

# PROTESTANT CHAPLAINCY

## newsletter

### Welcome to Tufts!

Welcome to Tufts! As you explore what the Protestant Chaplaincy has to offer, I hope you will find a warm and welcoming community open to all people and identities. We celebrate the many traditions that make up the Protestant family of faith, and we are passionate about building an inclusive and justice-oriented Christian community at Tufts.

Whether you grew up in church or you are exploring religion and spirituality for the first time, I would be delighted to get to know you and support you. You can also find the Protestant student community and me on Sunday nights at our weekly Protestant Evening Worship (PEW) services. There is always room for you in the PEW!

I pray that you find a sense of belonging at Tufts as we explore faith, enjoy fellowship, and work together to help make God's dream for the world come true. Please email me to learn more about our programs and how I can best serve you at Tufts.

Blessings,

**The Reverend Daniel Bell**  
 Protestant Chaplain



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***All are welcome. All are valued as part of the community. All are loved by God. 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 for worship, prayer, fellowship, and service to love God and our neighbors.***

### Regular Programming:

- Protestant Evening Worship, Sunday evenings with music, prayers, and guest preachers from different denominations, followed by food and fellowship
- Bible study and book club gatherings on various themes chosen by students
- Davis Square meal-making trips every month for residents of the Somerville Homeless Coalition
- Overnight winter retreat to Rolling Ridge in North Andover, Massachusetts
- Seasonal observances and holiday celebrations, including LGBTQ+ Pride in the PEW, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas celebration, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, and Easter brunch



Protestant Evening Worship meets for a hybrid service in Spring 2021

## Program Spotlight: Praying Our Lives

Last January, just before the spring semester and the beginning of Lent, Chaplain Dan hosted a virtual retreat for students and alumni called Praying Our Lives. They explored the many meanings of prayer within the Christian tradition, all of which help us connect more deeply with God.

Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to try different ways of praying on-screen and off-screen. Through embodied practices, creative drawing, gratitude journaling, music, and more, the group had a relaxing and meaningful time with one another.

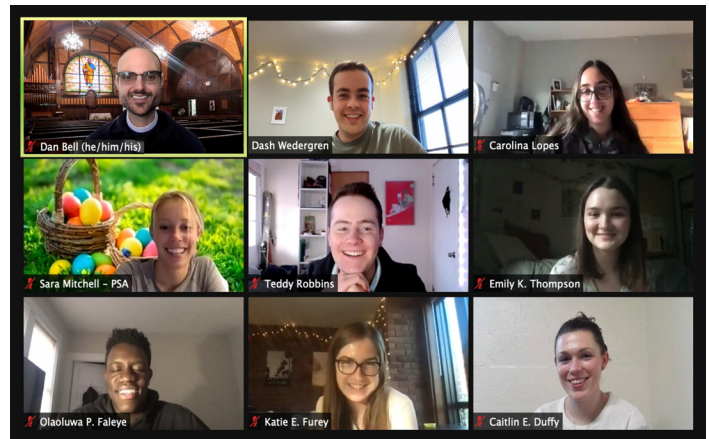
"I left the retreat feeling refreshed and energized," one student happily shared.

Reverend Dan Bell distributes palms for Palm Sunday in March 2021 outside of Goddard Chapel



*"Over the past few years, the Protestant Students Association has been a highlight in my Tufts experience. I immediately felt welcome when I joined, and every member of the community is genuine, kind, and thoughtful. I'm eternally grateful I got to know the people I've met through the University Chaplaincy and I can't wait to see what next semester has to offer."*

– *Tristan Edwards, A22*



The Protestant and Catholic communities celebrate Easter with a festive meal each year

## Support Protestant Life at Tufts University

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

**\$25**

Provides students with books and other resources to explore the Protestant tradition and engage important topics like racial justice and interfaith cooperation

**\$75**

Contributes to a semester's worth of chaplain meetings to offer pastoral care and support to students over a coffee or tea

**\$150**

Helps the Protestant Chaplaincy host its fall orientation brunch to welcome new students to campus and invite them to participate in our spiritual life programs

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