

All Are Welcome in God's House

January 26, 2025

8:30 am

Third 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

As the Deer

arr. Ken Medema

*Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord who reigns with authority and power!

Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ.

We honor and praise the One who commands the winds and waves, who heals the sick and drives out darkness.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather in your presence, acknowledging our need for your healing grace. With heavy hearts, we come burdened by wounds, fears, and struggles that weigh us down. In the midst of our difficulties, we often lose sight of the pain that others bear. Forgive us for the moments we have neglected to lay our burdens down and to shoulder the burdens of our neighbors. Cleanse us of our pride; teach us to humbly seek you in our troubles so that our lives may be a living testament of your healing love. Hear us as we silently confess our sins...

(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

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

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 53: 1-5
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 683

Anthem

All Things New
Chamber Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 1: 21-34
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 35

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The Mark Window”

Jamie Neal, PTS Seminarian

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer and 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 Katie Lamb, our precious daughter and sister, on the occasion of her birthday, by Rick Lamb and Jonathan and Megan Craig.

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.



Earthcare Action.

Join the DPC Earthcare Action Team in February as we look at our individual carbon footprint and view some actions to take that can mitigate climate change.

Keep an eye out for more details!



Congregational Meeting.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 2** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose is to: elect Deacons and Ruling Elders for upcoming classes, approve changes to Terms of Call for eligible pastors, receive the 2024 financial report and the 2025 operating budget, and approve sale of the Plumstead Cemetery.



DPC Work Trip to the Community Pantry

Join us for the 2025 Southwest Mission Work Trip from **April 5 to 12** to volunteer at the Community Pantry in Gallup, NM. DPC has generously supported

the Pantry for over 20 years. Transportation will be arranged from DPC to Philadelphia for the flight to Albuquerque. Once in New Mexico, transport will be by car. Accommodations are at hotels in Gallup and Albuquerque, NM. The total cost is estimated to be \$1,550 -\$1,750 for a single room and \$1,200 -\$1,400 for double room occupancy. If interested, please contact dpc@dtownpc.org. Deposit due by February 2.

Planning ahead: the Southwest Cultural and Mission Work Trip will be September 13 to 20.



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. Questions? Contact dpc@dtownpc.org



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)

Youth Bible Study: Grades 9-12 in Room 203

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 meets tonight with dinner, games, and fellowship.

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: Published news reports of old minor crimes can hamper people going forward. Now, some news agencies are offering the chance to have those reports expunged from news archives so they don't turn up when someone does a global search on the individual's name. This news gives us an opening to consider what it means when God declares our sins not only forgiven, but also forgotten and invites us to think about such things as divine pardon and the power of our regrets.

Led by Jenny Danzis

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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