

All Are Welcome in God's House

September 15, 2024

10:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the middle of the pew. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned toward the aisles.)

Prelude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Call to Worship

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we have come into this sacred space knowing how we have fallen short of your glory.

Hear our prayer, as once again we come seeking your tender mercy.

Forgive the blindness in our hearts that only sees the sin in others and not in ourselves.

**Forgive the sins that everyone can see in us and those we try
to keep hidden in the secret places of our lives.**

**Open our eyes of our hearts and our lives to the goodness of your grace
and the touch of your forgiveness as silently we confess our sin.**

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response 581

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

THE BAPTISM OF

ELDER REPRESENTATIVE

Parker D.

Mark Strasburg

The Litany and Act of Baptism

Hymn of Thanksgiving (remain seated) *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

** Those who are able, please stand*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

*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.

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time in Room 207, across the bridge. Children 1st grade and up will return to the sanctuary for the congregational meeting. Younger children may be picked up in the nursery.)

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 13:17-22

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 60

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

Anthem

Trust in the Lord
Chancel Choir

Howard Helvey

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge God, and God shall direct thy paths.*

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during this time.)

New Testament Lesson: Mark 4:21-23; 35-41

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 38

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

Sermon

“Light For the Crossing”

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

(To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. A. Page

*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*Benediction

(Please be seated following the benediction for the congregational meeting.)

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!
Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman; Rev. Dr. Tom Kort **Lay Leader:** Jay Stough

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service **today**. The purpose of the meeting is to: hear the report of the PNC, vote to approve the call and the terms of call for the candidate for Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, and if the way be clear, thank and dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee.

In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Luke Darley Karabudak, born on August 20, to John and Kimberlee Karabudak. The proud DPC grandparents are Nafiz and Hazelmanne Karabudak.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Phyllis Mangle on her death on September 9. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of William Bishop from Anne, David, Paul, and Ethan Bishop; in loving memory of Edward and Freda C. Agnew by Mariana Hoffman; and in celebration of our grandson, Parker James DiPietro, on his baptism by Pam and Mark Strasburg.



Let's Connect! Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownnpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates
to begin their service in June of 2025.

On the horizon, we are beginning to see glimpses of a new phase at DPC, as we wait for the arrival of a new senior pastor. What an exciting time to be a leader of this church, either as an elder or a deacon. Doylestown Presbyterian needs you to consider nominating yourself or a fellow member. We are looking for some able, gifted persons with strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (from the *Book of Order*).

It is essential that the committee recommends 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 the matters before us. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are critical 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: Molly Blore, Allen Childs, Dot Fabian, Honor Hamilton, Terry Herring (moderator), Shelby Gaudio, Larry King, Kathy McQuate, and Rich Smith. **The deadline for submitting nominations is October 7.**

Candidate's Name

Qualification and Attributes:

Additional comments:

Examples of Leadership and/or faithful
Discipleship:

Your name:



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