

LENT 2025

*Restore
Unto
Me
the
Joy...*



DOYLESTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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March 16, 2025

10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Second Sunday in Lent

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

He's Still Working On Me
Sunshine Singers

by Joel Hemphill

*Call to Worship

based on Ephesians 3:21

God can do more than we can ask or even imagine.

Glory be to God!

From the church, Glory be to God!

From the people, Glory from every generation!

Come let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Life-Giving God, you have planted within us the gift of your joy,
yet we confess it is not tended well.**

**We have resisted your pruning, we have sought happiness in fleeting things,
we have turned inward.**

Forgive us God. Prune, strip, discard and, nourish, heal, restore.

May our lives be signs of growing and realizing the fullness of your joy.

(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

Restore in Us, O God

Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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 15:1-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 109

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

Anthem

By Gracious Powers
arr. Fred Green, text by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Chancel Choir

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day. Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear; O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare. And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand, we take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Psalm 80:7-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 541

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

Sermon

“God’s Joy Is In You”

Rev. Becca Bateman

*Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

*Hymn 686

God of Our Life

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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

*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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in C Minor

J.S. Bach

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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. Mac Schafer and Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Van Starner

New Life! The rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Max Paradiso, born on March 6, to Elena and MJ Paradiso. The proud DPC grandparents are Cheryl and Mike Paradiso.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jeff Fulgham on the death of his father, Richard Fulgham on March 4 and to the friends and family of Lois Maughan on her death on March 8. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Gene Weichman on the occasion of his birthday by his wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Kathryn and Meredith; and in memory of Lois Lovelace, Russell Lovelace, Faith Lovelace Atkinson, and Dawn Hinkle by Cindy Harris and family.

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



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

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