Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



March 17, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 am

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Please silence cell phones as you prepare for worship.

Bold print indicates congregational reading or response.

An asterisk * indicates to rise in body or spirit.

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Service for the Lord's Day

PRELUDE All Hail the Power Oliver Holden, arr. Dan Marvin

Emma Burke, Horn • Tracy Burke, Trombone • Dan Dorty, Organ & Tracy Burke

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

INTROIT Oh, How He Loves You and Me arr. Tracy Burke

Emma Burke, Horn • Tracy Burke, Trombone • Dan Dorty, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Rev. George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community)

Greg Harris

Lord Jesus, be above us, reigning.

We believe it.

That is what gives us serenity to achieve. Lord Jesus, be before us, directing.

We believe it.

That is what gives us courage to go on. Lord Jesus, you are beneath us.

We believe it.

When we slip, you catch us. When we kick you in the face, you just serve us.

You come further down just to be beside us.

In awe, we thank you. Lord Jesus, you are within each of us. Our hope of glory. of being complete.

We believe it.

It is not just the interior of our church walls. It's our own inner beings you have renewed.

So we bless you and worship you!

*HYMN 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

*CONFESSION OF SIN (from *Iona Prayers* by Rev. George Macleod)

Greg Harris

Lord have mercy. Yea, Lord, have mercy. We know that you are the Way for us, but we do not like the steepness of the brae. We know that you are the Truth for us, but we do not like the starkness of your Word. We know that you are the Life for us, but still we fear that days would be dull or too demanding if we gave up ours. "Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us, that thy people may rejoice in Thee? Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me." You have renewed a right spirit within us. You have turned again and quickened us. You have climbed the brae. Calvary is won for all.

(continue to confess silently)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Psalm 103:11-12)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sin from us.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled and forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be. Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (sing twice)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 23

Lois Harris

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

God's Hidden Hands Puppet Ministry

Your children age 4 - kindergarten are welcome to participate in KIWI in Room 3 with Mr. Shawn. They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

SERMON

"Listening and Acting"

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

You are invited to ponder and discuss the following questions with your family, with small groups and committees, or on your own so what happens in worship can follow you, inspire you, and guide you throughout the week:

- 1. How have you come up against human made boundaries around religions, such as what is sacred and what is secular, or between different denominations and religions?
- 2. Rev. George Macleod warned against believing that becoming more spiritual led a person away from the world. What is something that may be considered more "worldly" that has helped you have a deeper connection with God?
- 3. Where is a "thin" place for you that you feel the veil between heaven and earth is thinner, and where you feel deeply connected to God?

ANTHEM

Old Time Religion Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

Tracy Burke, Trombone • Dan Dorty, Piano

HOW DERRY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

One Great Hour of Sharing

Charlie Koch / Marion Alexander

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

*SONG OF RESPONSE 716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (verse 1)

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store.

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.

Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise.

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

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 686 God of Our Life SANDON

BENEDICTION (adapted from a prayer by Rev. George Macleod)

May God the Creator change you.

May Christ the Redeemer change you.

May the Holy Spirit, the Binder, keep you changed.

Even as our lives are bound together in God, the three in one.

*POSTLUDE

Prelude to "Te Deum" Marc-Antoine Charpentier Emma Burke, Horn • Tracy Burke, Trombone • Dan Dorty, Organ arr. Tracy Burke

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TODAY

9:15 am Church School (every Sunday)

Adult classes:

ISSUES CLASS Room 7B and streaming: Life Beyond Death (week 2 of 3), Lee Barrett

BIBLE STUDY Room 2: studying the book of Acts NEW MEMBER CLASS: John Elder Classroom

CHILDREN (age 4 and up) Lower level classrooms YOUTH (6th grade and up) Youth Room

Arts Alive: Hymn Festival 4 pm Sanctuary

Women's Journey in Prayer

6:30 pm Lounge

THIS WEEK
Monday Morning Study Group

11 am Monday, Mar 18 Room 7B

Prime Timers Fellowship: Logos Academy Tour

12:45 pm Monday, Mar 18

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Mar 18 on Zoom

Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5 pm Tuesday, Mar 19 Fellowship Hall

Featured entrée: Ham

Terrific Tuesday Music & Creative Arts Program

5:45 pm Tuesday, Mar 19 (4-year-olds - 12th grade)

Evening Worship and Communion: Taize Service

6 pm Tuesday, Mar 19 Chapel • Led by Rev. Tom Folts

Men's Breakfast (weekly during Lent)

7:30 am Wednesday, Mar 20 Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting

7 pm Wednesday, Mar 20 Room 7B & Zoom

Thursday Morning Study Group

10:30 am Thursday, Mar 21 Room 7B

Easter Egg Hunt

10 am Saturday, Mar 23 Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING

Palm Sunday Worship

8 & 10:30 am Sunday, Mar 24 Chapel & Sanctuary Streaming at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Worship

7 pm Thursday, Mar 28 Sanctuary

Hershev Ministerium Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm Good Friday, Mar 29 First United Methodist Church, Hershey, with sermon by Pastor Stephen

Good Friday Worship

7 pm Friday, Mar 29 Chapel

Easter Sunday Worship

8 & 10:30 am Sunday, Mar 31 Sanctuary Streaming at 10:30 am

Arts Alive: Paloma School of Irish Dance

4 pm Sunday, Apr 7 Sanctuary

For more information on these events, please review the Enews or pick up a paper copy at the Welcome Desk.