

# All Are Welcome in God's House

February 16, 2025

8:30 am

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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

*Prelude in F*

George Muffat

\*Call to Worship

— from John 7:37b-38

While Jesus was standing there, he cried out:

**"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."**

As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Hear us as we silently confess our sins...**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit. **Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond

First Scripture Lesson: John 4:1-15  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 94

Anthem

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
Chamber Choir

arr. Paul Tate

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

Prayer of Illumination

**Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Scripture Lesson: John 4:16-30  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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Sermon

“Light In the Darkness: The Woman at the Well”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Prayers of the People and 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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata*

Gaston Bélier

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## Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

**Assisting:** Rev. Dr. Mina Choi and Jamie Neal, Seminarian

**Ways to give:** Offering boxes are located at the doors in the front and back of the sanctuary. To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.

**New Life!** The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Kane Edward Anthony, born on February 6, to Joseph and Nancy Anthony, the proud DPC grandparents are John and Linda Schumann; and Jack Everett Colon, born on February 8, to Steve and Danielle Colon, the proud DPC grandparents are of Jim and Maura Duncan and Jules and Karen Colon.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Ming Jen Wu Chang by her daughter, Judy Chang Cody and her family.

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



### Earth Care Action.

Join the DPC Earth Care Action Team in February as we look at our individual carbon footprint and view some actions to take that can mitigate climate change. Be sure to visit the Celtic Cross Room or near the bridge beginning **today** to check it out!



**Code Blue.** DPC is hosting the Code Blue shelter in February, and we continue to need assistance in keeping the shelves stocked. If you would like to purchase groceries, sign up

here: [bit.ly/DPC-CBG](http://bit.ly/DPC-CBG). Thank you for supporting this critical effort!



**Growth Groups.** Some new groups are beginning soon and many ongoing groups welcome new members. Be sure to visit

[www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups](http://www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups) to view the full list. There is something for everyone, so take a minute to explore and see what fits your schedule and spiritual needs.



Second Baptist Church of Doylestown has also invited our congregation to visit a traveling exhibit presented by the **Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery** at 12:30 pm **today** at Second Baptist at 6055 Swamp Road in Doylestown.



### Community Meal.

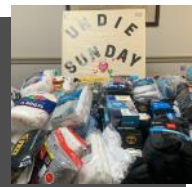
Please join us following worship **today** at 12 noon for our monthly Community Meal

with our own congregation and community members. All are welcome!



Noted author, radio host, and award-winning sports columnist **Mike Sielski** will be joining us in Ruth I. Hughes Library at 9:30 to 10:15 am on **Sunday, February 23**. He will discuss his new book *Magic in the Air: The Myth, the Mystery, and the Soul of the Slam Dunk*. The book, according to its description on

Amazon.com, "brings to life the tale of the dunk while balancing sharp socio-racial history and commentary with a romp through American sports and culture. There's never been a basketball book quite like it." Mike, a Doylestown resident, will be available to answer questions and sign copies of *Magic in the Air* which will be available for sale thanks to Doylestown Bookshop.



**Undie Sunday is back again!** Let's help the people of the Bethel Presbyterian Church community by donating new women's and men's underwear (sizes S-3X) and children's socks. Donation boxes are located in the lobby of Andrews Hall,

just inside the Mechanics Street entrance to the sanctuary, and in the front narthex by the red doors. All donations should be received by **February 23**.



Join in the Celtic Cross Room for a special Family Movie Night **today** from 4 to 6 pm as we watch *The Wild Robot!* Kids of all ages will enjoy this exciting, heartfelt adventure. Grown-ups are asked to stay for the movie too as this is not a drop-off event. Snacks will be provided. This event is presented by the Children's Ministry Committee.



**Fat Sunday!** Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 2** as we prepare of the season of Lent with a Mardi Gras celebration for all ages! We'll gather in Fellowship Hall following the 10:30

service for a pancake lunch, jazz music, mask-making, and a parade led by the kids! Visit [bit.ly/DPCFATSUNDAY](http://bit.ly/DPCFATSUNDAY) today to RSVP for lunch or to volunteer to help out!

## 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)

**Youth Bible Study:** Grades 9-12 in Room 203

**Confirmation:** Open to Grades 8+ in Celtic Cross Room

## 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,

Food, faith and fun @5:30 - 6:30 pm

**This week:** We continue working on a skit and song with the theme "God's Story and Your Story."

### DPC Youth: Sundays, Grades 7 - 12

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

**This week:** We spend time together volunteering with the Code Blue Shelter.

## 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:** Retired municipal court judge Frank Caprio, 88, of Providence, Rhode Island, just published his memoir. Most of the defendants appearing before Caprio were facing misdemeanor charges for minor infractions of the law. Before rendering any decision, he took time to listen to their stories to better understand what brought them to his court. How do we determine judgement and justice?

*Led by Jay Stough.*

### 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 a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.*

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