

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



***Dover Congregational United Church of Christ***

December 7, 2025

***Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor***

***An Open & Affirming Congregation***

***A Just Peace Congregation***

***Second Sunday of Advent***

***PEACE***

*\*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: A vision of peace.**

One: Shalom, God's peace.

**All: Listen.**

**\*Hymn #105**

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

Pilgrim Hymnal

**Advent Wreath** (Please be seated)

*Andy Meder*

One: Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We have begun our journey through the desert to get from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We can't stop at food places along the way, we need to pack the things we need to bring with us. The donkey will help to carry what we need.

**All: It is hard to be on a journey to new places.**

One: We arrive in Bethlehem; we must pay our taxes and be counted. We are looking for a place to stay, but all the inns are full. Where will we stay? This world is crazy, is there a place for us? We are refugees in a foreign land.

**All: She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them.**

One: Much busyness and craziness was happening with so many people around, but Jesus is still born. Jesus comes, God loves us and nothing can stop that.

**All: Today we relight the candle of HOPE and we light the candle of PEACE.** (Light 2 candles)

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 and PEACE that Jesus brings.

**\*Gloria #116**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Pilgrim Hymnal

**Scripture**

Matthew 3:1-12

**Offering of music (10:00 AM)**

"Advent Canticle"

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

**Children's time (10:00 AM)**

**\*Hymn #131**

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Pilgrim Hymnal

**Scripture**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**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**

"Interlude"

*James Pethel*

**\*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**

**Communion**

*(Gluten free option is the wafer. As the tray is passed to you, please hold it for the person next to you as they take the bread/cup, then pass it to the next person. Please assist your neighbor, if they need help. When you receive the bread and then the juice, please hold it until the Minister indicates to eat and/or drink it, so that we commune together.)*

**Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sharing the meal**

**Communion Music**

"Ave Verum"

*arr. David Paxton*

## Prayer after Communion

**Holy Creator, Bread of Life, Everlasting Salvation, a light shines in the night, the night will not overcome it. In this meal we have been replenished and strengthened, the light of your love rekindled within. We will be bold to carry this light into the world. Thank you for recharging our batteries and reviving your ambient glow within us. You are the power source that never gives out- eternally renewable and sustainable. Thank you, God; Thank you, Christ; Thank you, Spirit. Amen.**

### \*Hymn #145

*"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

Pilgrim Hymnal

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

*arr. Mary McDonald*

## Serving You in Church Today

**Sermon:** Rev. Mindy Quellhorst

**Liturgist:** Gary Burkey

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Organist:** Bret Tassone

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour – your hosts are Jen & Bernie Bokenyi.**

## 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 [revmqi@gmail.com](mailto:revmqi@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