

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

O Come, Divine Messiah

arr. James Biery

Chamber Choir with Clarinet & Bell Trio

*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)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Linda Cacossa and Dot Fabian

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*

Anthem *He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd* G.F. Handel
Christina Cox, Mezzo-Soprano & Chloé Moore, Soprano
*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.*

(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

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 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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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 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 or want to share a joy or concern? 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.



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