

Grove Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Dr. Harold J. Bennett II, Pastor

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Grove Presbyterian Church is a Christian fellowship brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship and serve God, to share our belief in Jesus Christ, and to reach out with love and understanding to all people.

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Fellowship News

Preparation for Worship

God of grace and glory, You call us to be Your people, faithful and courageous. Inspire us with the fire of Your Spirit to walk beside Jesus, our Savior, as He leads us. Amen.

*Call to Worship

L: Holy God, Your voice thunders in the night.

P: Your voice sings love songs in the morning.

L: Your voice tumbles raging rapids, and ripples pools of peace.

P: Your voice snaps trees in two, and can mend broken hearts.

All: We give glory to Your name, God of our lives.

*Hymn #679 Baptized in Water

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, too often, we try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives. We don't want that disruption! After all, Jesus wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we would rather complain about how hard that is. Forgive us, O God, and bathe us in the life-giving waters of Your mercy. Then set our feet on solid ground, ready to follow Your Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! We are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart when we do His will.

P: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Passing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Grove Choir

Prayer for Illumination

God of water and Spirit, Your voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe. Your voice always reminds us that we are precious and loved. Open our ears to hear Your voice in the Scriptures, rumbling like a river through our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible p. 1126

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Pew Bible p. 1705

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pew Bible p. 1594

Sermon

Remember Your Baptism

Rev. Dr. Hal Bennett

***Hymn #576**

Make Me a Servant

***Call for the Offering**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dedication of the Offering**

***Hymn #444**

Rain Down

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Presto G.F. Handel

Asterisk (*) indicates stand, if able



Liturgist: Jim Hall

Ushers: 5

PRAYER LIST

PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Bennett, health concern
Robin Brown (Etta’s sister), health concerns
Bruce Gerdom, health concerns
Lisa Gray, health concerns
Richard Harrison, health concerns
Barbara Hindman, health concerns
Sam and Rose Preston, family concerns
Scott Schubert, health concerns
Tom Trimboli (Peg’s brother), health concerns

ONGOING CONCERNS

Maxine Cialella
Jon and Mary-Lynne Livezey
Carole Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

»There will be a **Congregational Meeting** following the worship service on **Sunday, January 26, 2025** for the purpose of presenting the annual budget and ministry reports to the Congregation, to vote on the terms of call for Dr. Bennett, and any other business properly coming before the Congregation, by order of the Session, Gil Jones, Clerk, and the Rev. Dr. Harold J. Bennett II, Moderator.

»On **Sunday, February 2nd, The Omelette Man** – Steven Dunn, is providing brunch following service. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so he will know how many will attend this special event.

»**Peg Trimboli’s new address** is 16027 McArthur Lane Millsboro, Delaware 19966.

»**Bible Study 2025 - February Lenten Study at Noon during the week!**

Pastor Hal is inviting everyone at Grove to call the office at 410-272-0896 and leave their preference for the day of the week (Monday through Thursday) they would be able to attend the study.

»DEACONS:

Cupboard Visitors - Jan 8th: 11 Families - 13 bags - feeding 30 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly

Emergency Winter Shelter

Harford County Hope for the Homeless Alliance
Providing meals to homeless families being housed in the
Days Inn, Aberdeen, during the Winter months!

Our Grove Presbyterian (through the Deacons) will be joining the Alliance –
Preparing, packing, and delivering dinners & additional foods
On Friday, January 31, 2025

You, the congregation, are invited to join in the effort to provide for this dire need
in our community! Donations will be accepted (during January) to add to each bag
being delivered to the individual family members on:

January 12, 19, 26 - Bins in the Narthex!

Suggested items:

Individually wrapped snacks: Granola Bars, Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers,
Trail Mix, Snacks, Cookies – etc!

Individual Servings: Applesauce, fruit, juices, raisins, Easy Macs, etc!

In advance, Many thanks for your help AND your prayers
during this cold Winter season!

What's Happening at Grove this week:

Monday, Jan. 13: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Deacon's Food Cupboard, 7 to 8 p.m. (Monroe Building)

Thursday, Jan. 16: Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Church Officers

Session: Moderator: Rev. Dr. Harold J. Bennett II (*contact #410-273-5320*) Clerk: Gil Jones

Class of 2025 Sally Holmes, Dave Yensan

Class of 2026 Jim Hall, Sharon Moxley

Class of 2027 Gil Jones

Deacons: Moderator: Helen Farmer

Class of 2025 BethAnn Cameron, Linda Dempsey, Helen Farmer, Rosi Yensan

Class of 2026 Sue Bissett, Yvonne Phillips, Peg Trimboli, Betty Umbarger

Class of 2027 Stephenie Dunn, Steve Dunn, Eve Jacobs

Trustees: Chair: Lambert Rickey

Class of 2025 Dick Harrison, Bill Loper

Class of 2026 Lambert Rickey, Scott Schubert

Class of 2027 Carlla Jones