

The Presbyterian Church of Dover

March 16, 2025 + Second Sunday of Lent



The Gathering

Welcome, Community News, and Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

“The Wonderful Cross”

Arr. Carol Tomquist

+ Call to Worship

If God is a hen, **we are under God’s wing.**

If God is a table, **we each have a seat.**

If God is a house, **we are safe from the storm.**

If God is a party, **we’re invited to dance.**

If God is a melody, **our names are the lyrics.**

If this is God’s house, **then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**

Let us worship Holy God.

+ Hymn #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Confession & Pardon

Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen. Let us confess our sins together. . . When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,

“I will keep on.” I will keep on healing. I will keep on teaching. I will keep on preaching. I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice. I will keep on treating every person like a child of God. I will keep on believing that this world can change. I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God’s promised day. Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen. (silent prayers)

Family of faith, because Jesus’ love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us. So rest in this good news: No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God’s wing. We are loved, held, and forgiven. **Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

+ Response

“No More Alleluias”
(music on next page)

Mark Parsons

Voice



No more al - le - lu - ias as we walk with Christ on the road to
 Cal-v'ry where he'll give his life. No more al - le - lu - ias in these Lent-en
 days. As the dark - ness gath - ers, help us, Lord, we pray.

+ Passing the Peace of Christ

The Word

The Word in Song “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Brenda Austin
 Bells of Praise

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim. Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists, schedules and notifications, assignments and deadlines. We wake up feeling behind, we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow, and we know—there has to be more than this. So we pray: bend down and show us the way. Leave breadcrumbs in the street. Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust. Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope that will make us feel alive. We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way. We are listening for your cues. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35 (p. 849)
 Though the grass may wither and the flowers may fade, **the Word of God endures forever!**

Sermon “Full to the Brim: Under God’s Wing” Pastor Mark

The Response

Affirmation of Faith #842 “The Lord is My Light” Psalm 27, responsive reading

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.*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Arr. James Coe

+ Doxology #606

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundant generosity, we return to you what you’ve first entrusted to our care: gifts of money, gifts of talents, gifts of tenderness, and the gifts of our whole and expansive selves. Take all these gifts and make much of them. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Sending

+ Hymn #157

“Lord of the Dance”

+ Benediction

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God’s Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself— go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

Postlude

“Come Into His Presence”

Arr. Lynn Baird

+ Please stand as you are willing and able.

Announcements

Participants: Jimmy Gray (Lay Leader), Heather Thomson (Livestream), Ellen & Darrell Sams (Greeter/Usher)

The Flowers are given in celebration of God’s gift of music and in loving memory of our son, Jason, by Patrick and Nancy Parish.

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Easter Lilies and Tulips

The Easter lily and tulip order forms are available from March 23 until April 6. The forms will be available in the new Narthex and attached to the weekly email blast on Thursday afternoons. The price per plant will be \$12. Please consider purchasing a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one.



Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22
Worship 11 AM (sanctuary)	St. Patrick's Day	Ruth Women's Circle 12:30 PM (library)	Property Committee 1 PM (alcove)	Coffee w/the Pastor 10 AM (library)		P.E.O. State Chapter 8:30 AM – 1 PM (social hall & library)
Christian Education 12 PM (library)	Bells of Praise 6 PM (CR)	P.E.O. Chapter M 6 PM (library)	Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)	NA 6:15 PM (social hall)		
Deacon's Meeting 12 PM (alcove)	Lenten Study 7 PM (library & Zoom)	Esther Women's Circle 7 PM (Zoom)		Del Rods 7 PM (library)		
	KCC Rehearsal 7 PM (sanctuary)					

Prayer Requests

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

- Military service personnel, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19, those affected by natural and unnatural disasters (especially the people of California), those in the hospital and care facilities, those with life-threatening issues, those impacted by gun violence, those working to repair broken systems of injustice, those impacted by war and violence around the world, especially in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and Armenia.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Ellen Estus, Addy Babus, Chris Case, Dawn (Addy Babus' daughter), Pat Franze, Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), the Manigar family, Carolyn Sanborn (Pastor Mark's grandmother), Sam Beharry, Cindy Fitzharris (Betsy Gray's sister-in-law), Mike & Lisa Bishoff, Larry France, Joyce Sutcliffe, Mike & Vicki Marshall (Karen Burton's brother and sister-in-law), Beth, Dawn, Rachel, Beverly Williams, and Kennie Bass.
- Homebound members and friends, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Charlie Lohrmann, Betty Maine, Charlotte Massey, Chuck Mater, Hank & Sandy Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.
- Family and friends of the recently departed.

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