

All Are Welcome in God's House

December 8, 2024

10:30 am

Second 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

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kaitlin, Edwin and family

This Advent we are pondering the names of Jesus.

Today, as we light the second advent candle, we remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Let us ponder God's shepherding through Psalm 80.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(Lighting of the Candle)

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1, 4, 6, 7

VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Guidance and Direction,

we come to you today knowing you are the source of welcome and calling.

However, we have consciously avoided the guidance of your Shepherd's crook.

We admit our stubbornness.

We have done things our own way, in our own time,

in an effort to pretend we are in control.

Forgive us for our inability to follow the One who is the source of direction,

belonging and abundant life.

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.**

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

*Congregational Response

Two systems of musical notation for a congregational response. The first system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y." The second system has a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple." The music consists of simple chords and rhythmic patterns suitable for congregational singing.

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.)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 100

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 552

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

Anthem

O Come, Divine Messiah
Chancel Choir

arr. Howard Helvey

*O come, divine Messiah! The World in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

*Refrain: Dear Saviour haste; Come, come to earth, Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O Come, divine Messiah!*

The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

*You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. (Refrain)*

*O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come break the captive fetters; redeem the long lost fold. (Refrain)*

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

New Testament Lesson: John 10:11-21

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 103

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

Sermon

“The Names of Jesus: The Good Shepherd”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

—Psalm 23 (The Message)

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

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

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd
Christina Cox, Mezzo-Soprano & Chloé Moore, Soprano

G.F. Handel

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him all ye that labor, come unto Him all ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

*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 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*Benediction

Postlude

Sortie in D Major

César Franck

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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:** Elizabeth C. and Rebecca S.

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.

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Rosalie Donata Remsing Distel, born on November 26, to Taylor Remsing Distel and John Distel.

Welcome Pastor Mac! Following the 10:30 service, join in the Celtic Cross Room as we welcome Mac Schafer as DPC's new Pastor and Head of Staff.

The **flowers** today are given in honor of our children and their wives, Chris and Caitlin, Evan and Amanda, and Phillip and our grandchildren, Penelope, Sullivan, Teo, Mirabella, and Brooks by Dennis and Amy Parenti.

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.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.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

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

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