

***The vision of Dover UCC is to seek justice, love kindness
and walk humbly with our God.***



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

November 30, 2025

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

First Sunday of Advent

HOPE

**Please Stand if able
Pilgrim Hymnal is red*

Announcements

Prelude

"Advent Prayer"

Anthony Giamanco

Centering

***Song**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymn tune: McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

***Call to Worship**

One: Listen.

All: Deep

One: Listen. It is coming closer.

All: A bell in the distance,

One: A drum beat of hope.

All: Listen.

***Hymn #103**

"Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus"

Pilgrim Hymnal

Advent Wreath (Please be seated)

Adam Jakubiak

One: Advent begins today. Our story begins in the small village of Nazareth.

Many people in Nazareth lived in caves or used caves as part of their homes.

Mary and Joseph lived there.

Mary had many chores that would keep her busy throughout the day.

Joseph was a carpenter and worked hard at building things.

All: We too work hard and live in towns and villages.

One: Mary and Joseph had a hard life, but God called them to share their gifts with the world.

All: Attention! There has been a royal decree from Caesar Augustus. Everyone must go to the town where your family is from to be counted and taxed. Mary and Joseph became refugees.

One: Joseph's family was from Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph make the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We too journey this Advent.

We journey in hope and faith.

ALL: Today we light the candle of HOPE. (Light one candle)

One: God meets us where we are. God breaks into the craziness, the darkness, the hectic-ness of our lives. May we live knowing the HOPE that Jesus brings.

***Gloria #116** Chorus “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Pilgrim Hymnal*
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44

Offering of music (10:00 AM)
“He Shall Come Down Like Rain” *Clifford McCormick*

Children’s time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn #107** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Pilgrim Hymnal*

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer

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.

Invitation to Gratitude (10:00 AM)

Offering our Gifts

Offering Music “Hanging of the Greens” *C.W. Walz*

***Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn #110** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *Pilgrim Hymnal*

***Benediction**

Postlude “Postlude in d Minor” *Lani Smith*

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Mindy Quellhorst
Music Director: Jamie Kunselman
Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Judy Brizzolara
Organist: Bret Tassone

The flowers in the chancel area are given by Roberta Moorman in honor of her mother Inge Moorman's birthday.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour – your hosts are Adrianna Russo and Tyler Alexander.

Stream Events at Dover

~The **worship service** will be live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on the Dover Congregational UCC website (<https://www.doverucc.org>) and Facebook page and the recording will be posted immediately after the service.

~Monday thru Friday, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please call the office to ensure someone is in to assist you.

~If you have a care or concern you need to discuss, please contact Rev. Quellhorst at revmq1@gmail.com or call her on her cell, 330-717-5357

~During the 10:00 AM service, child care is available for children five years and younger in room 104, on the lower level, Faith Formation for older children.

Large print bulletins and hearing amplifications are available in the back.



Faith Formation and Faith Explorers are in full swing. Come grow with us—there's something for every age!

Any questions—please contact Jacquie DelMonte
440-463-6460

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Open and Affirming Statement

Dover Congregational United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We welcome people of all ages, genders, races, views, abilities, sexual orientations, expressions and identities, ethnic educational and economic backgrounds into the full life and ministry of our church. We declare this in the name of God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed all people into God's circle of grace.

Approved by the congregation September 21, 2008
Additions approved by the congregation April 13, 2014

Just Peace Covenant

As a Just Peace church continuing the work of Jesus, we commit to work toward a world where all persons are treated with dignity and equality, where societies are structured in ways that promote the well-being of all people, and where conflicts are resolved through communication and negotiations, without resorting to exploitation or violence. We strive to embody these principles in our lives and witness as individuals and as a congregation. Our specific focus is: Just Peace in the community- so that all may live free from fear. Just Peace with the Earth – so that life is sustained. Just Peace in the marketplace- so that all may live with dignity. Just Peace among nations- so that human lives are protected. Through our worship, programs, and outreach we seek to be a community of reconciliation, hope, and courage as we work for peace and justice in our world.

Adopted and approved by congregation September 14, 2025