



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Epiphany 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

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

*Call to Worship

—from Matthew 2:2; 9b-10

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,

until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 147

The First Nowell

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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.

*Congregational Response 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

*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*

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.)

First Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-10

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 91

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

Anthem

The Shepherds' Farewell
Chancel Choir

Hector Berlioz

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 690

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

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The East Lancet”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Litany for Epiphany of the Lord

Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*Hymn 135

There's a Star in the East

FOLLOW

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

The Shepherds Are Kneeling
Chloé Moore, Christina Cox & Eve Sheldon

Peter Nardone

*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 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

*Benediction

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

D. Buxtehude

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

Assisting: Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

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).
- If needed, visit the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary, to view the worship service livestream.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tim Lewis and family on the death of his father Ronald Lewis, on December 28. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

2025 Offering Envelopes. People give to DPC in many ways: some give electronically, some put checks or cash in the offering plate, some are mailed, and others use the offering box envelopes. All methods of giving are a wonderful gift to DPC. If you have a box for 2024, we have designated a 2025 offering envelope box for you. They are now available to be picked up outside the church office. If you didn't have envelopes this year, and would like to have a box for 2025, please add your name to the list outside the office or contact Linay Richards – linayr@dtownpc.org. She will assign a box for you to pick up the following Sunday.

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

Wearing your **DPC name tags** is not only a great way to help our new Pastor match names and faces, but it's also a wonderful way to connect with visitors, new members, and each other! If you would like a DPC name tag, contact Elaine in the church office at 215-348-3531 or elainek@dtownpc.org. We are placing an order on **January 17**. Tags cost \$10 each. If you have a name tag, try to remember to wear it whenever you attend worship or an event.



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

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