feb 24 on Zoom

FREE Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5 pm Tuesday, Feb 25 Fellowship Hall

Featured entrée: Sloppy Joes

Derry Brass Rehearsal

5:30 pm Tuesday, Feb 25 Room 7B

Music & Creative Arts

5:45 pm Tuesday, Feb 25

Evening Worship with Communion & Installation of Deacon: Congregation's Choice

6 pm Tuesday, Feb 25 Chapel • Led by Pastor Stephen

GriefShare Support Group

2-4 pm Wednesdays through Apr 3

John Elder Classroom

Square Dancing & Desserts

6:30 pm Friday, Feb 28 Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING

Day Trippers' Lunch

11:30 am Thursday, Feb 27 at Hidden Still

Presbyterian Women's Winter Tea

2 pm Sunday, Mar 2 Lounge

Men's Breakfast (weekly during Lent)

7:30 am Wednesday, Mar 5 Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Worship on Mar 5

9:15 am Sanctuary

7 pm Chapel

Basically Broadway

4 pm Sunday, March 16 Sanctuary

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

February Mission Offerings: Make checks payable to Derry Church and note the mission you are supporting on the memo line, give online at derrypres.org/give, or scan the QR code:

[Pakistan Scholarships](#) - Support the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan and contribute toward scholarships that provide life-changing education for Pakistani children.

[Presbyterian Women's Blanket Fund](#) - Join with Derry's PW and Church World Service to share compassion and blankets for those facing challenging times. Envelopes are located in the pew racks.

