

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



THE RECONCILING COMMUNITY

September 25, 2022

8 & 10:30 am

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Service for the Lord's Day

PRELUDE

I'll Bid My Heart Be Still
Claire Folts, Viola
Dan Dorty, Piano

Old Scottish Border Melody
arr. Rebecca Clarke

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

INTROIT (10:30 AM)

Our God is God Who Makes Friends, God Welcomes All!

arr. Folts/Dorty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wally Patton

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Thanks be to God for new beginnings.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

Together we will make a new beginning in Christ.

Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us and all things.

We will lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

BEECHER

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow. We fear admitting our part in the separation, and being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations. Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray and confess....

(Continue to confess silently)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on 2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

God has called us to be a reconciling community that heals division, works for peace, and forgives debts and sins, because we have been healed, forgiven, and reconciled to God through Christ. 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 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

Claire Folts

Children age 4 - kindergarten are welcome to join Mrs. Steelman for KIWI in Room 3, where you can pick up your children following worship.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

SERMON

"The Reconciling Confession and Community "

MUSIC (8:00 am)

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ANTHEM (10:30 am)

For the Beauty of the Earth
Sanctuary Choir
Mary Lemons, Accompanist

John Rutter

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

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

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (From *The Confession of 1967*)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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 774

There is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

service continues

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 765 *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA
**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call."**

*(Following the congregational response, you are invited to greet one another with the peace, joy,
and love of God on your way to join us for snacks and a time together in the Fellowship Hall.)*

*POSTLUDE *"Gigue" from Suite No. 1* J. S. Bach

TODAY

Church School for all Ages

Beginning at 9 am each Sunday

11-Minute Lessons

8:45 & 11:45 am in the Chapel

Led by Pastor Stephen

Fellowship for All Ages

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Hosts: Bill & Cindy DeMuth

Lebanon Big Swing Band

4 pm in the Sanctuary

An Arts Alive Event - Free will offering

THIS WEEK

Monday Morning Study Group

11 am Monday, September 26 Hammond Library

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, September 26 on Zoom

Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5-5:45 pm Tuesday, September 27 in Fellowship Hall

Menu: Mac & Cheese, Chicken Nuggets

Derry Brass Rehearsal

5:45 - 6:45 pm weekly starting Tuesday,

September 27 in Room 7

Terrific Tuesday Music & Creative Arts Programs

6:00 pm Tuesday, September 27 for

4-year-olds through 12th grade

Derry Ringer's Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Tuesday, September 27 in the choir

room

Thursday Morning Study Group

10:30 am Thursday, September 29 in Room 7

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7 pm Thursday, September 29 in Room 7

UPCOMING

Congregational Meeting

11:30 am Sunday, October 2

Election of Officers

Shepherd Group #23 Potluck Social

5:30 pm Sunday, October 2 at the home of

Cathy & Alan Olson, 1004 Grant Circle, Lebanon

Simon Johnson Organ Concert

6:30 pm Tuesday, October 18 in the Sanctuary

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays

10:00 am Saturday, October 22 in Room 7