

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Ffith Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023 – 8:30 am
John Willingham preaching
Pauline Sexton and Scouts from Troop 24 assisting

Words of Welcome

Prelude *As the Deer* arr. Ken Medema

Call to Worship Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

*Hymn 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer,
we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors' needs.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored,
set free to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 18:15-20 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 20

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

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

Anthem *O Light of Life!* Mack Wilberg
Dalia Hamilton, Soloist

Sermon "Still a Bridge"
"If two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."—Matthew 18:29

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

** Those who are able, please stand*

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 321

The Church's One Foundation
verses 1,3-4

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Alleluya

W. Faulkes

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We celebrate **Scout Sunday** today, marking the long-standing relationship between DPC and Scout Troops 24, 48 and Pack 24. We give thanks for that significant bond and their presence with us today.

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 group.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Volume 47.1, p. 242 .

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of **Ruth Frankenfield** on her death on January 29; and to Kim Rainey on the death of her mother **Ann Rainey** on February 1. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Dell and Beverly Tredinnick, and George M. Bush by Lynn Bush; in loving memory of Ashley Shell Tomlinson by Julie, Tyler, and Sarah Tomlinson; in loving memory of my dear grandfather, Edward Josiah Whittaker on his birthday by Miriam Montgomery; and in loving memory of Tom's dad, John Roth, by the Roth family."

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place on **today** 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
- Hear an update from the Mission Study Task Group regarding the pastoral transition process

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. The Livestream can be accessed by visiting 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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