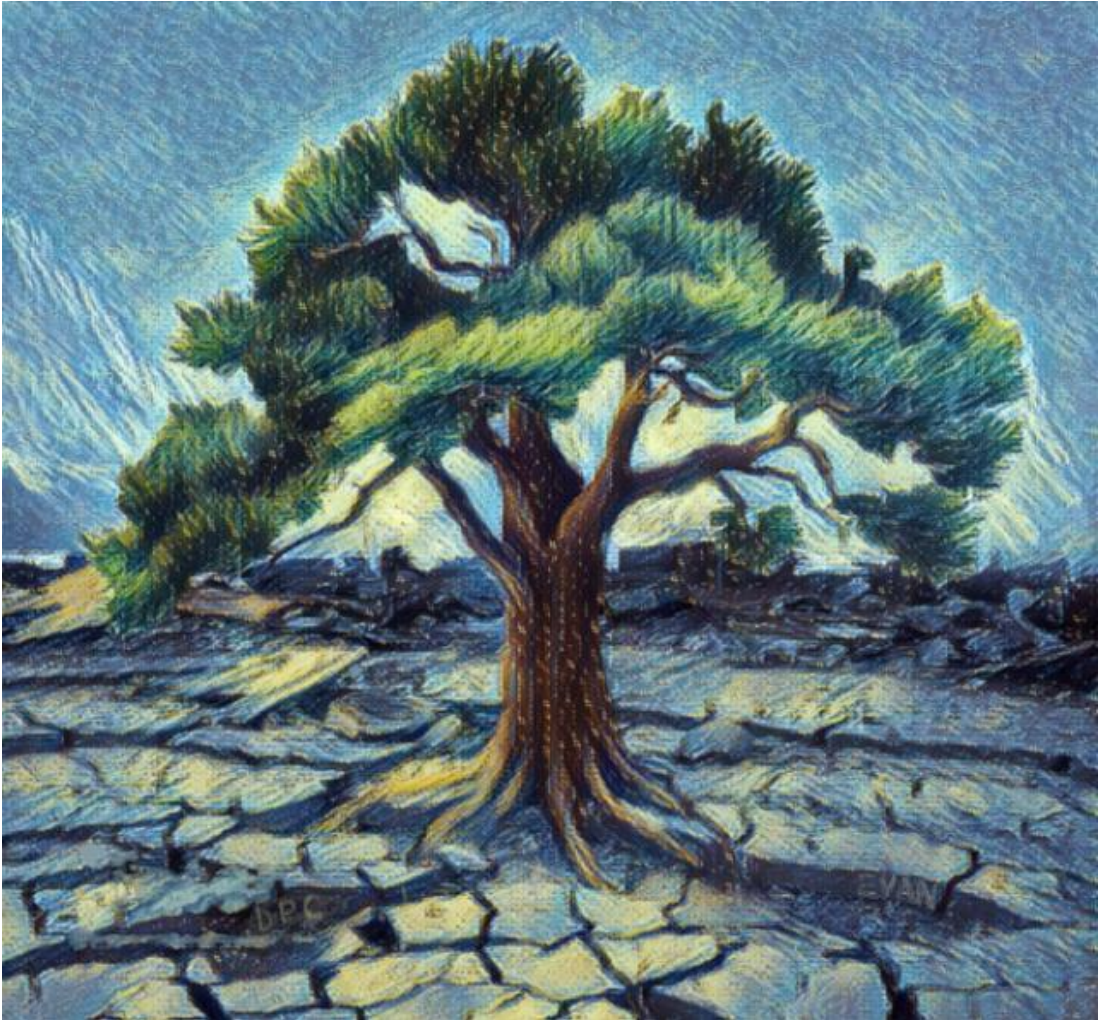


Doylestown Presbyterian Church  
Youth Sunday  
May 4, 2025 – 10:30 am



This artwork is based on a youth reflection of Jeremiah 17:7-8. The world can feel like fractured ground, shifting, unstable, and uncertain. Yet, as people of faith, we believe in a God who has always been present, always loved, and always cared for us.

— Artwork by Evan

# All Are Welcome in God's House

May 4, 2025

10:30 am

## Third Sunday of Easter

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

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Festival Ringers

arr. John A. Behnke

\*Call to Worship

Charlie and Kyle

Come, all who are weary, all who seek a place to rest,  
come, all who long to grow deeper in faith and love.

**We come to be rooted in the presence of God,  
who nourishes our souls.**

Like trees planted by streams of water we send out our roots in trust and hope.

We come to stand firm in God's Word, grounded in love, and unshaken by the winds of life.

**Here, in this sacred space, we find strength, we find purpose, we find belonging.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

\*Hymn 731

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm*

REPTON

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Lucy

**Creator God,**

**we acknowledge the ways we have strayed from being rooted in your truth and love.**

**We confess that we often seek stability in things that cannot sustain us.**

**We rely on fleeting comforts and build our lives on shallow foundations.**

**Forgive us for the times we have sought care apart from you.**

**Renew us, O God.**

**Replant us in your grace, anchor us in your love, and help us to grow deep roots in faith.**

**By your mercy, transform us into people who delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
bearing fruit for your kin-dom.**

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

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth

Friends, hear and believe 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 243

*Be Not Afraid*



\*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Elizabeth

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

Time with the Children

Connect Sunday School Class

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.*

*Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)*

A Time of Reflection

*What grounds you in life?*

*(Ushers will collect the blue prayer request cards during the anthem.)*

Anthem

*Sing Alleluia*

Youth Choir

Victor Johnson

*Sing alleluia, alleluia! Sing alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Lift your voice and sing a joyful song of praise. Alleluia!*

*Sing alleluia, alleluia! Sing alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Let your joyful songs of triumph now raise. Alleluia!*

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth now be glad.*  
*Let the mighty waves of the sea clap their hands.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia. Clap your hands, sing alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayer of Illumination

Rebecca

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 719

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 2:6-7

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 200

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

Messages

Caroline, Kaylie, Evan

Prayers of the People

Katherine

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Kate

**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

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Youth Choir

\*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**  
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jane

## Service of Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands

Rev. Becca Bateman, Glenn Haas, Larry King  
Annie, Carina, Madelyn, Ryan, Sumner, Tyler, William

Proclamation of Personal Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce  
evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and  
love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God’s help.**

Vow of Membership

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry  
through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to  
be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God’s help.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Collected from Statements of Faith  
from the Confirmands*

\*Hymn 361

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

\*Benediction

Jules

\*Postlude

*Tetrachord*  
Evan, Arrangement and Piano

# Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

**Today is Youth Sunday!** Today's worship services are led by our DPC Youth. There are letters set out on the bridge for all of the volunteers who run our children's and youth programs. We encourage everyone to spend a moment to notice how many leaders it takes to create meaningful relationships with all of our young people. We also would love for each of you to sign the letters to show our congregation's appreciation of all the time and talents these volunteers give each week. If you would like to get involved with our children or youth programs in any way, let us know, too! Be sure to visit the Children and Youth sections of [www.dtownpc.org](http://www.dtownpc.org) to sign up for DPC Summer Camp (VBS and ActingUP Drama) and see the summer calendar for Youth events!

## Celebrate our 2025 Graduates and Confirmands!

High School: Nick Bonargo, Cam Davis, Logan Ford, Emma Heim, Jules Hunter, Collin Jones, Malakai Moore, Kaylie Polchan, Caroline Rawlings, Evan Spadt, Alexis To, Ryan Veverka, Anna Willard


College: James Baker, Tessa Bensing, Julia Bowe, Paige Daniels, Henning Fenner, Brooke Gormley, Julia Hopely, Teagan Logue, Madison Massaro, Grace Maund, Lindsay Miller, Jayden Morris, Jason Pujols, Gavin Richards, Tory Schafer, George Sigety, Emma Tantum

Confirmands: Annie, Carina, Madelyn, Ryan, Sumner, Tyler, William

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my parents, Elenor and Edgar Holstein, by Linda Sheasley and family.

Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or visit the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary for a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity.

Confirmation	Assisting in the nursery, Sunday School, and VBS	Assisting with Community Meal
Youth Music		Solos in Worship
Helping with Food Collection	Element Youth Group	Mission Trips
Placing Wreaths on African American Graves	Deacons and Elders	
	Lay Reading	



Let's Celebrate the Many Ways that Youth are Involved at DPC!  
May the youth continue to truly live into their calling for us to be as one body of Christ.





**DPC at the Ballpark.** DPC is taking over Citizens Bank Park on Friday, **June 20** at 6:45 pm against the Mets. 75 tickets have been reserved in Section 304, in the outfield. **May 5** is the last day to reserve your tickets!



**DPC Moms Meetup.** The moms gather for a casual night out on Friday, **May 9** at 7:00 pm at Hops/Scotch located in the Marketplace of Doylestown (22 S. Main Street). No RSVP required!



**Stewarding God's Creation Part 3.** Join on the bridge Sunday, **May 11**, as the Earth Care Group presents the final installment of this series with interactive stations on residential stormwater management, lawns, the impact of

climate change on oceans, a Youth survey corner, and more!



**Afternoon of Games.** All are invited to an afternoon of table games and fun on Wednesday, **May 14** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm! We'll enjoy the easy and exciting dice game FARKLE along with other classic games – but

feel free to bring your own too! BYO Lunch - Senior Adult Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. This is a free event and no gaming experience required!



**The Doylestown Community Food Collection** is back! We are seeking volunteers to help drop off shopping bags to about 750 homes in Doylestown Borough on **May**

**16.** Two days later, on **May 18**, volunteers will visit those same homes to pick up any bags filled with food as we help those in need through the Doylestown Food Pantry! Visit [bit.ly/DPC-CFC](http://bit.ly/DPC-CFC) to sign up today for this fun, rewarding experience!



**The Music of Benedict Sheehan.** Join in the sanctuary for an inspiring concert featuring 3x GRAMMY nominated composer and conductor Benedict Sheehan on Sunday, **May 18** at 4 pm.

This latest Celebrate the Arts event will include the unveiling of "Victory," a piece inspired in part by a poem written by longtime DPC member Miriam Montgomery, who passed away last year at age 102. Miriam was the grandmother of Benedict's wife Talia. Benedict will conduct the DPC Chancel and Bucks County Ecumenical Choir during this free concert. A free-will offering will be received. **Please note:** the previously scheduled strings and organ concert on May 4 has been cancelled.



**DPC Memorial Day Street Picnic.** We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown on **May 26**. Volunteers are

always needed and anyone who has helped in the past will tell you how fun and rewarding it can be. Visit [bit.ly/DPC-MDP](http://bit.ly/DPC-MDP) to see how you can help out and sign up today!



**DPC's Summer Camp happens July 7-11!** Sign your kids up today for the awesome and enriching VBS program in the morning! And, back by popular demand, older kids can also join in for ActingUP music and drama camp in the afternoon. For more information and to sign up today, visit [www.dtownnpc.org/summercamp2025](http://www.dtownnpc.org/summercamp2025)

## **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)

## **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 Kids and Youth**

### **Wednesday Club**

Our program year has wrapped up, but be sure to visit [www.dtownnpc.org](http://www.dtownnpc.org) for summer happenings including DPC Summer Camp (VBS and ActingUP Drama/Music) in July, and more!

### **Element Youth Group: Grades 6 - 12**

Element is finished for the program year but we see each other again in June for our Summer Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC and the Middle School Mission Week (MSMW) in August. Check in at [www.dtownnpc.org/youth](http://www.dtownnpc.org/youth) for other summer events!

## **Adult Education Offerings**

### **Good News and the Other News**

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

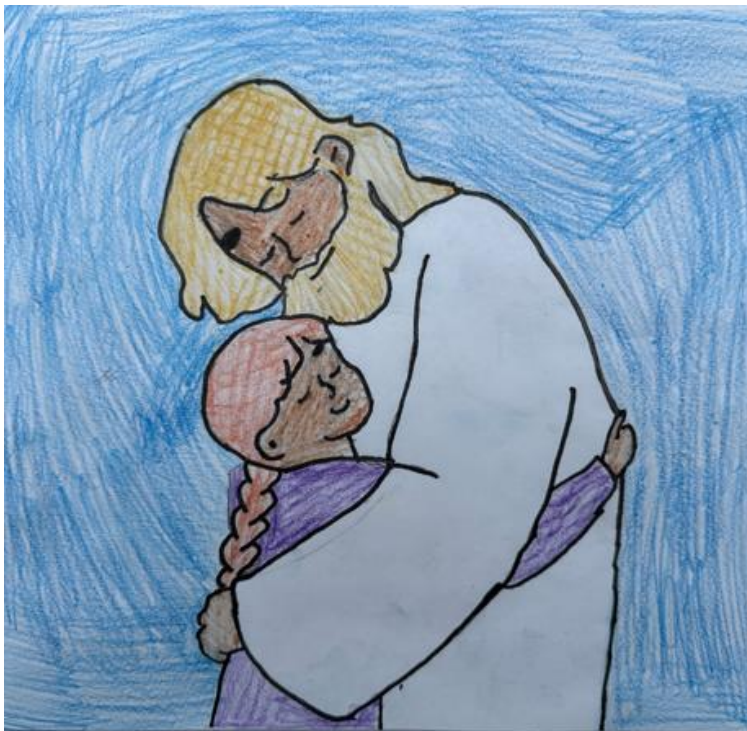
**This week:** The enforcement of REAL ID requirements for air travelers is coming up this week on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. In response, this installment of The Wired Word will focus on Christian identity, the marks of a true Christian, and how we can be identified as followers of Christ. Led by Jenny 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.*

*Visit [www.dtownnpc.org/Sunday-morning](http://www.dtownnpc.org/Sunday-morning) for full details and weekly topics.*



— Artwork by Sumner

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