

# Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



**THAT'S  
MY  
QUESTION!**

**August 4, 2024**

8:00 am and 10:30 am

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**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 *Abide With Me* William H. Monk  
Dan Dorty, Director of Music and Organist arr. D. Dorty

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Harris

In the midst of strife, God is with us!  
**Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.**  
In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!  
**Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!**  
Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.  
**We come with confidence and hope in the presence of God.**

\*HYMN 792 *There is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

\*CONFESSION OF SIN Greg Harris

**Merciful God, we come to you confessing that we have failed to love you as we should. We have failed to act wisely when you are the source of our wisdom, failed to be generous when you have been so gracious to us, failed to forgive others while we presume your forgiveness to us, failed to praise you in all things and rely on you for our daily bread. Forgive us, God, in your great mercy, and restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. We pray these things in Christ's name and now offer our personal confessions.** (continue to confess silently)

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Ephesians. 2:4-5)  
Hear the good news: because of God's great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in sins.  
**It is by grace that we have been saved.**  
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 OF ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:24-30 Lois Harris

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am) Pastor Stephen

SERMON "How Do We Respond to Suffering?" Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

You are invited to ponder and discuss the following questions:

1. When was a time you realized you couldn't fix a problem?
2. When have you had to trust God in the midst of a problem or suffering?
3. When and how have you experienced resurrection (or new life) in the midst of pain and suffering?



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker and Rev. Shawn Gray

*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 to you a hymn of unending praise...

Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (verse 4)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

...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

*The Lord is My Light*  
Victoria Lang, Soprano

Frances Allitsen

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

\*SONG OF RESPONSE 606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

**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 649

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Michael D. Costello

FELLOWSHIP (10:30): *Everyone is welcome in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*



## 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.

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We are pleased to welcome soprano, Victoria Lang, as our soloist this morning. Victoria is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Music Education K-12 at Messiah University with a concentration in voice. She plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance after her time at Messiah University.

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### TODAY

#### 9:15 am Adult Church School

Adult class:

ISSUES CLASS: *South America Travelogue* led by Sue Whitaker and Al Reed • Room 7B & streaming

NEXT WEEK: *If We Have a Loving God, Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?* (DVD)

Room 7A, no streaming (2 of 4)

#### New Member Class (1 of 4)

9:15 am John Elder Classroom and streaming

#### Kids' (K-5) Fellowship: Sing, Play and Pray

9:30 am Room 5

#### Youth Fellowship

9:30 am Youth Room

#### Women's Journey in Prayer

6:30 pm Lounge

#### Derry Musicians Sing and Ring

7 pm Mt. Gretna Tabernacle, 3rd & Glossbrenner Avenue, Mt. Gretna

### THIS WEEK

#### Huang Sheng Lin Memorial Service

Monday, Aug 5: 10 am Visitation, 11 am Memorial Service in Sanctuary • Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

#### Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Aug 5 on Zoom

#### Griefshare Support Group

5-7 pm Monday, Aug 5 John Elder Classroom

#### Evening Worship: Fanny Crosby Hymn Sing

6 pm Tuesday, Aug 6 Sanctuary

Led by Debbie Hough & Dan Dorty

#### Men's Breakfast

7 am Wednesday, Aug 7 Fellowship Hall

### UPCOMING

#### Londonderry Village Worship & Communion

1 pm Monday, Aug 12 DiMatteo Worship Center

#### Derry Dudes: Axe Throwing

7 pm Tuesday, Aug 13 Home of Joe Owsley

#### Trivia & Dessert

6:30 pm Monday, Aug 19 Fellowship Hall

#### Corn Roast

5:30 pm Tuesday, Aug 20

Leader Farm, 26 Shetland Drive, Hummelstown

#### Worship Celebrating our Covenant with Animals

6 pm Tuesday, Aug 27 Front Lawn

#### Save the Date: Homecoming Dinner

5 pm Saturday, Sept 21 Hershey Lodge

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