



Doylestown  
Presbyterian Church

Restore  
Unto  
Me  
the  
Joy...



LENT 2025

# All Are Welcome in God's House

March 23, 2025

8:30 am

## Third Sunday in Lent

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

*We Gather Together*

arr. Healey Willan

\*Call to Worship

based on Psalm 42:1-2, John 6:35

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!**

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life.

**Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 393

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Litany of Lent

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil. Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

*(Silence)*

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance

**that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 196

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

Sermon

“Joy is a Defiant Act”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Welcome to the Lord’s Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God says...

**I love you.**

You are loved. God says...

**I forgive you.**

You are forgiven. God says...

**Supper’s ready.**

You are invited to supper...

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*(We will share in communion by intinction. You will be invited to come down the center aisle by an usher, receive a gluten free wafer, dip the wafer into the cup, eat as you return by the side aisle to your seat. If you unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.)*

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Psalm 19*

Marcello

# Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

**Assisting:** Jamie Neal, Seminarian

**Ways to give:** Offering boxes are located at the door in the front of the sanctuary and on the table beneath the rear stained glass windows. To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.

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

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Bill and Larry Melsky and Lorraine Melsky Broomall by Sue and Tom Haldeman; and in loving honor of our mom, Kay Benkert, on her 85th birthday and in loving memory of our dad, Bill Benkert, by Brynne, Michael, Lauren, and Jules Hunter.

**Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.** All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.” We encourage you to share in this meal of God’s people with us.



**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.dtownnpc.org](http://www.dtownnpc.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.

## SESSION

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