



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

February 16, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Sixth 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

Nearer My God to Thee

arr. R. House

*Call to Worship

— from John 7:37b-38

While Jesus was standing there, he cried out:

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."

As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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.

*Congregational Response 399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

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 4:1-15

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 94

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

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond*

Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Chancel Choir

arr. Paul Tate

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus and I was so weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

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

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson: John 4:16-30

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 95

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

Sermon

"Light In the Darkness: The Woman at the Well"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

— from Psalm 42:1-2,4 and 11

Like a stag, a doe, longing for streams of cool water, my whole being longs for you, my God. My soul aches with thirst for God, for a God that lives! When can I go and see God face to face? These things I remember as I pour out my soul like water - how I'd go with the crowds and lead them into God's house, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, drunk with dance of celebration. Why so dispirited? I ask myself. Why so churned up inside? Hope in God! I know I'll praise God once again, for you are my deliverance; you are my God.

*Hymn 626

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

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

Air in Holsworthy Church Bells

SS Wesley

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Gaston Bélier

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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: Rev. Dr. Mina Choi and Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Tom Maclin

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.

New Life! The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Kane Edward Anthony, born on February 6, to Joseph and Nancy Anthony, the proud DPC grandparents are John and Linda Schumann; and Jack Everett Colon, born on February 8, to Steve and Danielle Colon, the proud DPC grandparents are of Jim and Maura Duncan and Jules and Karen Colon.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Ming Jen Wu Chang by her daughter, Judy Chang Cody and her family.

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!



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

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