

SESSION

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Art Shull
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MISSION CO-WORKERS

The Reverend Jed and Mrs. Jenny Koball, Peru

Mr. Justin and the Reverend Renée Sundberg, Nicaragua

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

We rejoice, O God, that you call us to this place to sing your praise and offer our lives.

For you have searched for us and found us, you rejoice in our salvation.

You strengthen us and call us to service, you have appointed us to service in Christ,

To the ruler of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever Amen.

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession

Holy Redeemer, we confess that our sins are great; they lead us astray from your ways of peace. Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come to seek and save the lost. We acknowledge that we need a Savior, and rejoice in the sure hope of Christ's saving work. As recipients of your tender mercy, we offer ourselves to be bearers of your mercy. Forgive our stubborn ingratitude; empower us to live by your Spirit in confident assurance that your designs for us are best, your provisions most bountiful, and your glory our greatest joy.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

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

Congregational Response 423

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

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



Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 78

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music 8:30

Panis Angelicus

C. Franck

Dr. Sooah Park, Soprano

11:00

Mina Choi

Time with the Children

Sermon

“Reckless Grace”

Pauline Sexton

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

Tierce en taille (from Parish Mass)

F. Couperin

*Congregational Response 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Grades 7-12 Facebook at [dpcyouth.com](https://www.facebook.com/dpcyouth.com), Instagram at [dpcyouth.com](https://www.instagram.com/dpcyouth.com)

SUNDAY MORNING PB&J 9:45-10:30 AM Grades 7-12 Room 202

SUNDAY EVENING DINNER 6:30 PM - \$5 ELEMENT 7:00-8:30 Grades 7, 8 & 9 Room 202, Grades 10, 11, 12 FH



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! By bringing a group of volunteers, we save a couple thousand dollars!

The youth will be gathering for an awesome weekend retreat with more than 200 teens from the Philadelphia area. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

The cost for the weekend is \$140, including lodging and all meals, except for one. We will be staying at North Bay Retreat Center in North East Maryland.

This promises to be an awesome weekend, Casey Fitzgerald will be teaching and the band Constant Recourse will be leading us in worship.

You won't want to miss this weekend! Oh and did I mention the camp has several rock walls, a giant swing, and a zip line?!

You can get more info at www.dpcyouth.com or www.realityretreat.org.

Volunteers are needed to monitor the coffee, run food to and from tables, and distribute food to the table runners. You will only be required to help during meal times, the rest of the time you are on your own to enjoy the facilities. There is no cost to stay at the camp (unless you want a private room), which is an amazing, fully modern camp. Adults are housed in their own building. Once the volunteers are set, carpooling will be worked out if you so desire. Joining on this "adventure" will not only be a great help for our youth but also a wonderful time of fellowship for all of the adults!

Contact Mary Lee Reiff at mlreiff@aol.com or Pastor Josh at josh@dtownpc.org

Confirmation 2017-2018

We are excited to announce that Confirmation will be starting soon! There is a class fee to cover the costs of materials and is \$30 by check or \$35 online. There is a separate fee for the retreat.

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Classes meet from 6:30-8:30

October 1, 15, 29

November 12 & 26

December 10

January 7 & 21

February 2-4 Retreat

February 11

March 11 & 18

April 8, 22, 29

May 12—Confirmation

Family Elder Dinner

May 13—Confirmation Sunday 8:30 or 11:00 am





Wrapping Presence will hold its annual fundraiser at Uno's Chicago Grill (Doylestown Point Plaza, Warrington) on **Tuesday, October 10 from 11 am-11 pm**. Uno's donates 20% of food, beverages and gift cards purchased that day. Pick up the pink payment vouchers from the bulletin boards in the church buildings. Wrapping Presence helps residence-bound senior citizens to give with joy and dignity at holiday time. If you aren't able to dine in, you can take advantage of Curbside Pickup by ordering online at www.unos.com or call in to 215-491-1212 - or call for delivery! Need additional information? Call Marne 215-862-2255.

Wrapping Presence Informational Sessions: Are you interested in finding out more about Wrapping Presence? Please join us in AH-209 on one of the following dates on **October 4, 5, 11, 24 from 7 pm - 8 pm**.

Wrapping Presence Crafting Sessions: Come help us make items for our residence-bound friends. Join us in the Celtic Cross Room from **9 am - noon on October 12, 18, and/or 25**.

Good Stuff Clothing Drive - Saturday, October 14, 8 am - 4pm. DPC will be accepting donations of clothing, household items, decor, and gently used toys and books. Proceeds will assist organizations helping children, including Hunting Park Christian Academy. Large item pick-ups can be arranged.

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) mobilizes volunteers to hand-pack meals for malnourished children. The meals are sent to partners around the world like orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to help break the cycle of poverty. FMSC will be hosting a packing event October 26-29, and DPC will be taking a group right after worship on **Sunday, October 29th from 1pm – 3pm** To sign up to volunteer, email erinr@dtownpc.org or visit bit.ly/DPCTeamFMSC. If you aren't able to join then but still want to volunteer, you can sign up for one of the other days/times at bit.ly/FMSCDoylestown. This is a great event for anyone, including all kids 5 and above. Our goal is to have a group of 100, so invite your friends and join us!



**Age 3 to grade 6
SUNDAY MORNING 9:45-10:30 am**

We have openings for:

- 2 teachers for Kindergarten**
- 1 teacher for first grade**
- 1 teacher for second grade**

Interested? Contact Candi Young at candiy@dtownpc.org

Church School is off to a great start! Join us today for the second week of our "Gratitude" Rotation. First and second grade are combined and CONNECT is participating in this rotation only. Kindergarten is in Video, 1st/2nd grade is in Art, 3rd/4th is in Storytelling and CONNECT is in Games. Little Lambs is in Room 122. Kindergarten is in Room 020. 1st/2nd Grade is in Room 021. 3rd/4th Grade is in Room 023. CONNECT is in Room 203.



**Grades 4, 5 & 6
WEDNESDAY EVENING
5:30-7:15**

This past week's Club 456 featured an intense game of four square, some silly selfies (to be posted on Club 456's board next week!), a wacky game called "Dead Cow," and a brilliant discussion of Psalm 1, the artwork it has inspired, and the choices that we make every day.

Each week we play fun games, enjoy growing friendships, and have important discussions about tweens' relationship with God. If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to see you! As always, feel free to bring a friend and you can pay the \$5 dinner fee at the door.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 610

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude *Prealudium in D minor* D. Buxtehude

Going Forth in God's Name
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

RANDOLPH

D. Buxtehude

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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **George Smith** on the death of his mother **Patricia Marie Smith** on September 17. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The flowers are given in memory of **Verna and George Bishop and Stan Bishop** from **Bill and Anne K. Bishop** and family. In loving memory of **Gary Miller** by his friend, **Nancy Kitchen**.

Assisting Today—8:30: Naomi Darville, Josh Gill
11:00: Marie Cooper, Josh Gill

Greeters—8:30: Lynn Bush, Mike and Caryn Bowe.
11:00: Diane Frater, Connie and Mike Waters

Ushers—8:30: Greg Anthos, Jenny Danzis, Roger Deibert, Karl Halter, Bob Maxwell, Kathy McQuate, Fred Roedel. **11:00** Jamie Loux, Amber Mault, Matt Rizk, Mike and Jenn Rush, Brian Shadle, John Schumann, Skip Yerkes

Sound System—8:30: Jim Colborn **11:00:** Jay Kottler

Liturgy Notes: Today's call to worship and prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, PC(USA) Geneva Press, Year C, 2003-2004

Next week's sermon: "A Lesson In Humility"--Matthew 22:23-33



THE PRESBYTERY MARKS THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH. On World Communion Sunday (October 1), we will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering on behalf of the PCUSA, which helps to address systems of injustice across the world and to advocate for peace and justice through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. 50% of the offering will go directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for national projects, while the remaining 50% will support the Philadelphia Presbytery's 300th Anniversary campaign to raise \$300,000 to distribute to 8 local initiatives that promote education of children, disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, and elevate restorative justice.



Growth Groups run for 7-10 weeks and are open to everyone, including non-members.

There are 10-12 people in each group and space is limited so enrollment is first-come-first serve. We meet in church rooms, homes and other locations. There is something for everyone!

You can sign up at Sacred Grounds today, online or by calling the church.

UPCOMING Events



MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE. The **Next Voice You Hear (1950)**, Friday, **September 29 at 7 pm in CCR**, starring James Whitmore and Nancy Davis (Reagan), and directed by William Wellman. This unusual and seldom-seen film depicts how the life of a suburban, working class family is profoundly changed when one day the voice of God begins booming from their radio. Fresh popcorn will be served!

STEPPING STONES NEW MEMBER CLASS FALL 2017.

This class, for those who would like to join DPC, begins with a "Getting to Know You" lunch at **12:30 pm** in the **Celtic Cross Room** on **Sunday, October 1**. Classes meet on **Sundays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:45 am** in **AH-213**. New members will be received into the church on **October 29** at the **11:00 am** service. If you would like to affirm your faith by uniting with DPC, please indicate that intention on the Act of Friendship pad, or contact Elaine Keckeissen in the church office elainek@dtownpc.org.

KNITTING GROUP will be meeting **Tuesday, October 3 at 7 pm** in room 209 Andrews Hall. If you are a new knitter and want to learn or are an experienced knitter, we would love to have you join us. We will be working on our own projects or knitting squares for the lap blankets. Contact Fredda Lake, 215-766-0113, for more information.

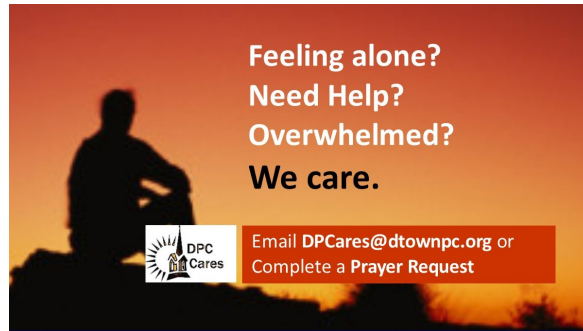


FAMILY MINISTRY DINNER FOR 8.

This is an opportunity to meet new people by gathering together and sharing a meal. Saturday, **October 21, 4:00-7:00 pm OR 6:00-9:00 pm**. Sign-ups begin Sunday, September 17 online or on the bridge during Sacred Grounds September 17, 24, and

October 1. You can choose from the following: Willing to host at your home? With kids or no kids? Time Preference? After the completion of sign-ups, we will organize the parties of 8. Please join us! Contact Jenny Baker at 215-766-8153 or jib6534@yahoo.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY for caregivers during choir practice on **Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15**. We will meet in the nursery, so feel free to bring younger children with you. No need to RSVP, just bring yourself and a Bible. Any questions, please contact Jenny Baker at jib6534@yahoo.com.



SING WITH US FOR Lessons and Carols

First Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 4, 7:00-8:30 pm in Choir Room

- Minimal time commitment (October 4 - December 13)
- No Sunday morning commitment
- Rehearsals are only an hour and half (Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm)
- Opportunity to make music with other DPC and community members
- Open to anyone from high school—adult. No experience necessary.
- Don't need to worry about finding a seat the night of the service. You will have a reserved one in the chancel!

Service of Lessons and Carols—Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal—Saturday, December 16 at 8:30 am—noon

To join or for more information contact: **David J. Fitzpatrick** at davidf@dtownpc.org or 215-348-3531

ONGOING Classes

GOOD NEWS AND THE OTHER NEWS. We discuss current events, giving opportunity to reflect upon the story from the perspective of faith and ponder what Scripture has to say to such matters. **Led by Christo Claassans, Jenny Danzis, Jay Stough, and the Pastors. AH-207**

Keeping the Peace. "But he started it!" How do we as Christians respond to back and forth threats between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un? Do we as Christians have a responsibility to de-escalate tension? When is a war just? These are questions that Christians and non-Christians ask all the time, but has a special urgency right now.

Led by Christo Claassans. AH-207

MAN-TALK. Men of DPC gather for a time of study and fellowship, addressing personal problems that are seldom discussed. Each session is presented by a Christian professional or Bible scholar. Celebrating our 11th year reaching out to men!

Coordinated by Lou Zoppel. AH-120

Today—Building Redemptive Community. Why the church needs to re-engage in the public square.

Led by Robert G. Loughery. AH-120

THE WORD AMONG US. This class is an in-depth Bible study and discussion group that welcomes all who are interested in exploring Scripture.

Our class this year is studying **1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians**. These four letters from Paul deal with problems of divisions and debates within the church, immoral behavior among some of the early Christians, and theological questions arising from false teachers. Paul deals with these difficult issues, and gives powerful guidance on Christian living that is useful today. New members are always welcome in The Word Among Us class. Whether you are new or experienced in Bible study, we invite you to join us and grow with us. **Led by Dick Cornelius & Margaret Thoresen, AH-209**

SPECIAL Offering

PROTESTANT REFORMATION. October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which began with the posting of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses. The works and teachings of Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers, including John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, transformed church and society in 16th century Europe. The Reformation also had a profound impact on later historical developments such as the Enlightenment and the formation of the United States (and Doylestown Presbyterian Church!). The first class will provide an overview of the key figures and ideas of the Reformation. The subsequent classes will focus on contemporary themes which will be discussed using a combination of primary source documents from key Reformation leaders (primarily Luther and Calvin) and more modern source material.

Today – The Reformation and Church and State
October 1 – The Reformation and Faith and Works

October 8 – The Reformation and Peace and Justice

Led by Greg Jensen and John Willingham. AH-213



RETURNING LIGHT OCTOBER 15

iLIGHT. For individuals and couples navigating career and family, offering diverse topics and formats. Whether you're married or single, the parent of a toddler or a teenager, or not a parent at all—you are welcome! We are all Learning In God's House Together! **AH-211**



Sunday at 9:45 am