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18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 23, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Litany to the Holy Spirit
Riley Blore & Lauren Spadt

Peter Hurford

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalms 136:1-2

*Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore us through the promises declared in Christ Jesus that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your name.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Leader: We make these confessions asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational Response: 288

Spirit of the Living God
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

LIVING GOD

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational Response 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

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**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

Proclaiming God's Word

First Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 181

* Those who are able, please stand * * * Seating interludes

Anthem (8:30) *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
 Chancel Choir
*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make the way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only that
 makest me dwell in safety. Lead me, Lord, lead me in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee.
 Thou art our God, the God of our salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.*

(11:00) *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Hal H. Hopson
 Riley Blore & Lauren Spadt
*I want Jesus to walk with me
 All along my pilgrim journey
 I want Jesus to walk with me
 In my trial, Lord, walk with me
 When the shades of life are falling
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me
 In my sorrow, Lord walk with me
 When my heart is aching
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me*

Time with the Children
*(After the message children ages four through first grade are welcome to leave for
 Children's Worship Time in AH-207. They will return to their parents before the final hymn.)*

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-10, 19-22 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 251

Sermon "Curious Can of Worms" Christen Blore

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*Affirmation of Faith: Excerpt Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. AMEN.

Concerns of the Church
(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)
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.

CHILDREN Age 3-Grade 6 Little Lambs, Lighthouse & Connect Sunday School, 9:45 am

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

LITTLE LAMBS: ages 3-5, AH-122
LIGHTHOUSE: Kindergarten & 1st grade, AH-021
 2nd grade, AH-022; 3rd & 4th grade, AH-023
CONNECT: 5th & 6th grade, AH-203

This morning Kindergarten through 4th grade are on the second week of Cain and Abel. Please note K/1st are combined through Oct. 7th. K/1st is in Mission, 2nd grade is in Art and 3rd/4th is in Video.

I teach Sunday School what's your superpower?
 We are looking for one or two more teachers for the 1st grade class. We have two volunteers ready to go in October. It comes down to about 2 hours per month of fun and learning with a great group of kids. All supplies and lessons provided. Contact Candi Young (candy@dtownpc.org) if you're interested.

TWEENS Grades 4-6 Club 456 Wednesday, 5:30-7:15 pm



Getting together on Yom Kippur prompted us to do a VERY VERY brief exploration of world religions and some of the common themes in religion that bind us together. We also did People Pictionary to try to get to know some of our Club 456 friends a little better. One group guessed all nine of their fellow 456'ers from drawn clues and won the Golden Avocado Award for Excellence in Club 456! For dinner, we enjoyed delicious nachos and refreshing Rita's. We ended the night with the ultimate fan favorite, scatterball.

We encourage all 4th, 5th and 6th graders to join us each Wednesday 5:30-7:15 in Fellowship Hall for food, fun, friendship and faith. Friends are always welcome! 456ers can either pay \$5 at the door or a \$60 semester fee/\$110 year-long fee to help offset the cost of running the program. We also ask parents to volunteer to bring in one meal per semester (food fees are eligible to be reimbursed!). Contact crystalc@dtownpc.org.

YOUTH Grades 7-12 element Sunday School 9:45-10:30 am in AH-202 Dinner 6:30 pm (\$5) in FH Fellowship 7-8:30 pm: Grades 7-9 in AH-202 Grades 10-12 in FH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT: "TETHERED TO GOD."
 Join us for a fun-filled exploration of faith **October 12-14** at the Tel Hai Camp. Working together, we will complete their ropes course (optional), end with

a trip down a zip line (optional), and think on the ways that we are constantly connected to God, even when we don't recognize them. So mark your calendar for this weekend of campfire bonding, faith strengthening, and sharing in fun and adventure! More information to come.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING TONIGHT
 Thinking about confirmation? Confirmation is open to students 8th grade and above and helps them to learn the basic teachings of the church and presents an opportunity to join the congregation. We will be having a parents' meeting **tonight** in **Room 213** from **7-8:00 p.m.** Hope to see you.

LOOKING AHEAD:
YOUTH TRIP TO DORNEY PARK, Saturday, October 27

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT, Friday, November 2 to Sunday, November 4

YOUTH WORK & REFLECTION TRIP TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE. July 5 to 15, 2019 our high school youth will be traveling to Taizé, France. Look for a parents meeting to be scheduled in October.



MISSION SPOTLIGHT ON FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
FALL PACKING EVENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 12:30-2:30 PM



Feed My Starving Children is hosting a packing event in Doylestown this fall, and DPC is hoping to gather a group of 200 sets of helping hands to volunteer together to pack meals for malnourished children around the world. There are jobs for all abilities and ages, and anyone 6 and older can participate. Please plan to join us - and bring friends!! To sign up, email Erin Rizk at erinr@dtownpc.org.

Peace and Global Witness Offering. **October 7** is World Communion Sunday, and DPC will join the denomination to promote and receive the 2018 Offering. 50% goes to national church ministries; 50% goes toward local organizations supporting peacemaking initiatives. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this important offering.

Wrapping Presence Uno Chicago Grill Fundraiser. Tuesday, October 9, 11 am to 11 pm. 1661 Easton Road (Doylestown), Warrington. Route 611 and Almshouse Road (next to Redner's Shopping Center) (Doylestown Point Plaza, Warrington). 20% of food and beverages plus gift cards purchased that day (excluding tax and tip) is donated to Wrapping Presence. There will be live music, prizes, children's activities, and a "make your own" Sundae Bar from 5-8 pm to entertain you! Pick up the pink payment vouchers from the bulletin board, ground level of Andrews Hall (Church Street entrance) or in the Narthex. Can't dine in? Take advantage of Curbside Pickup by ordering online

www.unos.com, calling your order in, 215-491-1212, or call for delivery! Reservations available for tables of six or more! Need additional information? Call Marne at 215-862-2255.

Informational Sessions: Join us in AH-209 to learn about Wrapping Presence:
 ■ Wednesday, October 10, 7-8 pm
 ■ Thursday, October 11, 11 am-12 pm & 7-8 pm
 ■ Wednesday, October 17, 7-8 pm
 ■ Tuesday, October 30, 7-8 pm
Crafting Sessions: Make items for our residence-bound friends in the Celtic Cross Room from 9:30 am-12:30 pm on October 18, 24, and/or 31.

CROP Walk Join the multi-congregational walk against hunger on **Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 pm.** Begins and ends at Doylestown United Methodist Church! Great for a group or families. Contact erinr@dtownpc.org.

Aid for Friends Packing. Tuesday, October 16, at 9:30 am, AH-Kitchen. To volunteer or donate food, contact Deb Kmetzo at drkmetzo@gmail.com or 215-815-4024.

New Britain Food Larder Collection & Volunteer Opportunity. Bring your nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies, and personal products to the Mechanics Street entrance of the Sanctuary. For a full list of needed items, visit DPC's website. The New Britain Baptist Church is in need of volunteers to help at the food larder. It is open 9-12 or 1-4 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Volunteers sign up for 3 hour shifts 1 or 2 times a month, signing clients in, monitoring, and helping with food choices. DPC has been involved for over 15 years. To volunteer or get more information, please call Dottie Rimmer (215-257-3424) or Brian Reiff (215-348-9293).



UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join us on Friday, **September 28 at 7 pm in the Celtic Cross Room** when we will present "The Great McGinty", a comedy starring Brian Donlevy and written and directed by Preston Sturges. In this political satire, a hobo rises to the position of Governor of his state with the help of a corrupt political machine, only to lose it all in "one crazy minute" of honesty. This was Sturges's first film, and it won him an Oscar for best screenplay. As usual, fresh popcorn will be served!



Family Ministry Dinner for 8, **Saturday, October 20, 4-7 pm or 6-9 pm**, various locations. Join us as we gather together for fellowship and a meal. Connect with old friends and make new! Please choose from the following options:
 Willing to host at your home? With kids or no kids? 4-7 pm? 6-9 pm? Family Ministry will organize the parties of 8 and notify everyone of their group. Sign up during Sacred Grounds **today, September 30** and **October 7**, or online at <http://bit.ly/dpcdinnerforeight>.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

In Christ Alone
 Rylee Blore & Lauren Spadt

Getty & Townend

*Congregational Response 643

Now Thank We All Our God
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*Benediction

*Congregational Response 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

ASSURANCE

*Postlude

Toccata Undecimo Detto Quinto Tuono

C. Merulo

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The flowers are given in loving memory of **Verna and George Bishop and Stan Bishop** from **Bill and Anne K. Bishop and family.**

Ushers: 8:30: Joe Ballantyne, Bill Britton, Gary and Cindy Harris, Joe Larsen, Ozzie Osgood, Steve Quist, Kim Rainey, Bill Yerkes **11:00:** Scott Blore, Chad Burkins, Craig and Crystal Clemente, Mike and Jenn Rush, Brian Shadle, Bill Sherron, Dave Wolff

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Margaret Thoresen** and her daughter **Sara Barchard** on the death of Margaret's mother **Anna Marie McConnel** on September 17. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

Sound System: 8:30: Rob Purdy **11:00:** Jay Kottler

Assisting today: 8:30: Josh Gill, Jim Kmetzo **11:00:** Keith Roberts, Lou White

Please keep in prayer Pastor John Willingham, as he is on his Clergy Renewal Leave, exploring the roots of his faith journey, the ministry of DPC, and the larger church. We look forward to his return on October 22.

Greeters: 8:30: Mike and Caryn Bowe, Lynn Bush **11:00:** Diane Frater, Winne and Norm Troxel

Liturgy notes: The Prayer of Confession comes from the Book of Common Worship.

Van Driver: Alan Gaudio



WELCOME VISITORS

We are happy you are here!

Please share your contact information on the Act of Friendship pad. Please pick up a Welcome folder and our newsletter, *The Tidings*, at our welcome center.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Become a part of our Church family!

Join our Fall 2018 New Member Class

This class begins with a “Getting to Know You” lunch at **12:15 pm** in the **Celtic Cross Room** on **Sunday October 21**. Classes meet on **Sundays, October 28, November 4, 11, 18** at **9:45 am** in **AH-213**. New members will be received into the church on **November 18** at the **11:00 am** service. To sign up for the class and unite with this community of faith, contact Elaine Keckeissen at 215-348-3531 (elainek@dtownpc.org), or indicate your desire to join on the Act of Friendship pad during a worship service.

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates to begin their service in June of 2019. Submission deadline is October 1.

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all of the matters before us. As prescribed in the *Book of Order*, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee’s work.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Damian Ford - Moderator, Phil Cacossa, Megan Craig, Allison Ferrara, David Fryling, Melissa Hauser, Sophia Nardo, Rich Smith.

We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve in our church.

Candidate’s name:

Consider for the office of:

_____ Elder _____ Deacon

Offices held at DPC and other committee, activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: _____

ADULT ED CLASSES SUNDAY 9:45 AM

ONGOING Classes

GOOD NEWS AND THE OTHER NEWS. Current events are discussed from the perspective of faith. Room AH-207
Led by Christo Claassens, Jenny Danzis, Jay Stough & the Pastors. Starts October 21.

!LIGHT. Diverse Topics. Diverse People. Demanding Times. We are all Learning in God's House Together! October 28: Fresh Start. Fresh Format. See website for details.

MAN-TALK. We address problems seldom discussed. Presented by a Christian professional or Bible scholar. Room AH-120
Today: Can I Be Alone and at the Same Time Be Content? *Led by Vic Arata*
September 30: Journey of Hope. *Led by Robert Loughery*

THE WORD AMONG US. An in-depth Bible study that welcomes all to explore Scripture. Room AH-209
We will continue the study of Paul's letters by embarking on the Book of Galatians. This is a great time for anyone who hasn't attended to join this engaging, weekly Bible study. *Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen*

SHORT-TERM Classes

VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY. Room AH-213
One of the unique things about our Presbyterian denomination is we practice “mutual forbearance” and believe individuals can be solidly grounded in faith, have a difference of opinion, and be able to discuss, pray, worship, and be in community with one another. At our April Session meeting, we reviewed a proposed statement about gun violence which Session declined to adopt. However, they believe a conversation should continue within our faith community. Join us as we respectfully listen to one another and consider what Christ has to say on this topic. We will discuss violence within our schools and community and be joined by experts from both inside and outside our congregation.

Today: Biblical and Denominational responses to violence and gun violence
September 30: Exploring Gun Laws within the U.S.
October 7: Violence within Schools, with Dr. David Bolton (Superintendent, Pennridge)
October 14: Mental Health and Violence



At our September Mission Committee meeting, DPC approved a \$1,000 donation to be sent to PDA for Hurricane Florence relief purposes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. The work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, “a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual and emotional care as well as Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted.

Through your prayerful gifts, we draw hope out of the chaos. The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the “GAP”—Give. Act. Pray.

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to [DR000194](https://pda.pcusa.org/) which supports the church’s response to hurricanes and typhoons around the world. Gifts can be made online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.