

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023 – 8:30 am
John Willingham preaching, Pauline Sexton assisting

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River?* T. Jefferson

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1,3-5

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.
Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
God's understanding is beyond measure.

*Hymn 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Prayer of Confession

Faithful One,
despite our best efforts,
we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.
Even when our intentions are good,
our actions cause harm.
Even when we want to follow you more closely,
we end up turning away.
We are at war with ourselves,
and only you can bring peace.
Still our souls, we pray, and order our steps;
guide our feet back to your way.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 12

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

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

Anthem

Come Unto Him
Gina Ricci and Logan Laudenslager

G.F. Handel

*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

*Come unto him, all ye that labor. Come unto him, that are heavy laden,
and he will give you rest.*

*Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Sermon

“Learning From Him”
“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.”—Matthew 11:29a

** Those who are able, please stand*

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.)

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

D. Buxtehude

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New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Madison Olivia Boisvert, born on December 31 to Todd and Stephanie Paradiso Boisvert. The proud DPC grandparents are Mike and Cheryl Paradiso.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Eleanor Mill by Carl, Dianne, Adrienne and Ryan Mill; in loving memory of our parents by Tom and Ginny Swartley; and in loving memory of husband/father, Richard D. Fister and grandson/nephew, Richard G. Fister by Betty and Diane Fister.

Offering Envelopes. Your offering envelopes for 2023 are now available to be picked up on the bridge. For those who had envelopes in 2022, there should be a box assigned for this year, too. If you didn't have envelopes, and would like to have a box for 2023, please either add your name to the list on the bridge or contact Linay Richards – linayr@dtownnpc.org

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