

All Are Welcome in God's House

September 1, 2024

9:30 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Amazing Grace
John Doran, voice and guitar

J. Newton

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us

and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 689

When the Morning Stars Together

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Prayer of Confession

God of tender care,

like a mother, you have fed and defended us,

protecting us from that which would destroy, blessing us with abundant fruitfulness.

Yet we live as though we were self-sufficient, leaning on our own understanding,

rather than trusting you with all our heart.

Show us your mercy in Christ Jesus.

Forgive our stubbornness.

Empower us to live by your Spirit in confident assurance that your designs for us are best,

your provisions most bountiful, and your glory our greatest joy.

Hear us as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response 581

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

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.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 111

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 562

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

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

Time with the Children

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

Anthem *I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You* A. Jackson
John Doran, voice and guitar

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during this time.)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 162
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Love's Labour's..." Rev. Pauline Sexton

*Affirmation of Faith — from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

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 *Fugue in Ab minor* J. Brahms

*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

*Benediction

*Postlude *Postlude* A. Guilmant

Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!
Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman; Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

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.

Join together for **lemonade and fellowship** after worship in the church yard.

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Nora Thao-Nhi Price, born on August 5, to Eric and Lilia Price. The proud DPC grandparents are Dwight and Janet Price.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my mom, Mildred Dienert by Darlene Crumley; and in honor of our father, Craig Eaton, on his birthday by the Tarnowsky, Eaton and Luchette families.



Let's Connect! Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? 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 camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.

Exciting News from the PNC. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has extended a call to a candidate for DPC's Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

Members are invited to attend a special Meet & Greet with the candidate in Fellowship Hall at **4 pm on Saturday, September 14.** Please RSVP by visiting bit.ly/DPCMEET. Childcare will be available with preregistration.

Then, on Sunday, **September 15**, the candidate will preach during our single 10:30 am worship service followed by a congregational meeting.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service on **September 15.** The purpose of the meeting is to:

- ♦ Hear the report of the PNC
- ♦ Vote to approve the call and the terms of call for the candidate for Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
- ♦ If the way be clear, thank and dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee

This congregational meeting will be available on ZOOM for members (details to follow). This promises to be a significant gathering for this body of faith. We hope you can join us!

SESSION

Moderator - Tom Kort **Clerk** - Linda Cacossa

Class of 2025

Molly Blore
Dave Buday
Christo Claassens
DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Hamilton
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Caroline Roland
Kristen Roland

Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson
Frank Fabian
Sue Haldeman
Julie McCormack
Melissa Shaw
Marty Starner
Mark Strasburg
Marilyn Weichman

Class of 2027

Linda Cacossa
Joanne Chaikin
Luray Gross
Terry Herring
Scott Nichols
Jeannie Quist
George Segelken
Lindsay Shull

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator - Dot Fabian

Class of 2025

Mark Chaikin
Sharon Cummings
Dot Fabian
Trip Fisher
Jason Huggins
Alyssa Lewis
Nancy Nelson
Carol Tettermer
Quin Tettermer

Class of 2026

Michele Hoffman
Anne Hutchinson
Sibele Johnson
David Martin
Amy Pujols
Pamela Heck Rauh
Kristin Shields

Class of 2027

Karen Cameron
Jen Drollette
Kathy Maclin
Kevin O'Hare
Cheryl Osgood
Steve Quist

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort, *Transitional Pastor*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Rev. Pauline J. Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

Kira Adelman, *Nursery Worker*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Member Engagement Coordinator*

Dalia Hamilton, *Nursery Worker*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Jamie Neal, *Princeton Theological Seminarian*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*



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