

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Kim Harris, Piano

arr. John Purifoy

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3,11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, giver of strength,
be gracious to us in our need, for we confess to you our sin.**

**Forgive us—
for ignoring the struggles of our neighbors;
for turning from you in times of trial;
for relying on our power instead of your grace;
for keeping to ourselves the news of your love.**

Transform us, O God, by your saving power.

Free us from the sin that clings so closely.

**Guide us by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
to live new lives in joyful service
to the glory of your holy name.**

(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 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen, amen.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 15:9-20

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 233

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

Anthem

As the Deer
Kim Harris and Jason Moore; Piano

arr. Philip Keverer

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

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents are asked to pick-up their child after the service in Room 207, directly across the bridge.)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:38-42

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 5

Sermon

"The Better Way"
*"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
But I say to you..."—Matthew 5:38-39a*

Dr. John M. Willingham

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Affirmation of Faith

—from "The Confession of 1967"

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which all persons are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides persons in living this life and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

Concerns of the Church

(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.)

Prayers of the People

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

Piano Rhapsody (excerpt)

Daniel Elder

*Congregational Response 709

God, We Honor You

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn 321

The Church’s One Foundation

AURELIA

*Benediction

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Howard Helvey

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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!*

Lay Leader: Marie Stevens **Assisting:** Becca Bateman

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bob Murray on the death of his mother, Corell Murray, on August 12; to Dennis Parenti on the death of his brother Russell Parenti, on August 13; to Enid Corkran on the death of her husband, Jim Corkran, on August 16; and to Cheryl Paradiso on the death of her father, Ernest Robinson, on August 19. We hold each of these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of his parents, Bill and Jean Liebig, by Tim and Laura Liebig.

Today’s **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, volume 39.1, p. 165. The **Affirmation of Faith** is an excerpt of “The Confession of 1967” which, at the time, was the first new creedal statement adopted by the Presbyterian Church in more than three centuries. It proclaims the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ to be the pattern for the church’s mission, calling on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Let’s Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? 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.

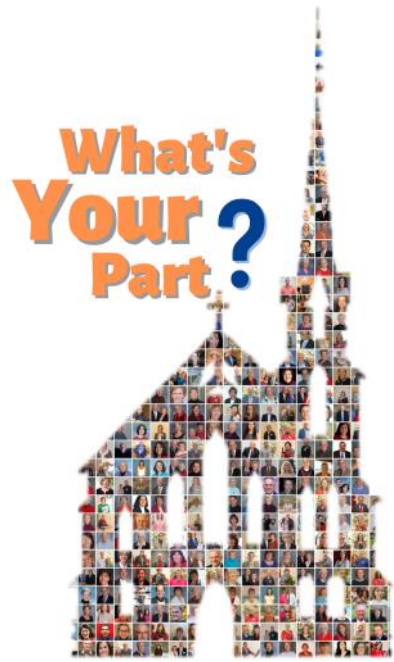


DPC Worship Community. Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing but also juggle a busy schedule? If so, you and your friends may be a perfect fit for DPC's new musical ensembles who will take part in 8:30 am worship services this fall. You don't need to be classically trained, the songs will be varied in genre, and there will be no regular weekly commitment! If interested, contact Mina Choi at dpcorganist@gmail.com. More details will be coming soon!

Fellowship at the Fulgham Farm. Excitement is building for this wonderful event next Sunday **August 28** from 4 to 7 pm. Adults of all ages are invited to gather for appetizers, beverages, and a special visit from a William Penn reenactor. Rekindle old friendships and make new ones during this fun, casual afternoon together. Visit www.dtownpc.org and click the event for details and to RSVP today!

DPC's monthly **Food Drive** occurs **today**, and every third Sunday of the month from 9:30 to 11:15 am. Pantries continue to be in need of condiments, cleaning supplies, coffee, snacks, and personal hygiene items. The monthly **Community Meal** also occurs **today** from 11 am to 12:30 pm in its "regular" form, also each third Sunday of the month, as we join together with our own congregation, community members and our homeless guests. Those wishing to help can visit bit.ly/DPC-CM. Visit www.dtownpc.org/mission-outreach for full details.

DPC Fall Retreat. Adults of all ages can register today for our inspiring retreat to the breathtaking Pocono mountains led by Pastor Pauline Sexton **September 13-15**. Pauline will reflect on this modern era of smart phones and social media as she asks "what does it mean to belong - to the world, to the church, to God?" Visit the events section of www.dtownpc.org to register today.



Each of us is blessed with unique gifts from God that can be used to strengthen this church and our connection to it. In an effort to help you identify, in some new way, "your part" at DPC, we invite you to visit our newly-enhanced Volunteer Resource Center. That's the place where you can learn about all of the opportunities for service at DPC, which ones best fit your interest, and sign up.

Find Your Part today!

To explore all the ways you can get involved and to volunteer today scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera or visit www.dtownpc.org/volunteer-today



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