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Derry Church Sets Blessing of Animals Service

July 2023 — In celebration of all of God's creatures and their presence in our lives, Derry Presbyterian Church will offer its 16th annual worship service that includes a blessing of animals at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22. This informal service will take place on the church's front lawn at the corner of Mansion and East Derry Roads, Hershey, weather permitting.

Animals on a leash, in a kennel, or otherwise controlled are invited to attend along with their owners. The worship service will include praise songs and hymns in addition to a hands-on blessing of animals and the people with whom they live.



Figure 1 PHOTO CAPTION: Rev. Tom Folts blesses Elizabeth Wilson's dog at Derry Church's 2022 blessing of animal's service.

Worshippers are invited to bring donations for the Humane Society as an outreach to those who help care for animals in need of help and homes. Requested items include canned food for cat/kitten/dog/puppy (any brand), Purina Kitten Chow dry food, cat litter, cat toys, Kongs (XL and XXL size), Nylabones, durable dog toys, small animal wooden chew toys and treats, Timothy hay, paper towels, laundry detergent, bleach (unscented) and gift cards for gasoline, pet stores, discount retailers, and office supply stores. Collection boxes will be available at the worship service.

Derry Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Worship services are held on Sundays at 8:00 am in the Chapel and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and live streaming, and on Tuesdays at 7 pm. For directions and more information, call the church office at 717-533-9667 or visit derrypres.org.

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