

Grove Presbyterian Church



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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.

First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Fellowship News

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Preparation for Worship

God Most High, thank You for signs of Your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in Your Word in every time of trial and testing, and receive the salvation You so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship

L: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

P: The journey begins in the wilderness.

L: We follow the way of Jesus,

P: Who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

L: Like Jesus, we are not alone.

P: Our call is to trust in God alone.

L: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,

All: But God also leads us through the wilderness.

*Hymn #260

The Old Rugged Cross (verses 1 through 3)

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in You. We fall to temptation. We are swayed by false words. We speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over Your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Thanks be to God!

*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

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Grove Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Bring Your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to Your Word with our whole lives, until You become our dwelling place. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible p. 311

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible p. 1595

New Testament Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Pew Bible p. 1760

Sermon

Salvation IS for Everyone

Rev. Dr. Hal Bennett

*Hymn #437

Jesus Loves Me

***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 #281** Lamb of God

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Musette G.F. Handel

Asterisk (*) indicates stand, if able



Liturgist: Jim Hall

Ushers: 1

Attendance:

In-person last week: 37

124 different people have attended Grove this far in 2025.

Total online views in 2025: **549**

PRAYER LIST

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Judy Bennett, health concern
- Doug Bratt, as he serves a congregation in Massachusetts as their interim pastor.
- Robin Brown (Etta's sister), health concerns
- Bruce Gerdom, health concerns
- Dr. Gene Gordon, health concerns
- Lisa Gray, health concerns
- Richard Harrison, health concerns
- Barbara Hindman, health concerns
- Mary Hays Loper, health concerns
- Ginny Mitchell, health concerns
- Sharon Moxley, health concerns
- Sam and Rose Preston, family concerns
- Scott Schubert, health concerns
- Dr. George Toole, health concerns
- Tom Trimboli (Peg's brother), health concerns
- Larry White, health concerns

ONGOING CONCERNS

- Maxine Cialella
- Jon and Mary-Lynne Livezey
- Carole Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

»**Save the date!** A Lenten Bible Study starting on Wednesday, **March 12** at 12 p.m.

»**Walking the 40 Days of Lent:** Forty is a frequently occurring number in the Bible. The rain fell in Noah's day for 40 days and 40 nights. King David reigned for 40 years. Jesus was tempted 40 days. Jesus remained on earth 40 days after the resurrection. The number 40 is often associated with the theme of testing, trials and judgment.

Consider reading about one of the "40's" during each week in Lent. For this week, read **Numbers 13 and 14**, about the spies searching out the land of Canaan.

Ask yourself these questions as you read this Scripture passage this week:

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. How did God act through this passage?
3. When trials arise, do you tend to have a Joshua attitude, or an attitude like the others?
4. What will you do in response to reading this passage? What is your response to God's Word?

»**One Great Hour of Sharing** envelopes are located inside the pews for your convenience if you should choose to donate.

»**DEACONS:**

Cupboard Visitors - Mar 5th: 15 Families - 18 bags - feeding 48 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly

What's Happening at Grove this week:

Monday, Mar. 10: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Mar. 12: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Mar. 12: Lenten Bible Study, 12 noon (Parlor)

Wednesday, Mar. 12: Deacon's Food Cupboard, 7 to 8 p.m. (Monroe Building)

Thursday, Mar. 13: Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

STARTER

During Lent 2025, the Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group plans to have dinner worship on the 5 Wednesdays of Lent. Our worship will occur around tables as we share a meal. We will use liturgical and worship resources from the book Meeting Jesus at the Table.

ENTREE

Our meals will be potluck, with the host congregation providing the protein dish. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share

DESSERT

To help us prepare appropriately for each meal, please fill out the form at the link below. Let us know which meals you plan to attend and whether you will bring a side or dessert (or both).

<https://forms.gle/2QwZndZbTRDDiavc8>

DRINKS

March 12 - First Presbyterian of Bel Air
March 19 - to be determined
March 26 - Highland Presbyterian
April 2 - Christ Our King Presbyterian
April 9 - Christ Our King Presbyterian
6:00 pm