

**Doylestown Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 22, 2023 – 8:30 am**  
**John Willingham preaching, Pauline Sexton assisting**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Prelude*

C. Franck

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

\*Hymn 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession

**O God of our salvation,**  
**speak peace to your people as we turn to you in our hearts.**  
**We confess we have been easily deceived by empty philosophies,**  
**and puffed up without cause by human ways of thinking.**  
**In our pursuit of prosperity, we have failed to hold fast to Christ our Head,**  
**for the growth that comes from you.**  
**In our pride, we have sought satisfaction in the shadows,**  
**when the substance of your reign belongs to Jesus Christ.**  
**Pardon your people and show us your favor.**  
**Renew us, O God, and restore us again;**  
**that we may abide forever in your presence, abounding in thanksgiving.**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 17:24-27

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 19

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

*(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)*

Anthem

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Chamber Choir

arr. Hugo Distler

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 171

Sermon

"A Vegetarian Taxpayer"  
*"But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow  
become a stumbling block to the weak."—1 Corinthians 8:9*

Concerns of the Church

*(Persons nearest the aisles 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.)*

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

## 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.**

\*Hymn 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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A. Guilmant

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We invite you to fill out a **Prayer Request card** located in the pews. Ushers will collect the cards during the anthem. Requests will be shared during Concerns of the Church and those individuals will be held in prayer during the service and in the week ahead by our pastors and prayer groups.

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Charlie Bartolett on the death of his wife **Louise Bartolett** on January 14. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in memory of Don F. Whitney by James Paccioretti.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, vol. 46.1, p. 117.

**Congregational Meeting.** The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, February 5 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Elect Deacons and Ruling Elders to the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2026
- Approve changes in the pastors' Terms of Call for 2023
- Receive the 2022 financial report and the 2023 operating budget

We will extend our usual Sunday worship livestream to allow you to view the congregational meeting. Comments or questions during the meeting can be emailed to [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org). The Livestream can be accessed by visiting [www.dtownpc.org/watch-us-live](http://www.dtownpc.org/watch-us-live). Whether in person or online, we encourage you to join us for what should be a brief, but significant time together.



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