

All Are Welcome in God's House

January 12, 2025

8:30 am

Baptism of the Lord

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

Litany

F. Schubert

Shelby Gaudio, Piano & Mina Choi, Organ

*Call to Worship

Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to
drink of one Spirit.**

*Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

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Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Aspersions

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 672
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

The Jesus Gift

G. Martin

Shelby Gaudio, Piano & Mina Choi, Organ

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

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



Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The East Lancet II”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Welcome to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(As you receive the gluten-free elements, please hold them until all have received that we may share in this meal together.)

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in F

A. Guilmant

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman

Ways to give: Offering boxes are located at the doors in the front and back of the sanctuary. To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of our daughter Tara, on her birthday by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother Chad.

Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to participate in Holy Communion with us. Our *Directory for Worship* reminds us “The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.” We encourage you to share in this meal of God's people with us.

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



Code Blue. DPC is once again hosting the Code Blue Shelter in February! We will need help in staffing the shelter throughout the month. For information about volunteer training

sessions, visit co2ssh.org. If you would like to help in the kitchen you can sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CB. If you would like to purchase groceries, sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CBG. Thank you for supporting this critical effort!



The DPC campus is always buzzing on **Wednesday evenings!** Our littlest ones (ages 4-Grade 1) meet Ms. Geri in Andrews Hall at 4:30 pm to rehearse songs to be sung during worship as the

Sunshine Singers. Then kids in grades 2-6 gather at 5:00 pm in the choir room as part of the **Celebration Choir** (singers and ringers). Those kids then join others for food, faith, and fun for **Wednesday Club**—which is being reimagined for the new year featuring snack and activities from 5:30 to 6:30 pm! All of this kicks off again on **January 15!** Visit www.dtownpc.org/children-family for details and to register!



Ten Green New Year's Resolutions. DPC's Earth Care Team encourages you to scan this QR code to see a list of 10 easy ways to make your 2025 more environmentally conscious.

Ideas include—using old cotton clothing as rags instead of using paper towels, composting organic waste, and bringing reusable bags/storage containers with you to stores and restaurants.



DPC Directory Photos and Name Tags. Two easy ways to help Pastor Mac continue to get to know the congregation is by updating your photo in DPC's digital directory and wearing your DPC name tags! Just email a photo to anyone on the church staff or to dpc@dtownpc.org. If you still have not added the ChurchLife Directory app to your cellphone, just contact the church office and we can get you started. If you would like a DPC name tag, contact Elaine in the church office at 215-348-3531 or elainek@dtownpc.org. Tags cost \$10 each. If you have a name tag, try to remember to wear it whenever you attend worship or an event. Both of these simple acts can help us all stay connected, too!



Day of Service at DPC. Sign up to support a day of service on **January 20** honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. You can make a donation, sign up to volunteer, or both! The day will begin at 10:00

am with a short worship service in the sanctuary building, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the African American graves in the DPC graveyard. At 10:45 am we will gather in Andrews Hall for our activities, which will include packing meals for Caring For Friends, assembling snack bags for Hunting Park Christian Academy, and making American ribbon pins for Welcoming the Stranger. We will also be offering a hot cocoa and bake sale (by donation), with proceeds benefiting the African American Museum of Bucks County. Register to participate today at www.dtownpc.org/day-of-service



Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs **January 19** from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown

Food Pantry and help those in need. Following the later worship service we join together at noon for our monthly Community Meal with our own congregation, community members and our homeless guests. Keep watch to see how you can contribute to the meal or volunteer—or just plan to stop by for lunch!

Children and Youth Sunday School

9:30 - 10:15 am in Andrews Hall

DPC Nursery: Open to children 9 months to 2

Little Lambs: Ages 2 to kindergarten in the Nursery

Younger Elementary: 1st to 3rd grade in Room 211

CONNECT: Grades 4, 5, and 6 in the Youth Room (202)

Confirmation: Open to Grades 8+ in Room 209

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to age 4

Children's Worship Time (ages 4 to 3rd grade) in Room 207

CWT+ (grades 4 to 6) in Room 202

Evening Groups for Children and Youth

Celebration Choir/Wednesday Club

All children in 2nd through 6th Grade. Wednesdays. Choir/Bells @5pm, Dinner, faith and fun @5:30 - 6:30 pm. On **January 15**, choir rehearsal resumes at 5 pm along with a reimagined Wednesday Club from 5:30 - 6:30 pm including a light dinner!

See your weekly email for more details.

DPC Youth: Sundays, Grades 7 - 12

Bells/Choir @5pm, Dinner @5:45, Fellowship @6:15 - 7:30 pm

This week: Youth Group resumes with dinner, games and focusing on all we have to give thanks to God for in this new year. Winter/Spring Calendar is out with lots to look forward to!

Adult Education Offerings

Good News and Other News

9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library, AH

Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith.

This week: Studies show just 36% of American citizens would pass the citizenship test taken by immigrants. With that in mind - how many church members could pass a "basic Christianity" test? We will discuss what areas might be covered in such a test, and how it might reveal the core of Christianity. *Led by Ken Johnson.*

The Word Among Us - 9:15 am, AH-213

The Word Among Us focuses this season on the Book of Luke. Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture and how we can use it in our own devotional times with God.

Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen.



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.

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