

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 – 8:30 am
Rev. Becca Bateman, preaching
Jamie Neal, assisting; Jeffrey Finley, lay leading

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

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

The Scala Family

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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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)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:7-12

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 577

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

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

Anthem

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.*

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

New Testament Lesson: John 8:12-20

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 101

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

Sermon

“Light of the World”

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.

*Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel

Alec Rowley

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In the spirit of worship, we remind you to please silence your cellphones.

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 or want to share a joy or concern? 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.



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