

All Are Welcome in God's House

September 8, 2024

9:30 am

Sixteenth 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

How Great Thou Art

arr. M. Ham

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come in to God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God, it is God that made us.

We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, enter the courts with praise. Give thanks to God!

For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endure to all generations!

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession

God of the Covenant,

**you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we would be your faithful people,
even as you are our faithful God.**

You have confirmed your promises to us in your free gift of grace through Jesus Christ.

Still, we stray from your ways, even though they are written upon our hearts.

We have violated your holy calling.

Forgive us; by your Spirit, renew us in our knowledge of you and our love for you.

Grant us strength and courage to live with integrity,

according to the deepest longings of our heart, to your honor and glory forever.

Hear us as we silently 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.

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.

Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge, following worship.)

** Those who are able, please stand*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 145:8-9
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 581

Anthem

Softly and Tenderly
Eve Sheldon, voice and electric guitar

Will L. Thompson

*Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling. Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals, He's waiting and watching.
Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home...
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling.
Calling, "O sinner, come home."*

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

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 21

Sermon

"Life Is Not Fair"

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

*Affirmation of Faith

— Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Hymn 286

Breath on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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

Allein Gott der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 676

J.S. Bach

*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

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; Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Mary Shull

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.

Today's **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*.

Join together for **lemonade and fellowship** after worship in the church yard.



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.dtownpc.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.

Exciting News from the PNC. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has extended a call to a candidate for DPC's Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

Members are invited to attend a special Meet & Greet with the candidate in Fellowship Hall at **4 pm on Saturday, September 14**. Please RSVP by visiting bit.ly/DPCMEET. Childcare will be available with preregistration.

Then, on Sunday, **September 15**, the candidate will preach during our **single 10:30 am worship service** followed by a congregational meeting.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service on **September 15**. 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
- ♦ If the way be clear, thank and dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee

This congregational meeting will be available on ZOOM for members (details to follow). This promises to be a significant gathering for this body of faith. We hope you can join us!

SESSION

Moderator - Tom Kort **Clerk** - Linda Cacossa

Class of 2025

Molly Blore
Dave Buday
Christo Claassens
DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Hamilton
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Caroline Roland
Kristen Roland

Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson
Frank Fabian
Sue Haldeman
Julie McCormack
Melissa Shaw
Marty Starner
Mark Strasburg
Marilyn Weichman

Class of 2027

Linda Cacossa
Joanne Chaikin
Luray Gross
Terry Herring
Scott Nichols
Jeannie Quist
George Segelken
Lindsay Shull

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator - Dot Fabian

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Mark Chaikin
Sharon Cummings
Dot Fabian
Trip Fisher
Jason Huggins
Alyssa Lewis
Nancy Nelson
Carol Tettemer
Quin Tettemer

Class of 2026

Michele Hoffman
Anne Hutchinson
Sibele Johnson
David Martin
Amy Pujols
Pamela Heck Rauh
Kristin Shields

Class of 2027

Karen Cameron
Jen Drollette
Kathy Maclin
Kevin O'Hare
Cheryl Osgood
Steve Quist

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort, *Transitional Pastor*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Rev. Pauline J. Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

Kira Adelman, *Nursery Worker*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Member Engagement Coordinator*

Dalia Hamilton, *Nursery Worker*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Jamie Neal, *Princeton Theological Seminarian*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*



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