

All Are Welcome in God's House

December 15, 2024

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the center aisle 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

Or nous dites Marie

A. Guilmant

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John and Diana Gibb

This Advent we are pondering the names of Jesus.

Today, as we light the third advent candle, we remember that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Let us ponder God's peace through Psalm 83.

**Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people,
to the faithful, to those who turn their hearts to God.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

(Lighting of the Candles)

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you are the source of peace. We seek your mercy.

For we have not sought to ground ourselves in your peace.

Instead, we have been ruled by anxiety and fear.

We have pointed out the speck in another's eye without looking at the log in our own.

We have cast blame and shallow labels instead of reconciling grace.

We are sorry and see our need for the Prince of Peace.

Hear us as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

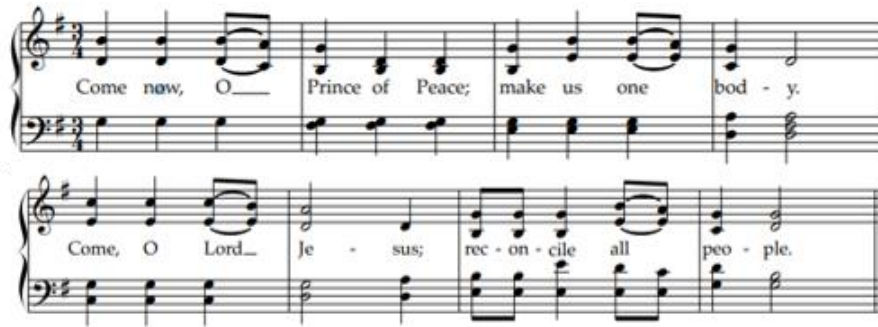
Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

*Congregational Response



*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.**

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.)

First Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 198

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

Anthem

For Unto Us a Child Is Born (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Chancel Choir and Strings

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

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

Second Scripture Lesson: John 16:25-33

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 111

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

Sermon

"The Names of Jesus: The Prince of Peace"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

—Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7 (Responsive)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Hymn 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

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

O Magnum Mysterium (O Great Mystery)
Eileen Telly, Violin and Mina Choi, Organ

Morton Lauridsen

*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 360

Christ Is Coming!
Verses 1,3,4

UNSER HERRSCHER

*Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in C

J.S. Bach

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Van Starner

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). For those seeking a quieter worship experience, visit the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary, to view the livestream.

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Michael Evans Gray, born on November 27, to Katherine and Michael Gray. The proud DPC grandparents are Jay and Barbarea Belding.

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

2025 Offering Envelopes. People give to DPC in many ways: some give electronically, some put checks or cash in the offering plate, some are mailed, and others use the offering box envelopes. All methods of giving are a wonderful gift to DPC. If you have a box for 2024, we have designated a 2025 offering envelope box for you. They are now available to be picked up outside the church office. If you didn't have envelopes this year, and would like to have a box for 2025, please add your name to the list outside the office or contact Linay Richards – linayr@dtownpc.org. She will assign a box for you to pick up the following Sunday.

Christmas Flowers

The special Christmas flowers and decorations in our Sanctuary, and the wreaths on our doors and on the veteran graves in our graveyard are made possible through contributions of individuals and families in memory or honor of loved ones.

In Loving Memory Of

Our parents and grandparents by Joanne and Rich Arculin

Patricia Distel Gavaghan; and Susan K. and Charles E. Arnold by Maureen and Scott Arnold

Sture and Alice Bengtson; and Robert and Mabel Pinkerton by Bruce and Linda Bengtson

Bill Bishop (U.S. Army), George and Verna Bishop, and Marvin and Frances Kircher by Anne K. Bishop

Albert and Doris Muth, Albert Muth, Jr., Wm. Muth, Gary Muth, and James Muth

by Allison and Manny Carrico

Yat-Shu and Ming Chang by Judy Chang Cody and family

Ronald Pratt, Kathy Purring, and Walter Baron by Ronnalee and Rob Colantonio

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Drapeau, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Cox, and Mr. Harry W. Cox (Bill) by DeeDee Cox

Stewart and Miriam Montgomery by Naomi and David Darville

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deibert, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Douglass, Mr. James Douglass, and Mr. Jack Fisher,

by Roger and Sally Deibert

Filippo DiClemente by Phil and Stephanie DiClemente

David W. DiOrio by Nancy DiOrio

Our parents and grandparents by the Eaton, Luchette, and Tarnowsky families

Jean Torongo, Margie Torongo, Dotti Beck, and Gene Beck by Frank and Dot Fabian

Angela Felt, Linda Felt, Brian Richardson, and Ed Hensler by Leland and Hope Felt

Michael A. Fisher and John R. Fisher, Jr. by Tripp Fisher

Lou Tomasetti (U.S. Navy) and Jake Frater (Army Air Force) by Diane Frater

Gina Garretson, Jane Garretson, and Richard Garretson, Jr. by Craig Garretson

Greg Gelcius by Linda Gelcius, Alex Gelcius, and Allison Harrington

Lee Willard and Linda Felt by Linda Goodwin

Loved ones by Galen and Janet Hays

Robert and Frances Hutchinson by Anne Hutchinson

Judy Irwin

Anthony Jardine, Louise Jardine Williams, and Norman Williams by D. Lindsay and Mary Jane Jardine

Norman and Regina Keeley; and Herman Weiskopf by the Keeley family

Ronald Thomas Keller (U.S. Air Force) by Kim Keller

Fran and Tom Maclin; and Jack Belle by Tom and Kathy Maclin

Lawrence K. Mann (U.S. Army) by Judith L. Mann and family

Sean M. Flynn, Barbara J. Flynn, James M. Flynn, and David W. Martin, Jr. by David, Maureen,

Adeline, and Finley Martin

Jeffrey McMullin by Bob and Geri McMullin

Dolores Fertig, Anna and Jack Merry (U.S. Marines, Merchant Marines, and Coast Guard)

and Bev and Tillie Lyons, by John and Chris Merry

Charlotte Kane and Elzada James Lukens by Doug and Kaye Mohline

Jayne Reddie by Joanne Morris

My dad and sister-in-law by Kim Mowry
Charles Robert Heath (U.S. Air Force) and Michael B. O'Connor (U.S. Army) by William J. and Holly Heath Mullin
Jo-Anne and Vince Nardo (U.S. Army) and Irene Bruzda by the Nardo family
Nannette Benson Nicol by Nancy Nelson
Libby White by Scott Nichols
Ann May and Judy Cochran by the Jamie O'Keefe family
John and Doris Frymoyer, and Glenn Frymoyer by Janet Price and family
Alex Pujols by Mayo, Amy, and Jason Pujols
Marion and Lewis Bain by Jeannie and Steve Quist
Tara L. Riedley by Ginny, Roger, and Chad Riedley
Marjorie and Dwight Moorhead; Margaret and Edward Schanbacker; Evelyn Moorhead Bolehala;
by Sharon and Skip Schanbacker
Peggy and Fred Segelken (U.S. Navy); Mona and Art Schwer (U.S. Army) by the Segelken and Bishop families
Arleen Johnson and Audrey Johnson by Brian and Christina Shadle
James Paccioretti by Deirdre Shaffer
Kathy Mahanes by Dody and George Shaw
John and Mary Valiant; and Roy and Lillian Shull by Art and Mary Shull
Elaine and J. Wallace Smith by Richard Smith and family
Our parents by Marty and Van Starner
Paul L. Stevens by Cathy Stevens and family
James and Eleanor Innes and William and Sylvia Strasburg by Mark and Pam Strasburg
Tom Swartley by Ginny Swartley
My dad by Eileen Telly
Ethel and George Tettermer, Jr. (U.S. Marine Corps), and George and Janet Nisula by the Tettermer family
Dr. John Tomlinson (U.S. Navy) by Joy Tomlinson
Thornton and Jean Vandersall by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson
Phil Waldron (U.S. Army) by Joanne Waldron
Gene Weichman by Marilyn Weichman
Shirley George by Mark and Candi Young and family

In Honor Of

Cara J. Ament and Bennet B. Ament by George and Lynn Ament
James Gavaghan and our children Ben, Jillian, and Colin by Maureen and Scott Arnold
James, Sheryl and Luciano Darville; Elisha, Brian and Ivy Gillette by Naomi and David Darville
Craig and Nancy Eaton by the Eaton, Luchette, and Tarnowsky families
Glenn Frater (U.S. Navy Reserve) by Diane Frater
The 1st anniversary of Lauren and Josh Smith by Linda Goodwin
Raleigh, Delaney, and Chase by Bill and Nancy Jones
John Carl Jarrels (U.S. Navy) by William J. and Holly Heath Mullin
Frank Bruzda (U.S. Army) by the Nardo family
Lucky O'Keefe by the Jamie O'Keefe family
Our grandchildren by Marty and Van Starner
Emily, Andrew, Evan Grace, Parker James and Christopher by Mark and Pam Strasburg
Our children and grandchildren by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson
My family by Joanne Waldron
Kathryn, John, Abby and Jake Markloff; Meredith, Ed, Evie and Finn Gapsis by Marilyn Weichman



FOOD DRIVE &
COMMUNITY MEAL



December 15
1:30 pm

Free-will
Offering

www.dtownpc.org

Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs **today** from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry and help those in need. Following the later worship service we join together at noon for our monthly Community Meal with our own congregation, community members and homeless guests.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols: DPC's music ensembles shine the light of Christ in this beloved annual tradition **today** at 1:30 pm. Celebrate the Christmas season with the whole family and enjoy this unforgettable experience.



**DPC Dads'
Drive-Thru
Nativity**

Drive-Thru Nativity. On Friday, **December 20**, travel down Mechanics Street between 5:30 and 6:30 pm to be transported to Bethlehem from the comfort of your own car! Experience the sights, sounds, and animals along the way!

Christmas Eve

WORSHIP AT DPC

3:00 pm - Nativity and Candlelight Service

5:00 pm - Candlelight Service
(Special music by the Youth Choir, Childcare available)

8:00 pm - Candlelight Communion
(Special music by the Chancel Choir, Livestream available)



Join in this intergenerational Worship Service featuring the Christmas story, pausing for singing, lighting of the wreath, and a message about how the true meaning of Christmas is a theme for all year round.



Wearing your DPC name tags is not only a great way to help our new Pastor match names and faces, but it's also a wonderful way to connect with visitors, new members, and each other! If you have a name tag, try to wear it whenever you attend worship or an event. For more information about the tags, contact Elaine in the church office. 215-348-3531 or elainek@dtownpc.org.



Give Blood, Save Lives. DPC will be hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, **December 30** from 11 am - 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. To sign up, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code "Doylestown presby" or email dpc@dtownpc.org with the subject "Blood Drive."



Community Labyrinth Walk. Stop by the Community Labyrinth near the Michener Museum in Doylestown (Corner of Ashland and Pine Streets) between 5 and 6 pm on **December 31** to join Pastor Mac Schafer in a meditative exercise in prayer.



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Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love

Children and Youth Sunday School

9:30 - 10:15 am in Andrews Hall

DPC Nursery: Open to children 9 months to 2

Little Lambs: Ages 2 to kindergarten in the Nursery

Younger Elementary: 1st to 3rd grade in Room 211

CONNECT: Grades 4, 5, and 6 in the Youth Room (202)

Confirmation: Open to Grades 8+ in Room 209

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to age 4

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

CWT+ (grades 4 to 6) in Room 202

Evening Groups for Children and Youth

Celebration Choir/Wednesday Club

All children in 2nd through 6th Grade. Wednesdays. Choir/Bells @5pm, Dinner, faith and fun @5:30 - 7:15 pm. **This week:** We continue to prepare for the Christmas Eve Family Nativity and Candlelight Service.

DPC Youth: Grades 7 - 12

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

This week: No music rehearsal or Element Youth Group. We encourage you to support the Youth Choir as they sing during the Festival of Lessons and Carols today at 1:30 pm!

Adult Education Offerings

Good News and Other News

9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library, AH

Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith.

This week: Five years after a devastating fire, the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is reopening to the public. The restoration of this beautiful and historic worship space gives us an opportunity to focus on recovery, restoration, and the role sacred places play in the Christian faith. *Led by Jenny Danzis.*

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

The Word Among Us focuses this season on the Book of Luke. Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture and how we can use it in our own devotional times with God. *Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen.*

Be sure to check www.dtownpc.org for all the latest events and educational opportunities across our ministries for all ages.