

All Are Welcome in God's House

January 5, 2025

8:30 am

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*

*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 147

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

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.

*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



First Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-10
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 91

Anthem

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

Peter Nardone

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

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 690

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The East Lancet”

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 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!

Assisting: Jamie Neal, Seminarian

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.

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.

2025 Offering 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.

Join 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.



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 reimaged 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-families 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. One easy way to help Pastor Mac continue to get to know the congregation is by updating your photo in DPC's digital directory! Some of the photos on file date back many years so if you are able to send a more recent shot of you/your family it would also serve to keep us all connected, too! 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.



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! See your weekly email for more details.

DPC Youth: Grades 7 - 12

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

Youth Group resumes on **January 12**. See your weekly email for more details.

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: Three individuals intentionally went missing from their relationships, responsibilities and normal routines. The reasons Ryan Borgwardt, Hannah Kobayashi and Luigi Mangione disappeared from their jobs and separated from friends and family may differ, and may never be fully understood.

Led by Christo Claassens

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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