

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Prelude in C

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

—From Psalm 100, (*The Message*)

On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

**Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us;
we didn't make him.**

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.

For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

*Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Prayer of Confession

**God of life, you turn mourning into dancing,
the dark night of weeping into the bright morning of gladness.**

**Your light has shined upon us,
claiming us as witnesses to your saving power.**

Yet we keep silent, and hide your light.

**Forgive our meager witness to the glad news of your light breaking into our world,
in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus;
empower us by your Spirit to proclaim this Gospel to all.**

(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 13:1-25

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 231

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

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Adam, Allison, and Karen Cameron; Handbells

arr. Linda Lamb

(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: Romans 4:19-25, 5:1-2

The Message

Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, "It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child." Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That's why it is said, "Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right." But it's not just Abraham; it's also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us right with God.

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

Sermon

"Faith Fullness"

Pauline Sexton

"By entering through faith...we have it all together with God."—Romans 5:1

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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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

The Prayer

D. Foster and C. Sager

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Benediction

*Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Carol Tornquist

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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: Galen Hays **Assisting:** John Willingham

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Ann-Louise, Joyce, and Harold Haldeman by the Haldeman family; in loving memory of my sisters, Pam, Vicki, and Nancy by Jane Buday; in loving memory of Sylvia Strasburg and Eleanor Innes on their birthdays by Mark and Pamela Strasburg; and in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Susan Miriam DeFrehn Whittaker by Miriam Montgomery.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship*, 2003/2004, pg. 152.



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!

Red Cross Blood Drive at DPC. There are still a few slots remaining for those wishing to donate blood on **August 10**, from 1 to 6 pm in Andrews Hall. This crucial service is so important and needed by so many. Visit www.dtownnpc.org/events/redcross to sign up.

Join in the **All-DPC Work Day at Hunting Park Christian Academy** on Saturday, **August 13**. We will be painting, cleaning, moving and cleaning furniture and desks, and help with sewing school patches on uniforms. We meet in the DPC parking lot at 8 am and return at 4 pm. Doylestown Presbyterian Church has a strong relationship with HPCA, which provides a Christian-based education to children living in inner city Philadelphia. Anyone age 8 to 108 is welcome to join us! This truly is a fun way to make friends and chip in together for such a worthy cause. You can sign up at bit.ly/DPC-HP

The **Home Help Corps** continues to be in action! Our volunteers are available for a wide variety of needs. HHC volunteers have helped many members with various tasks including yardwork, small home repairs and clean-up, moving help, grocery pickup, weekly companionship, rides to doctor appointments and to church. It's easy to request help – just call the church office at 215-348-3531. Contact Linda Schumann if you'd like to volunteer.

General Assembly Overview. Join Pastor John Willingham in the Celtic Cross Room after worship on Sunday, **August 14**, for an overview of the 225th General Assembly (2022) of the PC(USA) and its actions concerning various issues affecting the church and the world. John will be joined by Ruling Elder Dave Sager who served as a Commissioner to the Assembly. Printed copies outlining the actions are available at the entrances of the sanctuary.

Fellowship at the Fulham Farm. Excitement is building for this wonderful event on **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.dtownnpc.org and click the event for details and to RSVP today!

DPC Work Trip to the Community Pantry - September 17 to 24. Plan to join us for a rewarding week of work in Gallup, NM, helping those in need by assisting with food distribution with the wonderful staff who welcomes us each year. After spending the first night in the Flagstaff area, we'll make a brief stop at the Grand Canyon on the way to Gallup. It would be helpful to have your response as soon as possible. Please contact Erin Rizk at erinr@dtownnpc.org or visit www.dtownnpc.org/mission-trips for details of this unique opportunity to give back.

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**. Visit the events section of www.dtownnpc.org to register today!



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