



## Confession & Pardon

Trusting in the mercy and forgiveness of God, we confess our sins and pray for transformation, saying together:

**God among us, forgive us when we assume you are far from us and when we fail to recognize our part in your ongoing ministry. We lament that so many feel forsaken. We grieve for all the wounds not healed, actions not taken, and calls not answered. Teach us to participate in your mission in the world, to remember our baptism, hear the call on our lives, and help those who are sent our way.**

**Transform us, so that we may be more like Christ. Amen.** *(Silent Prayers)*

God is among us! We have been baptized into Christ, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **In Christ we are forgiven. Amen!**

+ Hymn #582      “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

+ Passing the Peace of Christ

## The Word

The Word in Song

“Shine On Me”  
Chancel Choir

Rollo Dilworth

The Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

**God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.**

**Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9 (p. 820)

Response

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“The Call to Glorify”  
(Answering the Call Series)

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II

## The Response

Reception of New Member Kathleen Garrity

+ Affirmation of Faith

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time**

and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn #825

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

### Prayers of the People & 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.

*\* Please use whichever words and language you prefer.*

### Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Improvisation

+ Doxology #606

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

For abundant gifts and abundant grace, we give you abundant thanks, O Lord. Accept what we have brought—the gifts of paper and coin and the gifts of our lives—and make of them what is needed for the ministry of this, your church. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## The Sending

+ Closing Hymn #377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

+ Benediction

Postlude

“Intrada”

John Marsh

*+ Please stand as you are willing and able*

## Announcements

**Participants:** Julia Wheeler-Dean (Lay Leader), Marjorie Ramsey (Livestream)

**The Flowers** are given in honor of Rev. Dr. Mark Parsons and to the Glory of God by Betsy & Jimmy Gray.

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held today following worship to receive the Annual Report, to elect a trustee, and to approve by-law changes to be in compliance of our practices.

**Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14**, as we consider our “Wandering Heart” through the life of Peter. Ash Wednesday worship is at Noon & 7 PM. The 7 PM service will be live streamed. The Lent Bible Study with scripture, music, poetry, and art will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6 PM, in person and via Zoom. Lenten devotionals will be posted on Facebook and the church website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the church office.

**Delaware ChoralArts** will present a concert here at The Presbyterian Church of Dover on Saturday, February 17, at 4:30 PM, as part of Black History Month. They will present Art Songs and Negro Spirituals, as well as “Credo” by Margaret Bonds with words by W.E.B. Du Bois. A free will offering will be accepted; a suggested offering is \$20.

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## Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>
Worship and Congregational Meeting 11 AM (sanctuary)	Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room)  KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary)	Interfaith Luncheon 11:30 AM (off-site)  Worship Committee 6 PM (Zoom)	Ash Wednesday  Services at 12 PM and 7 PM (sanctuary)	NA 6:15 PM (social hall)  Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)  Del Rods 7 PM (library)		Delaware ChoralArts Spiritual Concert 4:30 PM (sanctuary) with reception to follow (social hall)

## Prayer Requests

Please submit requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM*.

- Family members in the service at home and abroad, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19 and variants, those adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, those in the hospital and/or Hospice care, those dealing with life-threatening issues.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Ed Gazze, Sandy & Hank Rhodes, Harriet DiChiara, Laurie Connolly (Pat Franze's cousin), Beverly Anderson (cousin of the Pietracatellas), Alley Thomas (friend of Dora Adom), Carol Neild, the Dugger Family (Bonnie Wiley's brother-in-law's family), and Terri Franze (Pat Franze's daughters-in-law uncle passed away).
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and others who are impacted by wars and violence around the world.
- The families of those killed and injured in mass shootings in our country and all those who live with physical, emotional, mental, and financial repercussions related to mass shootings.
- The homebound members and friends of the church, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Charlie Lohrmann, Betty Maine, Charlotte Massey, Sandy Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.
- Family & friends of the recently deceased, specifically Patti Schanne (Gary Patterson's cousin) and Bruce Hubbard (Jimmy Gray's long-time friend).

## The Presbyterian Church of Dover

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