

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024 – 8:30 am
All Are Welcome in God's House

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

Prelude

Or nous dites Marie

A. Guilment

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kevin and Kieran O.

This Advent we are pondering the names of Jesus.

Today, as we light the third advent candle, we remember that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Let us ponder God's peace through Psalm 83.

**Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people,
to the faithful, to those who turn their hearts to God.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

(Lighting of the Candles)

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you are the source of peace. We seek your mercy.

For we have not sought to ground ourselves in your peace.

Instead, we have been ruled by anxiety and fear.

We have pointed out the speck in another's eye without looking at the log in our own.

We have cast blame and shallow labels instead of reconciling grace.

We are sorry and see our need for the Prince of Peace.

Hear us as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear 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 our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

First Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 198

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

Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium (O Great Mystery)
Eileen Telly, Violin and Mina Choi, Organ

Morton Lauridsen

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

Second Scripture Lesson: John 16:25-33

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 111

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Sermon

“The Names of Jesus: The Prince of Peace”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

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.

*Hymn 360

Christ Is Coming!
Verses 1,3,4

UNSER HERRSCHER

*Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in C

J.S. Bach

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman

In the spirit of worship, we remind you to please silence your cellphones.

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Michael Evans Gray, born on November 27, to Katherine and Michael Gray. The proud DPC grandparents are Jay and Barbarea Belding.

Join together for **coffee, tea, and refreshments** on the bridge between worship services each Sunday.

Let’s Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? 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.



2025 Offering Envelopes. People give to DPC in many ways: some give electronically, some put checks or cash in the offering plate, some are mailed, and others use the offering box envelopes. All methods of giving are a wonderful gift to DPC. If you have a box for 2024, we have designated a 2025 offering envelope box for you. They are now available to be picked up outside the church office. If you didn’t have envelopes this year, and would like to have a box for 2025, please add your name to the list outside the office or contact Linay Richards – linayr@dtownnpc.org. She will assign a box for you to pick up the following Sunday.



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