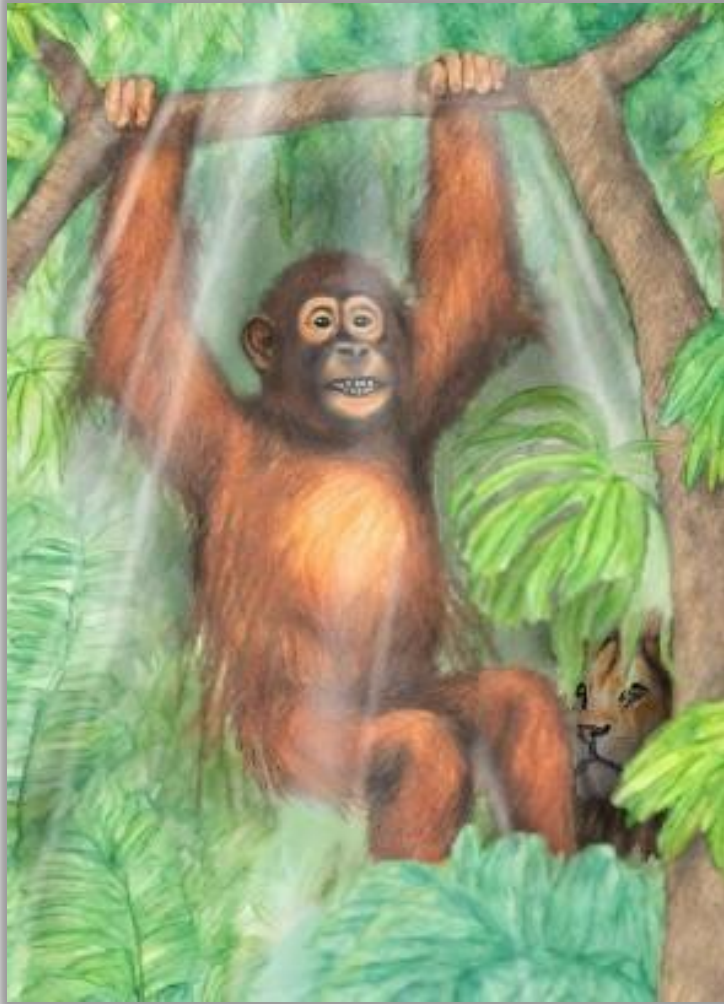


Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Youth Sunday
April 28, 2024 - 10:30 am



This artwork is based on a youth reflection of Psalm 121. The wilderness is dangerous; it wouldn't be wilderness otherwise, but God is not absent. May you see in this artwork also that God is with us always.

— Artwork by Evan E.

All Are Welcome in God's House

April 28, 2024

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the middle of the pew. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned toward the aisles.)

Prelude

I Love the Lord
Youth Choir

arr. R. Smallwood

Call to Worship

Elizabeth C. and Jane K.

This space is holy.

This space is holy.

This space is special.

This space is special.

God is here.

God is here.

We are open to possibility.

We are open to possibility.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Prayer of Confession

Lucy B.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Hear us as we silently confess our sins...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth C.

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Those who are able, please stand
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Lucy H.

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational Response 399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Time with the Children

Connect Sunday School Class

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in room 207, across the bridge following worship.)

(Ushers will collect the blue prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Anthem

I'll Rise arr. Craig Courtney and Lunday Hasseler
Youth Choir

*There's a peace I've come to know
though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul.
I can say "It is well."*

*Refrain: Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won.
He is risen from the dead.*

*And I will rise when He calls my name.
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings.
Before my God fall on my knees
and rise.
I will rise.*

*There's a day that's drawing near
when this darkness breaks to light
and the shadows disappear
and my faith shall be my eyes. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination

Rebecca S.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 121

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 571, Elizabeth C.

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

Reflections

Caroline Ro., Molly B., Quin T.

*Hymn 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

Prayers of the People

Rebecca S.

Where do I feel God's presence in this season?

In a physical place, in a relationship, a feeling or something else?

Consider these questions and write your responses on the flowered paper. When prompted, pass it to the center aisle so that it can become a collaborative art piece showing the beauty of all the places God is with us. It will be displayed in the Celtic Cross Room this summer.

Musical Interlude

Evan E.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Charlie B.

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

Charlie B.

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Exultation
Festival Ringers

arr. Bill Ingram

*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

Jason H.

Service of Confirmation and Baptism

Presentation of Confirmands

Rev. Becca Bateman, Doug Barnett, Glenn Haas, Larry King
Lucy B., Elizabeth C., Evan E., Jane K., Rebecca S., Gregory T., Jillian V.

Proclamation of Personal Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Sacrament of Baptism: Jillian V.

Vow of Membership

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

*Affirmation of Faith

*Collected from Statements of Faith
from the Confirmands*

*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Benediction

Lucy B.

*Postlude

Variations on Shall We Gather

arr. V. Thomson

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Today is Youth Sunday! Today's worship services are led by our DPC Youth. There are letters set out on the bridge for all of the volunteers who run our children's and youth programs. We encourage everyone to spend a moment to notice how many leaders it takes to create meaningful relationships with all of our young people. We also would love for each of you to sign the letters to show our congregation's appreciation of all the time and talents these volunteers give each week. If you would like to get involved with our children or youth programs in any way, let us know, too! Be sure to visit the Children and Youth sections of www.dtownpc.org to sign up for Vacation Bible School and see the summer calendar for Youth events!

Celebrate our 2024 Graduates and Confirmands!

High School: Emily Barchard, Patrick Coleman, Matthew Cummings, Liam Drollette, Chelsea Maund, Declan McCormack, Sarah Mills, Quin Tettemer

College: Blake Bensing, Tia Bruno, Allison Cameron, Ben Danzis, Reece Danzis, Evan Drollette, Miranda Ford, Philip Herman, Caleb Herring, Lindsay Horton, Annie Maclin, Paul Nicholas, Jack Shields, Conor Tait, Marin Young Law School: Robbie Maxwell Masters: Matthew Bowe

Confirmands: Lucy B., Claire C., Elizabeth C., Evan E., Jane K., Rebecca S., Gregory T., Jillian V.

New Life! The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Frances Angeline Colligan, born on March 29, to Katie Calpino and Tom Colligan, the proud DPC grandparent is Terri Calpino; and of Hailey Susan Shaw, on April 23, to Katie and Stephen Shaw, the proud DPC grandparents are Sharon Shaw and Craig and Sue Sutton.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** comes from the *Book of Common Worship*.

The **flowers** are given today in memory of my beloved nephew, Andrew Christian Bishop, and sister-in-law, Sharon Bishop, by Anne L. Bishop.

In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.



Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing. Join us in the fight against world hunger in this fun, meaningful

event for all ages. We gather on Friday, **May 17**, from 5 to 7 pm at Delaware Valley University. To sign up, visit bit.ly/DPCFMSC2024 (case sensitive) or scan the QR code below with your camera.

Please be sure to register all members of your family who will be participating. If you are unable to attend this session, the full list of packing sessions can be found at www.fmsc.org/volunteer-listing



Vacation Bible School Registration is open! Visit www.dtownpc.org for full details and to sign up for morning VBS and, new this year, ActingUP drama & music camp in the afternoon **July 8-11**.



Yom HaShoah Shabbat Holocaust Remembrance Service. Rev. Becca Bateman will be joining other area clergy at Temple Judea of Bucks County (38 Rogers Road in Furlong,

PA) to participate in this special service honoring the memory of Holocaust victims. All are invited to attend at 7 pm on **May 3**.



Trip to the Woodmere Art Museum. All are welcomed to join in this special docent-led tour of this wonderful museum focused on telling the stories of Philadelphia's

art and artists from 11 am to 12 pm on **May 16**. To register today, visit bit.ly/dpcwoodmere. The cost is \$10/adult, \$7/senior, and free for all members. Payment directly to the museum can be made by cash or credit card upon arrival. This event is sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry Committee. Self-guided tours are also available.



On Sunday, **May 12**, the Earth Care Team presents the first of a three-part series titled **Stewarding God's Creation** which will offer information about a variety of topics as well as simple tips that can

help you live a more environmentally conscious lifestyle. On Mother's Day, visit the bridge for "Love Your Mother! (Mother Earth, Too!)" where stations will highlight the importance of native plants in climate mitigation. The first 50 visitors will receive a native plant. Keep watch for dates and details of the next two installments in the series and, as always, visit www.dtownpc.org/peace-justice for frequent Earth Care updates and resources.



Memorial Day Street Picnic! We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown on **May 27**.

Be sure to stop by, outside the church, for food and fun with your fellow DPC members. Bring your friends and family! We are putting out a call for anyone who may be interested in volunteering by donating snacks or helping to prepare, serve, or set up for the event. To see the current needs and available volunteer roles, please visit bit.ly/DPC-MDP.

Children and Youth Sunday School

9:30 - 10:15 am in Andrews Hall

DPC Nursery: Open to children 9 months to 2 ½

Little Lambs: Ages 2 ½ to 4 ½ in the Nursery

Younger Elementary: Ages 4 ½ to 3rd grade in Room 211

CONNECT: Grades 4, 5, and 6 in Room 203

Confirmation: Open to Grades 8+ in Room 209

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to 4 ½

Children's Worship Time (ages 4 to 3rd grade) in Room 207

CWT+ (grades 4 to 6) in Room 203

Evening Groups for Kids and Youth

Wednesday Club

All kids in 2nd through 6th Grade. Wednesdays. Choir/Bells @5pm, Dinner, faith and fun @5:30 - 7:15 pm. **This week:** Wednesday club finishes off the season with an amazing party at Bush Park with food and fun!

Element Youth Group: Grades 7 - 12

Bells/Choir @5pm, Dinner @5:45, Fellowship @6:15 - 7:30 pm

This week: Element, choir and bells are off this week as we look forward to our season-ending party next Sunday as we celebrate our time together!

Adult Education Offerings

Bible Talk! 9:30 am on Zoom and in-person, AH-120

We explore Scripture and will take a closer look at our understanding of Christ with guest speakers each Sunday. **This week:** Guest Speaker George Laurence and his daughter, Stacey, share her amazing story of recovery, healing and restoration.

Good News and the Other News

9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library

This week: After months of delay and controversy, the U.S. House of Representatives passed critical bills authorizing foreign aid to Ukraine, Israel and the Indo-Pacific, under the gavel of Republican Mike Johnson. Johnson, a relatively unknown four-term congressional representative from Louisiana, surprised many by his ability to find compromises that led to bipartisan consensus and pushed the legislation across the finish line. The news provides us with the opportunity to consider the topic of leadership development. *Led by Jenny Danzis.*

The Word Among Us - 9:15 am, AH-213

Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture and how we can use it in our own devotional times with God. **This week:** We continue exploring the Book of Revelation as we enter chapter 21.

Visit www.dtownpc.org/Sunday-morning for full details and weekly topics.

Confirmation

Youth Music

Helping with
Food Collection

Placing Wreaths
on African
American
Graves

Assisting in
the nursery,
Sunday School,
and VBS

Element
Youth Group

Youth
Deacons
and Elders

Lay Reading

Assisting with
Community
Meal

Matthew 25
Lunch and
Learn setup



Let's Celebrate the Many Ways that Youth are Involved at DPC!

May the youth continue to truly live into their calling for us to be as one body of Christ.

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