

All Are Welcome in God's House

February 9, 2025

8:30 am

Fifth 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. C. Tornquist

*Call to Worship

O God of creation, who was before there was...

We praise you!

O God of light and life, who was before there was...

We praise you!

O God of silence and sound, who was before there was...

We praise you!

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you have continued to reveal who you are. Yet we remain confused about who you are. Can we not hear? Do we not see? Have we not felt? We are quick to read the next book or listen to the next podcast. If we turned to you, we would know that we are your chosen people, who no longer walk in darkness and who have received your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Let us enjoy the satisfaction of finding your identity and thereby our own. 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.

Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Bill Holcombe

Mark Vandersall, Clarinet & Mina Choi, Piano

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

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



Prayer of Illumination

First and Second Scripture Lessons: Genesis 1:1-31 and John 1:1-16
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The John Window”

Rev. Becca Bateman

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Fly, Eagles, Fly!

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer and 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.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Jean Carpenter, on her death on January 17. We hold them in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of our son, Jeffrey, from his parents, Geri and Bob McMullin.

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



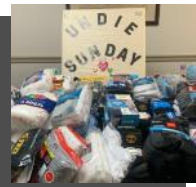
Code Blue. DPC is hosting the Code Blue shelter in February, and we will need help staffing it. For information about volunteer training sessions, visit co2ssh.org. To help in

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!

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—with the first class (including lunch) happening **today**, at 11:30 in the Celtic Cross Room. You are invited to join in! No RSVP needed. Visit www.dtownpc.org/membership to learn more and sign up today for the spring or summer sessions.



Undie Sunday is back again! Let's help the people of the Bethel Presbyterian Church community by donating new women's and men's underwear (sizes S-3X) and children's socks. Donation boxes are located in the lobby of Andrews Hall, just inside the Mechanics Street entrance to the sanctuary, and in the front narthex by the red doors. All donations should be received by **February 23**.



Join in the Celtic Cross Room for a special Family Movie Night on **February 16** from 4 to 6 pm as we watch *The Wild Robot!* Kids of all ages will enjoy this exciting, heartfelt adventure. Grown-ups are asked to stay for the movie too as this is not a drop-off event.

Snacks will be provided. This event is presented by the Children's Ministry Committee.



Earth Care Action.

Join the DPC Earth Care Action Team in February as we look at our individual carbon footprint and view some actions to take that can mitigate climate change. Be sure to visit the Celtic Cross Room or near the

bridge beginning **February 16** to check it out!



Second Baptist Church of Doylestown has also invited our congregation to visit a traveling exhibit presented by the **Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery** on **February 16** at 12:30 pm at Second Baptist at 6055 Swamp

Road in Doylestown.



Noted author, radio host, and award-winning sports columnist **Mike Sielski** will be joining us in Ruth I. Hughes Library at 9:30 to 10:15 am on **Sunday, February 23**. He will discuss his new book *Magic in the Air: The Myth, the Mystery, and the Soul of the Slam Dunk*. The book, according to its description on

Amazon.com, "brings to life the tale of the dunk while balancing sharp socio-racial history and commentary with a romp through American sports and culture. There's never been a basketball book quite like it." Mike, a Doylestown resident, will be available to answer questions and sign copies of *Magic in the Air* which will be available for sale thanks to Doylestown Bookshop.



Fat Sunday! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 2** as we prepare of the season of Lent with a Mardi Gras celebration for all ages! We'll gather in Fellowship Hall following the 10:30

service for a pancake lunch, jazz music, mask-making, and a parade led by the kids! Keep watch for full details and to learn how you can contribute to this special time together.

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 Celtic Cross Room

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

This week: We begin work on a skit and song focusing on the theme "God's Story and Your Story."

DPC Youth: Sundays, Grades 7 - 12

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

This week: Youth Group is off tonight—Go Eagles! We get back together on Feb. 23 when we volunteer with the Code Blue Shelter.

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: American Airlines Flight 5342 collided with an Army helicopter near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The accident sent the two aircraft into the Potomac River, killing all 67 aboard. After a horrible air disaster, prayer for the victims and their families is a faithful response. Why, then, do we rush to judgment, make assumptions, and demand immediate, concrete answers? We will discuss whether a "need to know" is contrary to faith. *Led by Ken Johnson.*

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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