

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL. There are no children or adult classes today. We start up again January 7. Happy New Year!

CHILDREN. Join us next week as Kindergarten through 4th grade begins our Exodus Rotation and CONNECT begins Unit 2: The Promise.

PRESBYTERY MEETING HOSTING. On January 30, from 11 am to 3 pm DPC will be hosting the Philadelphia Presbytery meeting. Not only will that moment include welcoming many members of our Presbytery, but it will also be the day when our own Linda Rutkosky is installed as moderator. What an exciting time for Linda, DPC and our fellow Presbyterians. We need many hands to help make this event successful. If you are available to assist on this day, please let the church office know. We have many jobs that need filling to make it a great day for everyone!

YOUTH. All Youth Winter Retreat. February 2 to 4 at Tel Hai Retreat. Grow in faith and enjoy an incredible experience getting to know one another through games and worship. Our very own youth band will be leading worship. Cost is \$140 and need based scholarships are available. The bus departs at 6:30 pm February 2 and we return to the Church 2:30 pm February 4. You won't want to miss this weekend!

Feeling alone?
Need help?
Overwhelmed?
WE CARE.

 Email DPCares@dtownpc.org or complete a Prayer Request



COMMUNITY MEAL. Sunday, January 21, at noon in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for the meal to spend time with old and new friends or will consider

volunteering or donating food. To sign up to help, please visit <http://bit.ly/DPCMeal118>.

MLK Day of Volunteering – Monday, January 15, 10 am to 12 pm. Aid for Friends will pack hundreds of meals in the Andrews Hall kitchen at DPC for our elderly and homebound neighbors. Participants should be at least 10 years old with adult supervision or above age 15. Please bring a casserole and a bag of frozen vegetables as a donation. No experience is necessary! To RSVP, please contact Deb Kmetzo at drkmetzo@gmail.com.

SOUTHWEST MISSION TRIPS IN 2018

Community Pantry in Gallup, NM, April 8-14. This is a work-only trip. We will help out in the pantry and gardens. The cost should be \$700 to \$900 (double) per person; \$1,000 to \$1,200 (single) per person, depending on airline costs. To reserve your spot, a check for \$500 made to DPC and earmarked "April SW Trip" needs to be in the church office by **January 15.**

Community Pantry in Gallup, NM, September 22-29. This is our "Regular" Work and Cultural Trip to the Navajo and Zuni reservations. This cost should be an additional \$250 per person in expenses.

A brochure is available in the church office, library, and on the literature tables in Andrews Hall and the Church. Repeat participants are welcome! An information meeting for these trips will be held on **Sunday, January 7, at 9:45 am** in the Celtic Cross Room. Both trips provide a unique opportunity to see the fruits of DPC's continued involvement and commitment to helping Native Americans in the Southwest. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee or Brian Reiff at 215-348-9293 or bereiff@aol.com.

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

settings by Luebeck and Micheelsen

Call to Worship

Once we walked in darkness.

Now we have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to all people on earth.

*Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace.

You call us home from our exile, yet we remain wandering and lost.

You came to dwell among us, yet we refuse to welcome you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Gather us up in your arms and hold us close, as your own, so that we may live to praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

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

Congregational Response 123

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

CAROL

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.**

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 113

Angels, We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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



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Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 2

Anthem *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller/Jackson
Joseph Hart

Time with the Children

Sermon "An Unexpected Journey" Rev. Keith Roberts

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

*Affirmation of Faith John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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 *A Virgin Most Pure* Haan

*Congregational Response 145 *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 136 *Go, Tell It On The Mountain* GO TELL IT

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response 134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

*Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach

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Assisting Today—Tim Liebig, John Willingham

Sound System—Bob Miller

Ushers—Mark and Chris Strasburg, Julie Davis,
Susan and Cameron Craig, Craig Myers, Mindy and
Scott Russell, Mike Waters

Liturgy Notes: Today's Call to Worship is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*: 49.1, p. 36; the Prayer of Confession is found on page 52 of the same issue.

Greeters—Dot and Bill Arnold

Next Week's Sermon: "Setting the Stage", Luke 3:1-6



Growth Groups run for 6-8 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! See information in the January Tidings, online at www.dtownpc.org and watch for a brochure. Sign up at Sacred Grounds on January 7, 14 or 21, online or by calling the church.



OBERAMMERGAU TRIP in 2020

Beginning in 1634, the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau, Germany, began to offer a Passion Play depicting the life and death of Jesus. It started as the fulfillment of a promise to God if they were spared the Bubonic Plague sweeping through Europe. Since that initial performance, the community has offered the Passion Play each year that ends in zero.

On June 30, 2020, John and Lori Willingham will begin a tour for persons who would like to experience first-hand that dramatic offering. The journey will start in Vienna and continue to Salzburg before heading to Oberammergau and concluding in Munich. Over the course of ten days, our group will celebrate the gift of music—religious and secular—that has shaped us. Even though the event is more than two years away, tickets for May 2020 are already sold-out in Oberammergau. Thus, we are hosting an informational meeting **January 10 at 7 pm in CCR** for persons interested in learning more. Join us!