

All Are Welcome in God's House

February 23, 2025

8:30 am

Seventh 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

Sonatina

Christian Fink

*Call to Worship — from Psalms 100:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3:18
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper* W ZŁOBIE LEZY

First Scripture Lesson: Revelation 3:14-22

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 247

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

Anthem

Lento (from Concerto in G)
Eileen Telly & Marcy Huang

Georg Telemann

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 192

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

Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: Jesus Knocking”
Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

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

*Affirmation of Faith — from “The Ministry of Members” in *The Book of Order*

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. Such involvement includes:

proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,
living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
caring for God’s creation,
participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

And also with you.

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 728

Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY’S KNOCKIN’

*Benediction

Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

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Assisting: 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 Lee Ann Lamb, our beloved wife, mother, and Nannie, on the occasion of her birthday by Rick Lamb, Jonathan and Megan Craig and grandchildren; and in loving memory of Gina Garretson by Craig Garretson.

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

DPC’s newest members will be received into the church during the 10:30 service today.



Carbon Footprint Challenge.

Join the DPC Earth Care Action Team as we examine our individual carbon footprint and view some actions to take that can mitigate climate change. Be sure to visit the bridge **today** to check it out!



Undie Sunday! 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 **today**.



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 **today**. He will discuss his new book *Magic in the Air: The Myth, the Mystery, and the Soul of the Slam Dunk*. Mike, a Doylestown resident, will answer questions and sign

copies of *Magic in the Air* which will be available for sale thanks to Doylestown Bookshop.



Growth Groups. Some new groups are beginning soon and many ongoing groups welcome new members. Be sure to visit

www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups to view the full list. There is something for everyone, so take a minute to explore and see what fits your schedule and spiritual needs.



Code Blue. DPC is hosting the Code Blue shelter for one more week, and we continue to need assistance in keeping the shelves stocked. If you would like to purchase groceries, sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CBG. Thank you for supporting this critical effort!



Fat Sunday! On **Sunday, March 2** we prepare for 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 closing with a parade led by the kids at 12:30! The congregation is also invited to bring shelf-stable food (no glass items please) to be dropped in a special box in Fellowship Hall decorated by our CWT+ kids in grades 4-6. Visit bit.ly/DPCFATSUNDAY to RSVP for lunch and to volunteer to help out!



Ash Wednesday. As we begin our Lenten Journey, there are several opportunities to receive ashes on **March 5**. We invite you to...

- **Drop-In** for ashes in the Celtic Cross Room below the sanctuary from **8 to 9 am**
- **Drive-Thru** for ashes along Mechanics Street from **12 to 1 pm**
- join in an **Intergenerational Worship Service**, where ashes will be administered, **beginning at 5 pm** in the sanctuary followed by an interactive art project for all ages downstairs **until 6 pm**
- receive ashes at the **Community Labyrinth** at the corner of Ashland and Pine Streets from **6 to 7 pm**

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: At 6:30, families are invited to enjoy our performance of a skit and song: "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: We spend time together volunteering with the Code Blue Shelter if it's open or cooking for an upcoming Community Meal.

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: Good News and Other News took a hiatus this week as participants are encouraged to attend the Mike Sielski event in the DPC Library.

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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