

All Are Welcome in God's House

January 19, 2025

8:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Andante (from Sonata No. 6)

F. Mendelssohn

Jason Moore, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10a

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH
Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

For failing to love others as you have loved us...

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need.

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...

God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

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



Assurance of Forgiveness
Hear the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ
The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.
And also with you.

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 9

Anthem *Lift Thine Eyes* Mendelssohn/arr. La Brie
String Ensemble

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 34

Sermon “Light In the Darkness: The Matthew Window” Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn 296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* WONDROUS LIGHT

*Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso (from Sonata No. 2)* F. Mendelssohn

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman; Jamie Neal, Seminarian

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 my husband, Tom, by Ginny Swartley.

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Eva Carmela, born on January 10, to Christian and Amy Menno.

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



Code Blue. DPC is hosting the Code Blue shelter in February, and we will need help staffing it. For information about volunteer training sessions, visit co2ssh.org. To help in

the kitchen, please visit: 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!

DPC Home Help Corps is ready to serve in the New Year! Our volunteers (27 strong) help members with a wide variety of tasks, ranging from simple home repair to larger scale moves and yardwork. We are happy to provide rides to medical appointments, and we can help you with errands. Just contact the church office at 215-348-3531.



INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? Join an Inquirers' Class! Faith is a journey. No matter where you are on that journey, we invite you to participate in this class to learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the core values and ministries of DPC, connect with church leaders and other Inquirers, and reflect on your own spiritual journey. Classes are being offered in February, April, and June. Visit www.dtownpc.org/membership to learn more and sign up today.



Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive is **today** from 9:15 to 11 am to benefit Doylestown

Food Pantry, followed by our monthly **Community Meal** at noon with our own congregation, community members and our homeless guests. Please plan to join us!



DPC Directory Photos

Help Pastor Mac get to know the congregation by updating your photo in DPC's digital directory and wearing your DPC name tag! You can email dpc@dtownpc.org with a new photo, request a nametag, or for help adding the ChurchLife Directory app to your cellphone.



Day of Service at DPC. Sign up to support a day of service **tomorrow** honoring the legacy of Dr. MLK Jr. We will open 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 to pack meals for Caring For Friends, make snack bags for Hunting Park Christian Academy, and make American ribbon pins for Welcoming the Stranger. We will also have a bake sale to benefit the African American Museum of Bucks County. Register to participate today at www.dtownpc.org/day-of-service



Lunch and Learn. DPC's Matthew 25 Task Force and SAM Committee join with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown's Christ and Cultural Humility group to invite you to celebrate Bucks County African American History during its 2nd annual

joint luncheon at Second Baptist (6055 Swamp Rd. in Fountainville) on **Saturday, February 8** from 12 to 2:30 pm. Join us to share a meal, hear Patricia Mervine discuss "Slavery, Friends, and Freedom in Bucks County," and enjoy a performance from Second Baptist's Back Bench Boys. Proceeds will be donated to support the new home of the Bucks County African American History Museum. For details about speaker topics, pricing, and to register visit bit.ly/SBC-DPC.



California Wildfire Response.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground supporting victims of the wildfires in California. To support those efforts, visit bit.ly/PCUSA-Fire-Aid

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,

Food, faith and fun @5:30 - 6:30 pm

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 will gather right after worship in the Celtic Cross Room kitchen to bake dessert and prepare a casserole for the MLK Day of Service meal packing the following day.

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: The massive wildfires in Southern California that began January 7 caused the destruction of entire communities, requiring tens of thousands to evacuate and leaving many questions about what comes next. We ponder what happens to faith when disaster strikes and where God is in such tragedies. *Led by Jay Stough*

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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