

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025
9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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

Deep River

arr. K. Kaiser

*Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-2

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

For failing to love others as you have loved us...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response 581

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*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

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

Children will return to the service to share in Communion with their family.)

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 12

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

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Anthem

There Is a Redeemer
Kim Harris and Jason Moore, Piano

arr. Phillip Keveren

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

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 225

Sermon

“What Is Faith?”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Bread of Heaven

W. Cooper

*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Welcome to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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 the Cup

(We will share in communion by intinction. You will be invited to come down the center aisle by an usher, receive a wafer, dip the wafer into the cup, and eat as you return by the side aisle to your seat. A gluten-free wafer station will be available on the left at the front of the sanctuary. If you unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.)

Closing Prayer

*Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Benediction

*Postlude

Fugue in D Major

J.S. Bach

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Van Starnier

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Brent Drollette on the death of his mother Suzette Drollette on July 25; and to the friends and family of John Weatherhogg, on his death on August 4. John (along with his wife, Tracy) served DPC as associate pastors from 1991 to 2004 with great energy, commitment and love. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of our daughter, Tara, by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother, Chad; and in loving memory of Sylvia Strasburg and Eleanor Innes on their birthdays and in celebration of our grandson, Parker James DiPietro, on his second birthday by Mark and Pamela Strasburg.

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 in the narthex inside the red doors. Thank you for joining us today!

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.

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NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates
to begin their service in June of 2026.

We are looking for some able, gifted persons with strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (from the Book of Order). It is essential that the committee recommends individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us.

Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are critical to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with Terry Herring, moderator of the Nominating Committee. The deadline for submitting nominations is **August 17**.



Candidate's Name

Candidate's qualification and attributes:

Additional comments:

Examples of ways the Candidate has shown
leadership and/or faithful discipleship:

Your name:

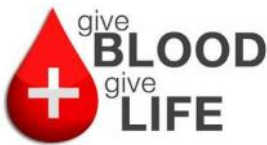


Middle School (entering 6th to 8th grade in fall) Local–Day Mission.

The youth and leaders have stepped up to fill the DPC vans as they embark on awesome adventures Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (August 18-20)! But there are still a couple of open spots for the trip to Cradles to Crayons on **Thursday, August 21**. Registration is open: bit.ly/DPCMMW



DPC's monthly **Food Drive** occurs on **August 17**, from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry. Last month you donated 410 lbs of food! Following the worship service, also on **August 17**, we join together at 11 am in Fellowship Hall for our monthly **Community Meal**. 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!



Give Blood, Give Life. DPC is once again hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross. Your contribution can give at least two people a new lease on life. Consider signing up by visiting www.redcrossblood.org, enter "**Doylestown presby**" and click "make an appointment" to find our blood drive and select your time slot between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm on Thursday, **August 21**, in Fellowship Hall here at DPC.



Ice Cream Hangout! Calling all DPC Youth (grades 6-12) - meet up in the Celtic Cross Room on Sunday, **August 24** at 4 pm for a fun Ice Cream Hangout! Choir rehearsal follows at 5 pm.

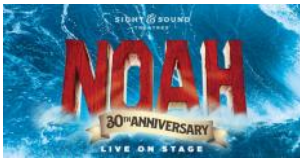


Bagels at Burpee! Families are invited to gather at Burpee Park after 9:30 am worship on **August 31** to end summer and welcome the new school year. The park is located at 51 S. Church Street in Doylestown. See you there! If there's rain we'll hangout in Fellowship Hall instead.

Did you know that DPC's Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) is now called *The Perennials*? The group provides programs and fellowship opportunities that cover a wide range of interests for the boomers, empty nesters, and retirees representing the 55+ segment of DPC! The Perennials have two upcoming events that might be perfect for you:



Fall Retreat at Spruce Lake—October 6-8. Join in an enriching program "Walking in Wisdom" in the heart of the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania. This year's retreat will be guided by Spruce Lake Leaders and include others attending from outside DPC. Registration and payment is through Spruce Lake's website, but we encourage you to first visit www.dtownpc.org/2025-retreat for easy instructions to follow. Sign up today and feel free to invite your friends and family to come along!



"Noah" at Sight & Sound Theatre - November 6 - sign up today! We board a comfortable coach bus to Lancaster for this inspiring performance of "Noah" followed by lunch at the world-famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Sight & Sound's productions are visually stunning and the talented performers will leave you with lasting memories and a rejuvenated spirit. The cost is \$175 per person (which includes show ticket, transportation, lunch, and tax). Visit bit.ly/DPCNOAH today to reserve your spot! Payment is due by **September 15!**



Earth Care Art Display. Recycled items recently collected will be part of the upcoming visual art display in the Celtic Cross Room in September titled "Stewarding God's Creation." Members and friends of DPC are invited to share their "upcycled art" that exhibits our fragile relationship with the Earth. All mediums (except for sculpture) must be submitted to the church office by **August 31.**



Sacred Grounds Volunteers needed! When DPC returns to two worship services each Sunday (beginning **September 21**), there will also be TWO opportunities to enjoy coffee, refreshments, and fellowship each week! We are looking for awesome volunteers to join the team that make this time of connection possible. If interested in learning more about becoming a Hospitality Assistant, please contact Chris Graham-Rawlings at chrisr@dtownpc.org. For more details, you can check out the signup form here: bit.ly/DPCCOFFEE and join the team today!



The Earth Care Team reminds you to **Save Your Sneakers!** Donate old pairs of sneakers to keep them out of landfills. Sneakers can be dropped off in boxes located at the entrance to the sanctuary building inside the red doors and in the Andrews Hall lobby **September 7, 14, and 21.** For additional information about this effort, visit www.gotsneakers.com.

SESSION

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

Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson
Charlie Babboni
Frank Fabian
Sue Haldeman
Melissa Shaw
Marty Starnier
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

Andy Benson
Deirdre Hally
Dennis Parenti
Erin Rizk
Jeff Toner

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator - Anne Hutchinson

Class of 2026

Kyle Citro
Michele Hoffman
Anne Hutchinson
Sibele Johnson
Jane Kube
David Martin
Amy Pujols
Pamela Heck Rauh
Kristin Shields

Class of 2027

Karen Cameron
Jennifer Drollette
Kathy Maclin
Kevin O'Hare
Cheryl Osgood
Steve Quist

Class of 2028

Kathy Brown
Dick Cornelius
Sally Deibert
Linda Gelcius
Barbara Glore
Bob Miller
Barbara Skapura

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)*

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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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