

# All Are Welcome in God's House

December 22, 2024

10:30 am

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Phil and Stephanie and Family

This Advent we are pondering the names of Jesus.

Today, as we light the fourth advent candle, we remember that Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Let us ponder Jesus' reign through Psalm 72.

**Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy,

**May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

*(Lighting of the Candles)*

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 273

*He is King of Kings*

HE IS KING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Righteous God,**

**you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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.**

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond*

\*Congregational Response

Two systems of musical notation for piano accompaniment. The first system has lyrics: "Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y." The second system has lyrics: "Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple." The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

\*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.**

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 202 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)*

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-6

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 2

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

Anthem

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Noah Reese

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

Second Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:15-23

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 200

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

Sermon

"The Names of Jesus: King of Kings & Lord of Lords"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

\*Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

**Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!**

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

**God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.**

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

**The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.**

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn 96

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

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

*Interlude on the Coventry Carol*

W.S. Lloyd Webber

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 105

*People, Look East*

BESANCON

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Hallelujah (from Messiah)*  
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

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*Christmas Eve* 

**WORSHIP AT DPC**

3:00 pm - Nativity and Candlelight Service

5:00 pm - Candlelight Service  
(Special music by the Youth Choir, Childcare available)

8:00 pm - Candlelight Communion  
(Special music by the Chancel Choir, Livestream available)

*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 **Lay Leader:** Linda Rutkosky

**In the spirit of worship**, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- Children are welcomed in worship. There is also a nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge). For those seeking a quieter worship experience, visit the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary, to view the livestream.

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

**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](http://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.



**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](mailto:linayr@dtownnpc.org). She will assign a box for you to pick up the following Sunday.

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