

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

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



BLESSED
AND A BLESSING
REFLECTIONS ON THE BEATITUDES

March 16, 2025

8:00 and 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.

Offerings: place in the wooden boxes at the entrances or scan this QR code:



PRELUDE (8 am) *Praeludium in E moll* J.S. Bach
Dan Dorty, Director of Music & Organist

(10:30 am) *Prelude in E minor* J.S. Bach
Derry Brass

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51) Duncan Campbell
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Duncan Campbell
Faithful God, you have said that the pure in heart are blessed. Yet we go about our days with mixed motives, sometimes of service and sometimes of selfishness. We choose to do wrong and fail to do right. Purify our hearts and help us follow where you lead. (continue to confess silently)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Romans 5:6-8)
Friends, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
God demonstrates God's love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Friends, remember your baptism and believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled and forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:2-8 and 14:22-33 Duncan Campbell
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

God's Hidden Hands Puppet Team

Your children age 4 - 2nd grade are welcome to participate in KIWI in Room 3.

They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

SERMON

"A Blessed Belief"

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir • Mary Lemons, Accompanist

HOW DERRY SHARES THE LOVE THAT SHAPES US: One Great Hour of Sharing

Marion Alexander

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

*SONG OF RESPONSE 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

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**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 am)

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*BENEDICTION

Rev. McKinney-Whitaker

*POSTLUDE (8 am)

Postludium in D moll

Johann Heinrich Rinck

(10:30 am)

Agincourt Hymn
Derry Brass

John Dustable

FELLOWSHIP: *Everyone is welcome in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*

TODAY

Timely Topics: Martin Niemoller

8:45 and 11:45 am Chapel

Classes: 9:15 - 10:15 am

ISSUES: *What Does the Future Hold?*

series presented by Dr. Lee Barrett (3 of 5)

NEXT WEEK: *What Does the Future Hold?* (4 of 5)

Room 7B and streaming

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Breathe: Making Room for the Sabbath"

Room 2 and Zoom

CHILDREN (age 4 and up) Room 4

YOUTH (6th grade and up) Youth Room

NEW MEMBER CLASS

9:15 am John Elder Room (4 of 4)

Blood Pressure Checks

11:30 am Fellowship Hall

Basically Broadway Talent Show

4 pm Sanctuary

Women's Sunday Evening Fellowship

6:30 pm Lounge

THIS WEEK

Tech Time

1 pm Monday, Mar 17 on Zoom

FREE Terrific Tuesday Dinner

5 pm Tuesday, Mar 18 Fellowship Hall

Featured entrée: Corned Beef

Music & Creative Arts

5:45 pm Tuesday, Mar 18

Evening Worship with Communion

6 pm Tuesday, Mar 18 Chapel • Led by Pastor Stephen

Men's Breakfast (weekly during Lent)

7:30 am Wednesday Mar 19 Fellowship Hall

Len Santos Celebration of Life

11 am Thursday, Mar 20 Sanctuary

UPCOMING

Arts Alive: Lebanon Valley College Choir

4 pm Sunday, Mar 23 Sanctuary

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

1 pm Wednesday, Mar 26 Lounge

Easter Egg Hunt - Children through Grade 5

10 am Saturday, April 12 Gather in Fellowship Hall

Dinner & Movie Night

6 pm Saturday, Apr 12 Fellowship Hall • No Charge

RSVP online or contact the church office

Children & Sacraments Class

6 pm Monday, Apr 14 Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Pastor Shawn

Easter Breakfast

8 - 10:30 am Sunday, Apr 20 Fellowship Hall

Donation supports mission trip to Dominican Republic

Easter Sunday Worship

9 & 11 am Sunday, Apr 20 Sanctuary/streaming

March Mission Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing - Mar 5 - Apr 20 • Split equally between PC(USA) for hunger, disaster and development ministries and Bridges to Community's ministry of building homes. Make checks payable to Derry Church - envelopes are in the pew racks, give online at derrypres.org/give, or scan the QR code:



Mission Madness - Your \$10 donation for each March Madness basketball bracket goes to support scholarships for students in PEB schools in Pakistan. Sign up in the Narthex or scan this QR code for Pakistan Scholarships:



Change for Children - benefits Alliance for Children Everywhere serving some of the most vulnerable communities in eastern and southern Africa. Deposit coins, dollars, or checks in the baskets by the doors as you exit.