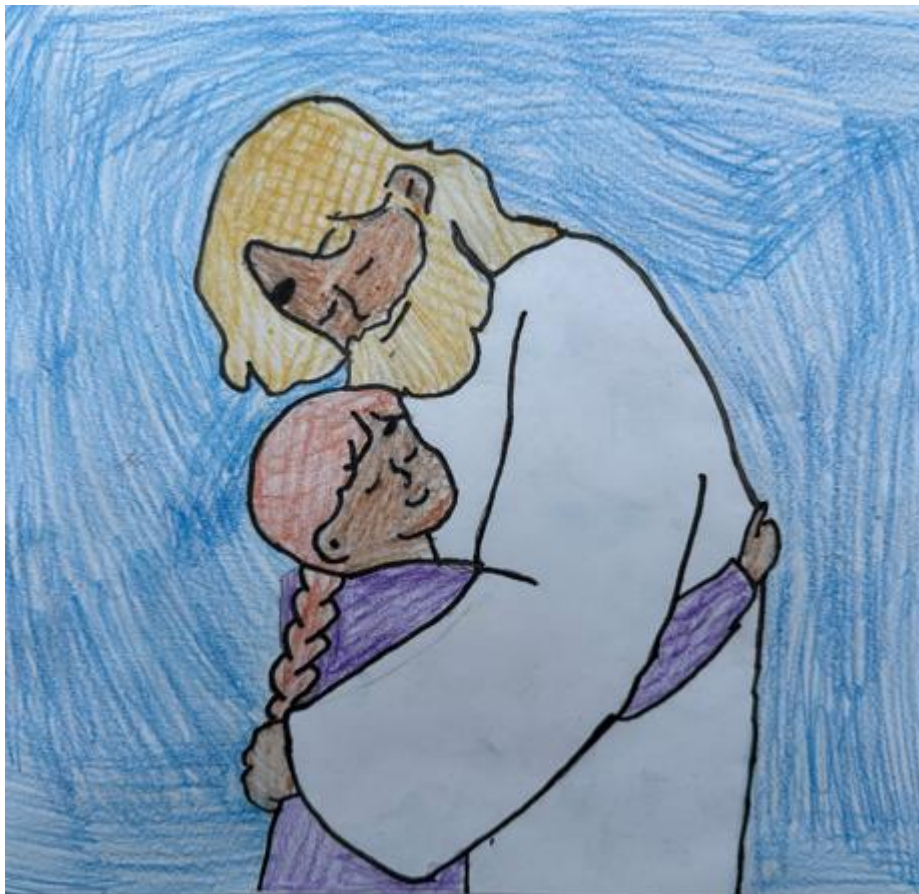


Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Youth Sunday
May 4, 2025 – 8:30 am



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 Sumner

All Are Welcome in God's House

May 4, 2025

8:30 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

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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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Baptism of Cillian Wayne Guthrie, child of Darren and Àine Guthrie

Elder Representative: Sue Haldeman

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

Anthem

Sing Alleluia

Victor Johnson

Youth Choir

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.

A Time of Reflection

What grounds you in life?

*Hymn 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*Benediction

Jules

*Postlude

Scherzo Duet
Jane, Flute, Mina Choi, Piano

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

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.

Today is Youth Sunday! Today's worship services are led by our DPC Youth. The Youth Committee and the Connections Task Force invite all members to the bridge for a special reception at 9:30 am. There are letters set out 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.dtownnpc.org to sign up for DPC Summer Camp (VBS and ActingUP Drama) and see the summer calendar for Youth events!

Confirmation

Youth Music

Helping with
Food Collection

Placing Wreaths
on African
American
Graves

Assisting in
the nursery,
Sunday School,
and VBS

Element
Youth Group

Deacons
and Elders

Lay Reading

Assisting with
Community
Meal

Solos in Worship

Mission Trips



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.



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 to sign up today for this fun, rewarding experience!



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 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 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.dtownpc.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.dtownpc.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.dtownpc.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.

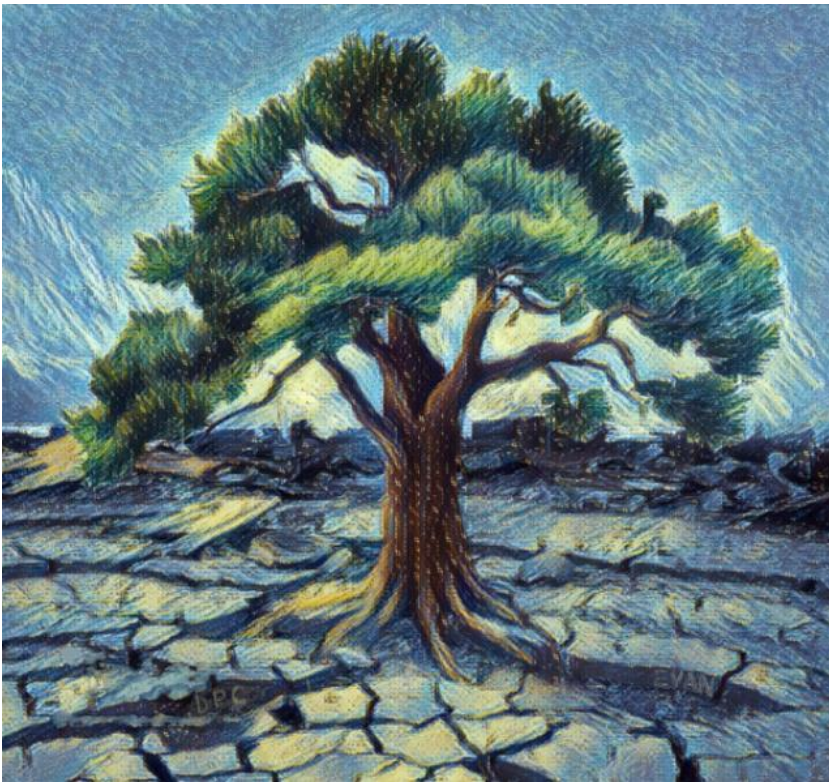
Led by Jenny Danzis.

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.dtownpc.org/Sunday-morning for full details and weekly topics.



—Artwork by Evan

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