

All Are Welcome in God's House

March 16, 2025

8:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

LENT 2025

Restore
Unto
Me
the
Joy...

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. John Behnke

*Call to Worship

Water is a universal symbol of life. Baptism reminds us of our need for the living water, Christ.

Baptism welcomes us into life as it was meant to be lived.

The bread and cup are symbols of hospitality.

Communion reminds us to see barriers fall and friendships made.

Jesus welcomes us to the table to be transformed and nourished for eternity.

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.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

And also with you.

Anthem

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

First Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 109

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

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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Welcome to the Lord’s Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God restores our joy.

God restores our spirits.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

God is the source of all joy.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(We will share in communion by intinction. You will be invited to come down the center aisle by an usher, receive a gluten free wafer, dip the wafer into the cup, eat as you return by the side aisle to your seat. If you unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.)

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Benediction

Postlude

Fantasie in C Minor

J.S. Bach

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 door in the front of the sanctuary and on the table beneath the rear stained glass windows. To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.

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

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.

Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.” We encourage you to share in this meal of God’s people with us.



Let’s Connect! Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownpc.org and click “Connect” at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.

SESSION

Moderator - Mac Schafer Clerk - Linda Cacossa

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Molly Blore
Dave Buday
Christo Claassens
DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Hamilton
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Caroline Roland
Kristen Roland

Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson
Frank Fabian
Sue Haldeman
Julie McCormack
Melissa Shaw
Marty Starner
Mark Strasburg
Marilyn Weichman

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Linda Cacossa
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Lindsay Shull

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

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Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

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Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

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Jamie Neal, *Princeton Theological Seminarian*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

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