

# All Are Welcome in God's House

December 1, 2024

10:30 am

## First Sunday of Advent

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

*The Angel Gabriel*  
Chamber Choir

arr. Gerald Near

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "Thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!  
"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!  
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!  
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John Merry

This Advent we are pondering the names of Jesus.

Today, as we light the first advent candle, we remember that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Let us ponder God's light through the words of Psalm 27.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

*(Lighting of the Candle)*

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord,**

**you have called us out of darkness, and made us to see your light.**

**Your word is true, yet we don't always believe it**

**and we are even further from understanding it.**

**Are we listening? Do we see?**

**Help us by the power of your spirit to walk in your light.**

**Show us the way and forgive our sins.**

**Empower us to walk in your light.**

**Hear us as we silently confess our sin...**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

**Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond

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

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ  
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

Two systems of musical notation for a congregational response. The first system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body." The second system also has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Come, O Lord... Jesus; rec-on-cile all people." The music consists of a melody line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef.

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 202 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:7-12  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 577

Anthem

*King Jesus hath a Garden*  
Chancel Choir

Stephen Cleobury

*King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,  
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.  
Refrain: There naught is heard but paradise bird, Harp, dulcimer, lute  
with cymbal, trump and tymbal,  
And the tender, soothing flute.  
The lily, white in blossom there, is chastity:  
The violet, with sweet perfume, humility. (Refrain)  
The bonny damask rose is known as patience:  
The blithe and thrifty marigold, obedience. (Refrain)  
The crown imperial bloomers too in yonder place,  
'Tis charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. (Refrain)  
Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim  
The Star of Bethlehem Jesus blessed be His Name! (Refrain)  
Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,  
Make thou my heart a garden plot, fair, trim and neat.  
That I may hear this music clear: Harp dulcimer, lute,  
With cymbal, trump and tymbal, And the tender soothing flute.*

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

New Testament Lesson: John 8:12-20  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 101

Sermon

“Light of the World”

Rev. Becca Bateman

Song of Reflection

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

*The People that Walked in Darkness*  
Brandon Bell, Baritone; DPC String Trio

G.F. Handel

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:  
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to brightness of thy rising.  
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel*

Alec Rowley



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

**Assisting:** Jamie Neal, Seminarian **Lay Leader:** Tom Maclin

**In the spirit of worship,** we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- Children are welcomed in worship. There is also a 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.

**New Life!** The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Cillian Wayne Guthrie, born on November 18, to Aine and Darren Guthrie.

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Ron Shaw on the death of his father, Ronald Lewis Shaw, on November 21. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

**A Note from Rev. Pauline Sexton:** Thank you, thank you, thank you – for a joyous, and overwhelming outpouring of love and gratitude last Sunday. I will hold you all in my heart with deep thanksgiving, always.

Join together for **coffee, tea, and refreshments** on the bridge between worship services each Sunday.

**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](http://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.



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