

# Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



**April 21, 2024**

8:00 and 10:30 am

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## Service for the Lord's Day

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
Deborah Dillane, Organist

Charles Callahan  
Craig Phillips

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shawn Gray

INTROIT (10:30 am)

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
Celebration Ringers • Debbi Kees-Folts, Director

Peter Scholtes  
arr. Susan E. Geschke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sara Matthews

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

\*HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sara Matthews

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what  
we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of  
your holy name.**

(continue to confess silently)

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Romans 8:38)

Hear the good news!

**There is nothing that can separate us from God's love.**

We are loved beyond measure.

**Through this abundant love we are made whole.**

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: Acts 4:5-12 Sara Matthews  
**The Word of the Lord.**  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (10:30 am) *We Are One in the Spirit* Peter Scholtes  
Celebration Singers • Claire Folts, Director

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am) Debbi Kees-Folts  
*Your children age 4 - kindergarten are welcome to participate in KIWI in Room 3  
with Christine Gorman. They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.*

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 3:16-24 Shawn Gray

SERMON "Just Love"  
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. Has there ever been a time where you did "the right thing" with no motivation  
to act and were blessed by the experience in retrospect?  
2. Is it ever wrong to act in love and kindness to a person?  
3. What are some simple ways that you can spread Christ's love to those around you?



HYMN 366 (8 am) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

\*SONG OF RESPONSE (606) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
**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 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Moderato* Johann Christian H. Rinck  
Deborah Dillane, Organist

Thank you to Deborah Dillane for playing the organ this morning for our worship services. Deb has served as a church musician for more than 50 years. She retired in 2020 from Christ Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown after 24 years, directing 6 choirs and playing the organ for all services. Deb graduated from Lebanon Valley College and did master's level course work at Westminster Choir College, West Chester University and Lebanon Valley College. She worked for 14 years as a music instructor at Milton Hershey School and was the accompanist for the Alumni Chorale of Lebanon Valley College and for 4 international choir tours, under the leadership of Dr. Pierce Getz. Throughout her career she has taught piano and organ and served as an accompanist for students and faculty at Lebanon Valley College and Elizabethtown College and for Susquehanna Youth Chorale for many years. She is currently a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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## **TODAY**

### **Introductory Planning Meeting: "Wellness Connections"**

9 am Sunday, Apr 21 Lounge

### **9:15 am Church School (every Sunday)**

Adult classes:

ISSUES CLASS Room 7B and streaming:

*Joshua and Settler Colonialism* (1 of 2) • presented by Julia O'Brien of Lancaster Theological Seminary  
BIBLE STUDY No class today. This class begins a new study on April 28, "Breathe: Making Room for the Sabbath."

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

### **Women's Journey in Prayer**

6:30 pm Lounge

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Prime Timers Fellowship: Medical Mission in Africa**

12:45 pm Monday, Apr 22 • presented by Beckie Freiberg

### **Terrific Tuesday Dinner**

5 pm Tuesday, Apr 23 Fellowship Hall  
Featured entrée: Swedish meatballs with egg noodles

### **Terrific Tuesday Music & Creative Arts Program**

5:45 pm Tuesday, Apr 23 (4-year-olds - 12th grade)

### **Derry Brass Rehearsal**

5:30 pm Tuesday, Apr 23 Sanctuary

### **Evening Worship and Communion:**

6 pm Tuesday, Apr 23 Chapel • Led by Debbie Hough

### **Derry Ringers**

7:30 pm Tuesday, Apr 23 Choir Room

### **Japanese Swordmanship Class**

6:30 pm Wednesday, Apr 24 Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday Morning Study Group**

10:30 am Thursday, Apr 25 Room 7B

### **Zumba Gold Class**

5:30 pm Thursday, Apr 25 Fellowship Hall

### **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

7 pm Thursday, Apr 25 Room 7B and Zoom

## **UPCOMING**

### **Heritage Sunday April 28 with 50+ Year Member Recognition & Luncheon**

No 8:00am service in the Chapel  
10:30 am service in the Sanctuary  
11:30 am 50+ year members' luncheon in Fellowship Hall

### **Learning Tour: A Local Legacy of Native American Peoples**

9:30 am - 3 pm Saturday, May 4 • Departing from Derry • RSVP by April 26

### **Lasses and Lassies Banquet**

6 pm Sunday, May 4 Fellowship Hall

### **Save the dates for Vacation Bible School**

Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18  
5:30 to 7:30 pm

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