

# PROTESTANT CHAPLAINCY

## 2024-2025 newsletter



**Protestant Chaplain**  
The Reverend Dan Bell, MDiv

**All are welcome. All are valued as part of the community.  
All are loved by God.**

Greetings! Since 2016, I have had the honor of serving as the Protestant Chaplain at Tufts University. As an ordained minister and Episcopal priest, I provide spiritual care to everyone across our campuses, with a special focus on our Protestant Christian student communities. Whether you grew up in a church or you are exploring religion and spirituality for the first time, you are always welcome to all of our gatherings.

The Protestant Chaplaincy works closely with the Protestant Students Association (PSA) to offer weekly worship, Bible study, community service trips, retreats, and more. Our other officially-recognized Protestant Christian student organizations include Daily Flame, Asian Baptist Fellowship, and C. Stacey Woods Programming Board. There are graduate student organizations as well, including Fletcher Christian Fellowship, the Christian Medical Dental Association, and the Christian Veterinary Mission. Please contact me, or any of their student leaders, to learn more and get involved.

I pray that you will find a deep sense of belonging at Tufts as we gather to explore faith, enjoy fellowship, and work together to help make God's dream for the world come true. Please email me if you have any questions or would like to meet. I am always glad to have tea, coffee, or a conversation in my office.

I look forward to joining you on your Jumbo journey!

Peace and light in Christ,

**The Reverend Dan Bell, MDiv**

Protestant Chaplain

### Regular Programming

- Protestant Evening Worship: Sundays at 7 p.m. in Goddard Chapel, with music, prayers, and guest preachers from different denominations, and monthly Dinner Church events
- Wednesday evening Bible study dinner
- October apple-picking trip and an overnight retreat for undergraduates
- Annual retreat and other programs for graduate students
- Seasonal observances and holiday celebrations: LGBTQ+ Pride in the PEW, Christmas Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services, and Easter Dinner
- Community service led by students and chaplains



**PRIDE in the PEW with United Methodist  
Drag Queen Ms. Penny Cost, October 2023**



The Protestant Chaplaincy strives to be a radically welcoming and inclusive Christian community. We celebrate our diversity in the Body of Christ as we join together for worship, prayer, fellowship, and service to love God and our neighbors.

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### Program Spotlight: Plug Into a Retreat at Tufts

At one point in their shared life of ministry, when things had become very busy for them, Jesus said to the disciples, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31 NIV). Christ's invitation to step away for a little bit from life's busy demands is open to us today as well. Retreats allow us not only to "unplug" from work and technology, but also the opportunity to "plug in" more deeply with God, our true selves, and with others, as we take time to slow down, pause, and be still.

The Protestant Chaplaincy offers overnight retreats for undergraduates and graduate students who seek a brief time away from campus for spiritual renewal. They are a great way to meet new people and make friends as well. There is always great food, time to be in nature, and opportunities for quiet and fun! Our fall 2023 retreat invited students to reflect on significant questions of identity and share stories about their sense of calling. In the spring of 2024, students explored different images for God and how they relate to their unique spiritual journeys. Please consider joining us for our next retreat and see how the Spirit moves!



Graduate students enjoy a retreat at Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, North Andover, MA, March 2024



"The Protestant Students Association has given me a space to not only grow in my faith but also connect with others in a meaningful way. PSA has been truly formative in my Tufts experience so far, and I am proud to be

part of such an inclusive and welcoming environment."

-Lian Juergens, A27



"The Protestant Chaplaincy has been a pillar of consistency throughout my years at Tufts. Whether I'm feeling high or low, I look forward to Sunday nights or other PSA events as they have always fostered a sense of community and greater purpose."

-Tom Schwarzrock, A25

## SUPPORT PROTESTANT LIFE AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

A vital portion of our programs are made possible by community donations. Here are some suggestions for how you can help make a difference in students' lives:

- **\$30** covers the cost of a pizza dinner for Wednesday Bible study with students
- **\$100** funds one semester's worth of chaplain meetings to offer pastoral care and support to students over a coffee or tea
- **\$200** helps to pay for our monthly Dinner Church gathering on Sunday nights



Give Today!

To give to the Tufts Protestant Chaplaincy Fund online, please visit <http://go.tufts.edu/giveProtestant>. To discuss a major gift, endowment, or bequest, please contact our Advancement liaison Tessa Buckley:

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