



Pouring of the Spirit. Lauren Wright Pittman©

Doylestown Presbyterian Church Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025
9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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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.)

*Call to Worship

People of God, we gather in the great cloud of witnesses. Across centuries, languages, and lands—To worship the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

The Early Church. We remember the earliest believers. Gathered in homes, breaking bread, reading letters from Paul. Their courage laid the foundation of our faith.

We give thanks for their boldness and for the Spirit that moved among them.

The Church in the Middle Ages. We remember those who kept the light of faith burning. Transcribing and holding scripture as sacred.

We give thanks for their discipline and their devotion.

The Reformation. We remember those who reformed the Church, who opened the Scriptures to all who would hear.

We give thanks for their passion, their courage, and their call to renewal.

The Modern Church. We remember the Church Universal. In mission and in struggle, in new worshipping communities, in liberation movements and voices from the margins.

We give thanks for the Church that continues to rise up with the Spirit of Christ.

Let us now add our own voices to the worship that has echoed through the ages. Let us worship God who was, and is, and ever shall be.

Prelude

If Ye Love Me
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, e 'vn the spirit of truth.*

*Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Yes, Lord, let your face shine upon us in peace for our good, so that we may be sheltered by your mighty hand and delivered from every sin by your uplifted arm; deliver us as well from those who hate us unjustly. Give harmony and peace to us and to all who dwell on the earth, just as you did to our ancestors when they reverently called upon you in faith and truth, that we may be saved, while we render obedience to your almighty and most excellent name, and to our rulers and governors on earth.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Choral Response

Glory Be to the Father

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*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

Time with the Children

Candi Young

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

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

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who have me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
against all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-15

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 119

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

Sermon

“The Spirit Has Always Been Speaking”

Rev. Becca Bateman

*Affirmation of Faith

— from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 278

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

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

Meditation on ‘Veni Creator Spiritus

Paul Fey

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**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

*Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Congregational Meeting

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

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

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Terry Chapman; **Lay Leader:** Olivia Ferrara

Reverend Dr. Terry Chapman served in Presbyterian Churches in New Jersey for 26 years, and recently retired. He has also served churches in Pennsylvania and Edinburgh, Scotland. As a spiritual director, retreat leader, and poet, Terry has authored the book “Sabbath Pause” published in 2012. He has led numerous pilgrimages to Uganda, where he collaborates with an NGO working with children. Currently, Terry serves at The Center for Purposeful Leadership, where he focuses on The Art of Convening. He is also a leader in Illuman, an international men’s organization. Terry is a faculty member of Credo, an offering for Presbyterian Ministers. Terry is married to Dr. Jan Chapman, a new member of DPC who specializes in somatic approaches to trauma healing. Terry and Jan are parents to two young adults McKenzie and Nathaniel.

Today’s **Prayer of Confession** is from a letter to the Corinthians from Clement of Rome in the first century. Taken from *The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations*, 3rd ed., and trans. Michael W. Holmes (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007), 123-129.

Pentecost Offering. The DPC portion of the Pentecostal offering in June will go to the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) of Pakistan with funds designated for scholarships. The offering will be collected in worship today with online designations available throughout the month. PEB’s mission is to provide high-quality education deeply rooted in Christian principles to children, regardless of ethnic or religious background, or ability to pay. Its core values are to teach self-discipline, integrity, tolerance, respect for others, and fairness. PEB provides the human and financial resources necessary for educating children in mind, body and spirit.

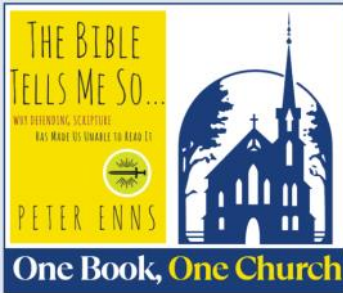
Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service **today**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the corporate officers, to elect congregational members to the Nominating Committee and to thank outgoing Elders and Deacons for their service. When joined with the distribution of the Annual Report and the unveiling of a video celebrating the 2024-25 Program Year, it promises to be a significant gathering for this body of faith.

New Life! The rosebuds in the chancel celebrate the births of Heidi Hill Harrington, born on May 14, to Allison and John Harrington, the proud DPC grandparents are Linda Gelcius and Dan Sonnelitter; and Luna Aurora Johnson, born on May 17, to Keensia Telly and John Johnson, the proud DPC grandparent is Eileen Telly.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of William Strasburg, on his birthday, and in celebration of our granddaughter, Evan Grace DiPietro, on her fourth birthday by Pam and Mark Strasburg; in loving memory of Donald Ermold by his wife, Carole; and in honor of our children and their spouses Molly, Erin and Josh, Abbi and Kyle, and our grandchildren, Elijah, Arleigh, Henry, and Winnie by Diane and Glenn Frater.

Join together for **lemonade and fellowship** after worship in the church yard. You can also browse the **Library table** and return or checkout books.

New visitors to DPC are invited to pick up a **Welcome Bag** available on the bridge and in the narthex inside the red doors. Thank you for joining us today!



Summer Growth Groups—One Book, One Church. This summer, DPC's Growth Groups will be reading *The Bible Tells Me So...* by noted biblical scholar, professor, and author **Peter Enns** in anticipation of his visit here on Sunday, **September 14**. *The Bible Tells Me So...* is widely available through all major online booksellers, likely at your own local bookstore or library, and audiobook. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase at the Doylestown Bookshop at a discounted price of \$14.41. We encourage you to pick up a copy as we build excitement for Peter's inspiring visit with us. Read along on your own and keep watch for touchpoints in



worship throughout the summer...Or join in a Growth Group to read and discuss with church members and friends. Groups will meet on various days and times. To see the list of groups and schedules and to **sign up today** just visit bit.ly/DPCGG2025



Feed My Starving Children. There are still spots left if you want to join the amazing crew already on board to combat global hunger through Feed My Starving Children's exciting meal packing event! We meet at Delaware Valley University on Sunday, **today, from 12 to 2 pm**. Visit bit.ly/DPC-FMSC to save your spot for this one of a kind, high energy experience! If you are unable to

perform jobs that require standing or moving around, there are still fun tasks that allow you to be sitting. Just let the organizers know when you arrive.



Juneteenth. DPC and the Matthew 25 Subcommittee are once again proud to sponsor this wonderful community gathering outside the Mercer Museum on **June 14 from 12 to 3 pm**. This event commemorates the anniversary of the date in 1865, when the last enslaved people in the United States learned that they had been

freed. We will celebrate this occasion with speakers, a DJ, food trucks, vendors and artisans, and family-friendly crafts and activities. The event is free to the public and will be held rain or shine. We encourage you to experience this unique time of unity and learning together!



DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs on **June 15**, from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry. Following the later worship service, also on **June 15**, we join together at 11 am in Fellowship Hall for our monthly **Community Meal** with our homeless guests. If you'd like to get involved, just click bit.ly/DPC-CM to sign up to volunteer—or just plan to stop by for lunch!



Summer Spiritual Renewal. Come for four meaningful mornings of connection, story, and song **June 16 through June 19** in the Celtic Cross Room. Each day includes music, interactive activities, and inspiring reflections. Pastor Mac and Pastor Becca will share (with pictures) from their times spent in sacred spaces that make scripture come alive for them. We will meet each morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am. On Thursday, we invite you to stay for lunch and fellowship at the close of the program. Salad and fried chicken will be provided. The program fee of \$20 will be collected when you arrive on Monday. To sign up today, visit www.dtownpc.org/avbs



DPC Youth Trip Hope Bags. As the DPC youth and leaders get ready to head to their mission trip in Raleigh, NC, in June, you are invited to help fill the vans for a Hope Bag offering. The Hope bag offerings will go to an Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women, whose mission is to build bridges of hope for women in prison before and after release through chaplaincy services, transitional programs, reentry support and community engagement. The group will travel down with this offering and hand deliver them. If you are able to donate any of the items in the box below (regular sized item, please) there will be a box labeled “Hope Bag Donations” in the office lobby area. Please deliver the items by **Friday, June 20**. Thank you in advance for your

support of the youth and also those who will benefit from this offering. **Needed items:** Blankets, Socks, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Lotion, *Shower Gel/Body Wash, *Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Daily Planners, Journals, Pens, Encouraging Notes/Greeting Cards. *most needed items.



Doylestown Pride Festival Block Party. The Peace and Justice Subcommittee once again sponsors DPC's presence at the event on **June 21** as we join with other local bodies of faith. Be sure to stop by our booth along East State Street from 11 am to 4 pm!



Sing with Purpose. This class led by DPC Organist Rev. Dr. Mina Choi introduces a 4-week curriculum designed for music ministry, focusing on integrating musical leadership with spiritual formation to enhance congregational worship. The goal is to deepen the understanding of worship through song, encouraging participants to view their singing as ministry rather than performance, and to explore worshipping “in Spirit and in Truth” (John 4:23–24). The curriculum includes guided discussions around key questions like “Why do we worship corporately?” and “What does it mean to worship

God in Spirit and in Truth?” The class will meet in the music room in the sanctuary building following 9:30 am worship on **June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13**. No RSVP needed.



Pastor Mac's Service of Installation. The Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Session and Congregation of Doylestown Presbyterian Church joyfully request the honor of your presence at the Service of Installation of The Reverend Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II as Pastor and Head of Staff Sunday, **June 29, 2025** at three o'clock in the afternoon. A Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

SESSION

Moderator - Mac Schafer **Clerk** - Linda Cacossa

Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson
Charlie Babboni
Frank Fabian
Sue Haldeman
Melissa Shaw
Marty Starner
Mark Strasburg
Rebecca Strauss
Marilyn Weichman

Class of 2027

Linda Cacossa
Joanne Chaikin
Luray Gross
Terry Herring
Scott Nichols
Jeannie Quist
George Segelken
Lindsay Shull

Class of 2028

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Deirdre Hally
Dennis Parenti
Erin Rizk
Jeff Toner

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Member Engagement Coordinator*

Kayla Grone, *Nursery Worker*

Dalia Hamilton, *Nursery Worker*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Sophia Nardo, *Nursery Worker*

Jamie Neal, *Seminarian for Youth Ministry*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Lindsay Stoffregen, *Nursery Worker*

Margaret Thoresen, *Interim Parish Visitor*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*



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