

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kevin, Dawn, and Taylor

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.

*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: Matthew 2:1-6

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 2

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

** Please stand in body or in spirit.
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond*

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

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 200

Sermon

“The Names of Jesus: King of Kings & Lord of Lords”

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 105

People, Look East

BESANCON

*Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah (from Messiah)
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman

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

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.

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)



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