



The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sept. 1, 2024 + 11 AM + Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Ringing of the Hour, Welcome, & Community News

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Douglas E. Wagner

+ Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

God teaches us the way of righteousness, **the way of love, the way of peace.**

We glorify God, **gathering to hear God’s word.**

We glorify God, **enacting God’s word in the world.**

Let us pray:

Righteous God, you lead us by example through your generous love, and remind us that there is always more to learn about what it means to live a life of righteousness. Help us to keep our faith nimble, growing with each new neighbor we meet and each experience we live. May we be doers of a word that is deep and wide, letting our lives reflect the love we have received. Amen.

+ Opening Hymn #333 “How Our Hearts with Joy Abound”

Confession & Pardon

In the stillness, in the silence, we turn our hearts toward God as we confess our sins.

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ’s name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. *(Silent Prayers)*

Hear the comforting words of Paul: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (*Romans 8:38–39*). Accept your forgiveness and rejoice in a love stronger than our sin. **In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven. Praise be to God! Amen.**

+ **Response #240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (vs. 1)

+ **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The Word

The Word in Song “Take Up Your Cross” Howard Helvey

The Children’s Sermon

Song for Illumination #455 “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”

Scripture Reading James 1:17-27 (p. 980)

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

Sermon “Just Do It” Pastor Mark
(James Series)

The Response

+ **Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Teach Me to Walk in the Light” Marvin Goldstein

The Invitation & Great Thanksgiving Responses #552, 553, & 554

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.*

Sharing the Feast

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

The Sending

+ Closing Hymn #458 “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

Cindy Berry

+ Please stand as you are willing and able

Announcements

Participants: Charles Morgan (Lay Leader), Tom Worley (Livestream)

Save the Dates!

- **Sept. 8 – Celebration Sunday!** Join us for a fellowship celebration after worship as we give God thanks for where we've been and where we're going!
- **Sept. 15, 2 PM – New Member Conversation:** Are you interested in becoming an official member of the congregation? Join Pastor Mark and the Membership Committee for casual conversation. All are welcome!
- **Faith and Politics: A Conversation and Study for Being the Church in Divided Times,** Wednesdays in October, starting Oct. 2, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM. Join Pastor Mark as we consider how to witness to our faith and engage in culture and politics with integrity and compassion. The series will end with a congregational prayer service on Oct. 30 at 6:00 PM.

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Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7
Worship 11 AM (sanctuary)	Labor Day Church Office Closed AA 7 PM (social hall)	Membership Committee 10 AM (library) IMPJ Committee 7 PM (Zoom)	Pastor out for Presbytery matters Administration Committee 5 PM (Zoom) Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)	NA 6:15 PM (social hall)		

Prayer Requests

Please *email* requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM* so we can keep track of prayers. Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

- 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 Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Ellen Estus, Janice Keating (Bonnie Wiley's long-time friend), Pat Franze, Addy Babus, Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Chris Case, Elizabeth Osborne, Beverly Knight, John Patterson, Chris Wycoff, and the Park family.
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Armenia, 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, Hank & Sandy Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.

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