

# All Are Welcome in God's House

March 9, 2025

8:30 am

## First 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

*Shepherd Me, O God*

arr. C. Callahan

\*Call to Worship

The waters of baptism remind us that we are part of a story much larger than our own.

**God's story of redemption flows through us, restoring us as we journey in God's grace.**

The table is a place where all may gather.

**Here we are reminded of others who, likewise, have come to this table to seek nourishment for their journey in faith.**

Come, let us worship God.

\*Hymn 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of angels.

**We scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find the flaw.**

You view time in the context of eternity, and so find a place for waiting, for yearning, even for suffering, even for dying.

**We demand instant results; and look for tomorrow before savoring today.**

You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save, that is why you walk the way of the cross.

**We fear that vulnerability which defies our power; and so we cry for crucifixion.**

Your thoughts are not our thoughts.

**Neither are your ways our ways.**

So we pray,

**forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, reveal in us what is good.**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

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

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 *Create in Me* arr. Nick Strimple  
Christina Cox, Mezzo-Soprano

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 52 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 520  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Restore Unto Me the Joy...” Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Welcome to the Lord’s Table  
God loves you. **We are loved by God.**  
God forgives you. **We are forgiven by God.**  
Christ’s Supper is ready. **The Lord’s table has a seat waiting for us.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving 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.**

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 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life* NOEL

\*Benediction

Postlude *Praeludium in A Minor* J.S. Bach

# Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

**Assisting:** Rev. Becca Bateman 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 today celebrates the birth of Brooks David Bayer, born on February 27, to Colleen and Matthew Bayer. The proud DPC grandparents are David and Kathy McQuate.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Ann-Louise, Joyce, and Harold Haldeman by the family; and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Gomer and Jean Lewis by Nancy, David, Rachel, Jessie, and Nathan Craft.

**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.

**Extended Communion.** Your Deacons will be carrying Extended Communion to members of our Congregation who are no longer able to attend church services. We hold them in fellowship as they bring Scripture and the Communion Elements blessed this morning.

Today’s **Prayer of Confession** comes from Stages on the Way (Wild Goose Worship Group).



**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](http://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

### Class of 2025

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

### Class of 2027

Linda Cacossa  
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Luray Gross  
Terry Herring  
Scott Nichols  
Jeannie Quist  
George Segelken  
Lindsay Shull

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**Moderator** - Dot Fabian

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Michele Hoffman  
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Sibele Johnson  
David Martin  
Amy Pujols  
Pamela Heck Rauh  
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Cheryl Osgood  
Steve Quist

## CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

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Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

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