

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.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY **April 13, 2025**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Fellowship News

Preparation for Worship

Liturgist: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Amen.

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Isaiah 50:4 – 9a)

Liturgist: Morning by morning, God wakens our ears to listen.

People: The Lord GOD has opened my ear. I have not turned my back on Him.

L: The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced.

P: I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

L: He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

P: Let us stand in court together. Let our adversaries confront us.

All: It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

***Hymn #508** Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give You thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in Your name. Even though we profess to follow Jesus, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny Him. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?

P: Because of God's grace, we have nothing to fear. We are forgiven and freed!

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

Let The Rocks Cry Out

Grove Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the Passion, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2 and verses 19-29

Pew Bible p. 956

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible p. 1827

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible p. 1531

Sermon

The Wilderness Experience

Rev. Dr. Hal Bennett

***Hymn #279**

A Purple Robe

***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 #255** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude The Palms Gabriel Fauré

Asterisk (*) indicates stand, if able



Liturgist: Jim Hall

Ushers: 6

Attendance:

In-person last week: 49

132 different people have attended Grove this far in 2025.

Total online views in 2025: **1438**

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

Family of Betty Duff, who died on April 4

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

Jan Puliafico (mother of Mrs. Jankowiak, Hall’s Cross Roads Principal), health concerns

Scott Schubert, health concerns

Dr. George Toole, 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 Maundy Thursday service at Grove at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17.

»Come and join us for a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday, April 16 at 12 p.m.

»Please keep the family of Betty Duff in your thoughts and prayers. Sympathy cards can be sent to Mike Duff (who lived with Betty) and his brother Gary at 169 Farm Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001. A memorial service will be held at Grove on Saturday, June 21. More details to follow.

»The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, May 10, during the Community Health Fair at Grove from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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Worship Opportunities for Holy Week and Easter Day:

Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. — Palm Sunday Service at Grove

Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m. — Maundy Thursday service at Grove

Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. — Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!



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-Meet at Grace Methodist Church at 11 AM.

-Walk “the Way of the Cross” to St. Joan of Arc, praying and singing.

-Pray a brief ecumenical service as St. Joan of Arc Church.

-Enjoy light lunch and fellowship downstairs in Parish Hall.

-All are welcome!

»Save the Dates in MAY! (See the flyers in the Narthex for more details.)

Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Community Health Fair

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3 p.m. – Centennial Celebration for the Pipe Organ

»Pastor Hal will host a Confirmation Class at Grove for ages 10-15 years old;

May 3 - June 7, 2025. Register your child by speaking with Pastor Hal.

»DEACONS:

Cupboard Visitors - April 9th: 33 Families - 38 bags - feeding 99 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly

What's Happening at Grove this week:

Monday, Apr. 14: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Apr. 16: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Apr. 16: Lenten Bible Study, 12 noon (Parlor)

Wednesday, Apr. 16: Deacon's Food Cupboard, 7 to 8 p.m. (Monroe Building)

Thursday, Apr. 17: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 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, 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