

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



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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.

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PRELUDE

Crimond
Derry Brass

arr. David Marlatt

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

INTROIT

On Dauphin's Plains
Sanctuary Choir • James Mosher, Piano • Dan Dorty, Organ

James Mosher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Marie Buffaloe

Friends, God has been moving in Derry Church for 300 years. In faithful response, we gather together to celebrate and worship as the body of Christ.

We gather, with thanksgiving, for God's faithfulness throughout time, and to every generation.

The God of eternity meets us where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. God gives us the faith to believe, the grace to proclaim the good news of the Gospel, and the hope to respond to God's love and call upon our lives.

We come from different places and backgrounds, with unique stories of our past, present, and future, yet we are all part of Derry's story and God's story.

Together we are a community empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's word, share God's love, and practice God's justice.

In this spirit of unity, let us worship God.

*HYMN (*Insert*)

Bourne By the Water

SKYE BOAT SONG

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Shawn Gray

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children.

We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. Forgive us for not making connections with those we consider different, outsiders, or even enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where we all can belong and share our gifts in mutual respect.

(continue to confess silently)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Romans 6:23)

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God in Jesus Christ is eternal life.

We accept this gift of grace with faith, hope, and 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.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Debbie Hough and Rev. David Latimer

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Latimer

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Making Connections"

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

OFFERTORY

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Miller

*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 host. 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 (*Insert*)

In Jesus Christ There Is a New Creation

LONDONDERRY AIR

Following the final hymn, join the procession to the cemetery where we will conclude worship by rededicating our historic cemetery. A three-volley rifle salute with historic blackpowder rifles will signal the end of the ceremony. Then, gather for an all-church photograph in the Courtyard followed by fellowship and refreshments on the front lawn.

Music Note: This morning's introit was composed by Derry member James Mosher. The initial verses are adapted from the poem "Old Derry," published in an "Historical Sketch of Derry Presbyterian Church" by Rev. R.H. Taylor, June 20, 1929. The final verse is adapted from "The Church is the People," a sermon by Rev. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker delivered on April 30, 2023. To read the lyrics, scan this QR code:



TODAY

9:15 am Adult Church School

ISSUES CLASS: *The Epistle to the Romans: A Four-Week Study of the Apostle Paul's Gospel of Grace*

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers • 3 of 4
Room 7B and streaming

NEXT WEEK: *The Epistle to the Romans* • Led by
Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers • 4 of 4

9:30 am Activities in Fellowship Hall

300th Anniversary Picture Book Sale
Silent Auction: Hand-painted slates
Christmas Ornament Sale

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Cemetery Rededication outside
All-church photo in the courtyard
Reception on the front lawn

12 pm Youth Fellowship: Games in Youth Room

THIS WEEK

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Sept 23 on Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Study: Book of Romans

11 am Monday, Sept 23 Hammond Library

Prime Timers: Derry Bingo

12:45 pm Monday, Sept 23 Room 7

Griefshare Support Group

5-7 pm Monday, Sep 23 John Elder Classroom

Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5 pm Tuesday, Sept 24 Fellowship Hall

Featured entrée: meat loaf

\$5/person, FREE for kindergarten & younger

Terrific Tuesday Music & Creative Arts Program

5:45 pm Tuesday, Sept 24

Derry Brass Rehearsal

5:45 pm Tuesday, Sept 24 Room 7B

Evening Worship and Communion

6 pm Tuesday, Sept 24

Krislund Camp Family Weekend

Friday-Sunday, Sept 27-29

UPCOMING

Men's Breakfast

7:30 am Oct 2 Fellowship Hall

2025 Budget Information Meetings

8:45 & 11:45 Sunday, Oct 6 Chapel

Arts Alive: Pianist, Thomas Pandolfi

4 pm Sunday, Oct 6 Sanctuary

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

Current Mission Offering

- **Peace & Global Witness Offering:** This offering, one of four annual PC(USA) special offerings, empowers congregations to become peacemakers and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world. A portion of this offering will be donated to *Gather the Spirit for Justice* located in the Allison Hill neighborhood of Harrisburg. Make checks payable to Derry Church and note Peacemaking on the memo line (envelopes are in the pew racks), give online at derrypres.org/give, or scan this QR code:

