

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**February 9, 2025**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness.

We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## **Call to Worship - Psalm 100**

**1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.**

**2 Worship the Lord with gladness;**

**come before him with joyful songs.**

**3 Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.**

**4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving**

**and his courts with praise;**

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**5 For the Lord is good and his love  
endures**

**forever; his faithfulness continues  
through**

**all generations.**

## **Hymn - #71**

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Praising thee their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,**

**Blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever bless'd,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Leading us with mercy's hand.  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.**

# **Hymn - HWB #100**

## **Praise Him, Praise Him**

**1 Praise him, praise him!  
Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love  
proclaim!  
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in  
glory!  
Strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his  
children.  
In his arms he carries them all day long.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful  
song.**

**2 Praise him, praise him!  
Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and  
died.**

**He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
hail him, hail him! Jesus, the crucified.  
Sound his praises, Jesus who bore our  
sorrows,  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and  
strong. Praise him! Praise him!  
tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful  
song.**

**3 Praise him, praise him!  
Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas  
ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever!  
Crown him, crown him!  
prophet, and priest, and king!  
Christ is coming, over the world  
victorious.**

**Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful  
song.**

## **Hymn - #5**

### **There is a Place of Quiet Rest**

**There is a place of quiet rest,**

**near to the heart of God,**

**a place where sin cannot molest,**

**near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,**

**sent from the heart of God,**

**hold us, who wait before thee,**

**near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of comfort sweet,**

**near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.**

## **Call to Confession**

**By dying on the cross for us, Christ has perfected us for all time. Let us approach this time of confession with true hearts, in full assurance that Christ's mercy is strong enough to bear all of our burdens.**

## **Confession of Sin Prayer**

Merciful God,  
look upon us, your servants gathered here,  
with grace and compassion.  
Hear our every need.  
Speak to our fearful hearts,  
that we may pour out our confessions  
and admit our wrongdoings.

(Silent prayer)

**Loving God,**  
**you have heard our anxieties,**  
**our vexations, our worries,**  
**our hopes, our dreams.**  
**Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness,**  
**that we may receive your grace,**  
**and may walk in freedom and glorious**  
**hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

**There is no wrong  
that God cannot make right.**

**There is no chasm  
that can separate us  
from God's love.**

**The Lord is patient and kind,  
generous and good.**

**God will not forsake you or leave you.**

**Turn to the Lord with confidence  
and put your faith in God's great mercy.**

**By the power of Jesus Christ,  
we are made whole. Amen.**

## **Hymn - #143 Amazing Grace**

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me**

**I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

2 'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall  
fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

5 The earth shall soon dissolve like  
snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;

but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

6 When we've been there 10,000 years  
bright shining as the sun  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

### **Leviticus 19:33-34**

**When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.**

## **Matthew 5:21-22**

**You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.**

**Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.**

## **James 3:1-12**

**Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways.**

**Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.**

**When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**

**All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.**

**With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.**

## **1 Peter 2:13-17**

**Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you**

**should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.**

## **Contempt and the Call of Christ**

**Speaker: Jonathan Robie**

## **Congregational Response**

## **Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns**

# Prayers of God's People

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn - #167**

### **For God So Loved Us**

**For God so loved us, he sent the Savior.  
For God so loved us, and loves me too.  
Love so unending, I'll sing thy praises.  
God loves his children, loves even me.**

**He sent the Savior, the blessed  
Redeemer.**

**He sent the Savior to set me free.  
Love so unending, I'll sing thy praises.  
God loves his children, loves even me.**

**He bade me welcome; oh word of mercy!  
He bade me welcome; oh voice divine!  
Love so unending, I'll sing thy praises.  
God loves his children, loves even me.**

**Glory and honor, O Love eternal,  
to thee be given while life shall last.  
Love so unending, I'll sing thy praises.  
God loves his children, loves even me.**

## **Sending Words - #1054 VT**

**The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you always. Amen.**