

All Are Welcome in God's House

September 29, 2024

10:30 am

Nineteenth 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

I Surrender All

arr. G. Howlett

Call to Worship

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

How majestic is your name, in all the earth!

Praise be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, who calls us to be one people!

O Lord, our God,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess that we have not lived for your glory.

**You came to love and save the world,
but we condemn others in your name.**

**You send us out to tell good news,
but we hide from our calling in fear.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Give us new life in your Spirit
so that we may serve you faithfully,
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

** 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 Rooms 203 and 207, across the bridge, following worship.)

Anthem *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* arr. Undine Smith Moore
Chancel Choir

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.
If Jesus himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*There will be no trials there.
If Jesus himself shall lead us.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

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

New Testament Lesson: Romans 14:1-12
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 162

Sermon "Forgiveness. Can You Imagine It?" Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

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.)

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates
to begin their service in June of 2025.

On the horizon, we are beginning to see glimpses of a new phase at DPC, as we wait for the arrival of a new senior pastor. What an exciting time to be a leader of this church, either as an elder or a deacon. Doylestown Presbyterian needs you to consider nominating yourself or a fellow member. We are looking for some able, gifted persons with strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (from the *Book of Order*).

It is essential that the committee recommends individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are critical to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Molly Blore, Allen Childs, Dot Fabian, Honor Hamilton, Terry Herring (moderator), Shelby Gaudio, Larry King, Kathy McQuate, and Rich Smith. **The deadline for submitting nominations is October 7.**

Candidate's Name

Qualification and Attributes:

Additional comments:

Examples of Leadership and/or faithful
Discipleship:

Your name:



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