November 8, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

founded prior to 1721

"But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
Amos 5:24 NRSV

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "Patriotic Medley" *Kevin Pace*
"As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship."

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Tom Hagan

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 70:4
Rejoice and be glad!
For God is our salvation.
Rejoice and be glad!
For God is great.

*HYMN "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" #331

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Amos 5:21-24
Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you, by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and

sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.
(*Silent Confession*)
In Christ's name we pray…
Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581
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.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS Amos 5:18-24 p. 1299
18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "That's How Good God Is" *Phillip McIntyre*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 p. 39
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the
wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight
there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their
lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went
with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open
to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "At the Ready" Matt Randolph

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" #175
1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Gariel's Oboe" *Ennio Morricone*

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #634

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in. R

R Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: frat things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. R

*BENEDICTION

*EXTENSION OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.
And also with you.

CHORAL RESPONSE "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" *Christian Gregor*

POSTLUDE "Alleluia" *W.A. Mozart*

**All those who are able may stand.*

Reflection for the Christian Life

In our fast-paced world, daily encounters with delay are sometimes difficult to accept. How can we be intentional in practicing the presence of God, cultivating steadiness and peace in our lives and the world while extending God's hospitality and love? How can such spiritual attributes empower us to be better advocates in working to create a more just and equitable world?

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- **TODAY Sunday, November 8th, The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
- **TODAY Sunday, November 8th,** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, November 8th,** Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, this week's snacks are provided by the Hospitality Team, 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, November 8th,** Adult Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY November 8th,** Celtic Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Monday, November 9th,** Boy Scout Troop 53
- **Monday. November 9th**, Donegal Historical Foundation, in the Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 10th,** Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday, November 11th,** Men's Breakfast, Gus's Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11th,** Owner's Group Breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11th,** Donegal Women's Bible Study, in the Conference Room, 10:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11th,** Stewardship Meeting, in the Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11th,** Choir Practice in the Choir Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 12th,** Deacons Meeting, in the Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 15th, The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday November 20, 2026
~~ ExtraGive ~~

Sunday November 22, 2026
~~Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary~~
Following the 9:00 a.m. Service
Meeting for approval of the final slate from the nominating committee for Deacon nominees.

Thursday, Dec 3, 2026
~~DOT – Cookie Bagging for Winterfest~~

Saturday Dec 5, 2026
~~DOT – Mount Joy Winterfest~~

Wednesday Dec 9, 2026
~~DOT – Echos Meal Prep



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Columbia Dream Center: Summer Children's Lunch Program; Family Meal Nights; Purchase of gifts for the Children's Christmas party

Donegal and Elizabethtown School Districts: Purchase of grocery store gift cards for students and families in immediate need

Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS): Packed Lunch Program; Preparation of dinners for their guests

Servants, Inc.: Financial contributions to support local workdays with volunteers from Donegal Church participating in service projects to provide critical repairs

Our support for ExtraGive enables the enthusiastic Donegal Outreach Team to touch our community in many ways! Here are just a few of these extraordinary efforts.

Let's do the EXTRAORDINARY on November 20!
Questions? Contact Karen Karnes at 717-419-5948 or karenkarnes@psu.edu.

❄️ WINTERFEST IS COMING! ❄️

Help Us Spread a Little Holiday Cheer!

Join the Donegal Outreach Team on **Main Street in Mount Joy on Saturday, December 5, from 2–5 PM** for an afternoon filled with music, food, fun, shopping, Santa, and the annual tree lighting!

We'll be there handing out cookies and sharing some Christmas cheer. **And we need YOUR help to make it extra sweet!**

🍪 WE NEED COOKIES!

We're looking for donations of homemade cookies and bar cookies to fill our Winterfest gift bags.

A few important cookie guidelines:

- **No frosting, icing, cakes, or cupcakes, please!** They don't travel well in individual gift bags.
- **Gluten-free treats are always welcome!** Please label them clearly so we can place them in our gluten-free bags.
- **Please NO nuts or nut butters.** Since cookies are mixed into individual bags, avoiding nuts helps us keep things simple and safe for everyone.

📦 COOKIE DROP-OFF TIMES

Please bring your cookie donations to the church on one of the following days:

- **Sunday, November 29** (between services)
- **Tuesday, December 1:** 8:00–11:00 AM
- **Wednesday, December 2:** 8:30–11:00 AM
- **Thursday, December 3:** 8:00 AM–12:00 PM



🙋 WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We'll be assembling and bagging cookies on **Thursday, December 3, at NOON in Fellowship Hall.**

Volunteers are needed! Come lend a hand, enjoy some fellowship, and help us package a little sweetness for our community.

Questions and interests in helping can be directed to Melody Nissley (717) 426-3366 or mnissley0578@gmail.com

Let's spread our Christmas message and make this Winterfest a little sweeter, one cookie at a time!

