

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.

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany and Scout Sunday February 8, 2026

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Fellowship News

Minutes for Mission: World Day of Prayer and Per Capita

Preparation for Worship

O God, Your will is that all Your children should grow into fullness of life. We give You thanks for the ministry of Scouting that has been part of Grove Church for so many years. Help us all to walk in Your ways, and to follow Jesus all the days of our lives. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: On this Scout Sunday, we give thanks to God for the blessings of His wonderful creation.

People: We give thanks to God for camping and outdoor adventures.

L: We give thanks to God for Scout leaders and their ministry to young people.

P: We give thanks to God for parents and caregivers that take Scouts on Scout trips.

L: We give thanks to God for all we have learned as Scouts and from Scouts.

All: May God continue to bless the ministry of Scouting at Grove and around the world.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn #652** This Is the Day

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we try very hard to do and say the right things. But sometimes, we mess up. In fact, sometimes we mess up a lot. Please forgive us when we do not do our best. Please forgive us when we do not set a good example. Please teach us to be kind to other people and to help them at all times. Help us to follow Jesus and His teachings. Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home.

P: We can be grateful for this promise of joy and of peace.

L: Let us renew our efforts to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,

P: Courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful,

L: Thrifty and brave,

P: And clean and reverent.

All: Let us always be prepared to share God's love!

*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

Come By Here

Grove Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, just as these Scouts must learn new things to earn their merit badges, so we need to learn so much from You. Help us to listen carefully now to Your Word. Help us also to remember what You teach us and to apply these truths daily. Please also bless all those who contribute to shape the hearts, minds and bodies of the Scouts here at Grove Church and everywhere. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9

Pew Bible p. 1152

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Pew Bible p. 1773

Sam and Rose Preston, family concerns
Scott Schubert, health concerns
Dr. George Toole, health concerns
Peg Trimboli, health concerns
Tom Trimboli (Peg's brother), health concerns
Denise Wenger, health concerns
Robert Williams (friend of BethAnn), health concerns

ONGOING CONCERNS

Maxine Cialella
Mary-Lynne Livezey
Carole Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

» TODAY is **SCOUT RECOGNITION SUNDAY**: A special luncheon will immediately follow the service.

» **Many thanks** to Steve Dunn, the Omelette Man, and his crew for providing the delicious brunch after church today!

» Our **Cub Scouts** will be conducting their annual **Pinewood Derby** in Mitchell Hall on Saturday, February 21st at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to attend!

» **Thrift Shop** will be closed on Monday, February 16th for President's Day.

» Grove will have an **Ash Wednesday service** on Wednesday, March 18 at 12 noon. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of preparation of heart of minds prior to the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

» **Save the dates!** Susquehanna Parish LENTEN DINNER CHURCH - Wednesdays at 5:30PM. See the flyer in the narthex for more information!

February 25 - First Presbyterian

March 4 - Christ Our King

March 11 - *To be determined*

March 18 - Highland

March 25 - Fallston

»**Calling All Men:** Last fall the Session approved the formation of a Grove Men's Ministry. So, we invite all men to an informational meeting on Saturday morning, February 21 at 9:30 at Grove Church. We plan to discuss questions like, When? How often? What format? Should we include food and/or drink? If you have any questions, please contact Doug Bratt.

»**Thanks** for continuing to support Grove Church through your tithes and offerings. Please use the offering plate by the main door before/after the service and during Passing of the Peace.

THE SEASON OF LENT

**LENT IS A TIME TO OPEN THE DOORS
OF OUR HEARTS A LITTLE WIDER
AND UNDERSTAND OUR LORD A LITTLE DEEPER.**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18.
Plan to attend these special services and events.

ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 18 AT 12 NOON.
A SHORT, BUT MEANINGFUL, START TO THE LENTEN SEASON.

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 29 AT 10:30 A.M.
SING HOSANNA WITH THE CROWDS BUT ALSO PONDER THE WAY TO THE CROSS.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 2 AT 6 P.M.
A VERY MEANINGFUL SERVICE - THE LIGHTS WILL BE SLOWLY EXTINGUISHED IN THE SANCTUARY, JUST AS DARKNESS ENCREACHED WHILE JESUS WAS ON THE CROSS.

»**DEACONS:** There will be NO Deacons' Meeting in February.

Cupboard Visitors - February 4th: 13 Families - 16 bags - feeding 36 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly

What's Happening at Grove this week:

Monday, Feb. 9: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Thrift Shop open, 10 until noon

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Deacon's Food Cupboard, 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SUSQUEHANNA PARISH

LENTEN DINNER CHURCH



WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



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CHRIST OUR KING



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TBD



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Sign up!

