



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

"O most holy Christ, draw me, weak as I am, after yourself, for if you do not draw us we cannot follow you. Strengthen my spirit, that it may be willing. If the flesh is weak, let your grace precede us; come between and follow, for without you we cannot go for your sake to cruel death. Give me a fearless heart, a right faith, a firm hope, a perfect love, that for your sake I may lay down my life with patience and joy. Amen."

— Czech reformer Jan Hus, in a letter sent before his execution on July 6, 1415

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

*Reformation Procession
Joyful Bells*

Michael Helman

*Call to Worship

Galatians 2:16

Yet we know that a person is justified not by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.

And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ,

and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Special Music

*Behold, Behold
Sunshine Singers*

Traditional

Time with the Children

(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 and the Youth Room, located across the bridge, following worship.)

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

—Words of Martin Luther

From depths of woe I cry to Thee, Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.

Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, my prayer let come before Thee.

If Thou rememberest each misdeed, if each should have its rightful meed,

Who may abide Thy presence? Thy love and grace alone avail

to blot out my transgression; the best and holiest deeds must fail

to break sin's dread oppression. Before Thee none can boasting stand,

but all must fear Thy strict demand and live alone by mercy.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond.

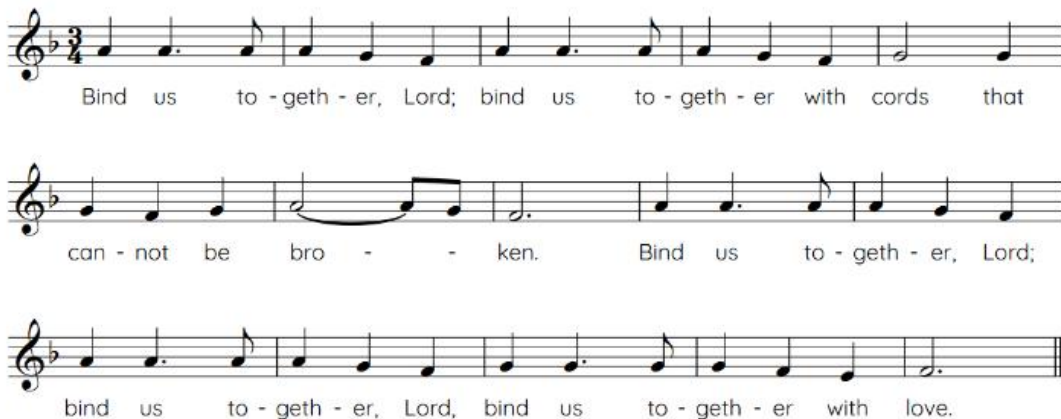
**Therefore my hope is in the Lord and not in mine own merit;
it rests upon His faithful Word to them of contrite spirit that He is merciful and just;
this is my comfort and my trust. His help I wait with patience.**

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

Bind Us Together



*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

First Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 90

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

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Kyle Pederson

Chancel Choir with Lars Frandsen, electric guitar

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

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

God, the Bible is a very special book. It is so big and so old. What do these old words mean for our lives today? Please send your Spirit so that we can understand your Word. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-9

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 114

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

Sermon

“Fabric of Faith: Abandoned Grave Cloth”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.
For the Church universal and for this congregation of your people,
we give you thanks, O God.

**For Doylestown Presbyterian Church in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
we give you thanks, O God.**

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
we give you thanks, O God.

**For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,
we give you thanks, O God.**

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,
particularly those who have been here 50 years or more,
we give you thanks, O God.

**For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we give you thanks, O God.**

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,
we give you thanks, O God.

**For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we give you thanks, O God.**

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,
we give you thanks, O God.

**For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them, in our 221-year history,
we give you thanks, O God.**

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us,
and open us to the future you promise.

In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry,
your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency.
Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in
our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign,
and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website, or scan the code on the right.)



Offertory

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H. Leslie Adams

*Congregational Response 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Minute for Mission: Congregational Care

*Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*Benediction

*Postlude

Walk Together, Children

arr. A. Thomas

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Marie Stevens



2026 Generosity Campaign: Be Knit Together - We are in week five of a pledge initiative to commit to Christ's ministry through DPC. **Last week, a communication from the Generosity Subcommittee and a tri-fold pledge brochure was mailed to members' homes.** This is what you'll fill out and bring to worship on **Commitment Sunday, November 2.** For

those unable to attend, a digital commitment card is available now at www.dtownpc.org/be-knit-together or by scanning the code here. Remember that your financial commitment is the only way worship, mission/outreach, congregational care, fellowship, and education are funded.



Following worship we invite you to the Celtic Cross Room for a reception honoring our **50-year members.**

On the cover: *The Protestant Reformers*, unknown artist, Society of Antiquaries of London: Burlington House

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Martha Hotchkiss by her family.

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!

Today's **Prayer of Confession** comes from *From Depths of Woes I Cry to Thee* by Martin Luther. It is based on Psalm 130.

Today we honor our 50-year members!

1947	Patricia Mill	1968	Jeffrey Finley Galen Hays Deborah Miller
1950	Mimi Bach	1969	Eugene Brown Susan Hauser Marcia Rodenbaugh
1953	Jeanette Geiger Perry Roberts	1970	Joyce Feigles Paul and Virginia Hendrixson
1955	Ruth Sauter George Yerkes	1971	Jane and William Antheil Joan Boyd Ann Corkadel Nancy and Roy Kolb Joan Parlee Barry and Carol Pratt
1957	Anne K. Bishop Loretta Rogers	1972	Doris Carr Edwin Geiger Allen Irwin Judith and Richard Mumaugh Louis White
1958	Gretchen Morris Susan Darville	1973	David and Chris Crooke Joan Dommel Rita Flack Phyllis LaRochelle Ginny Swartley Frederick Trout
1959	Daphne Cox	1974	Nancy Eaton Paul Freud Barbara and Tom Kube
1961	Craig Eaton Glenn Frater	1975	Sherrie Murphy
1962	Lynda Borowski Lindsay Jardine Terry Morris		
1963	Geryl McMullin		
1964	Naomi Darville Wayne Hoch Mary McCaw Joanne Waldron		
1965	Kendall Feild Douglas McClintock Sharon Schanbacker Judith Yerkes		
1966	Richard Dommel Mariana Hoffman Judith Mann Eileen and Frederick Roedel		
1967	Mileen Altier Kay Benkert Thomas Haldeman Elena Rodriguez Mary Shull		



Bethel Coat Drive - through November 2. It's time to collect NEW and very gently used children's and adult's warm winter coats for Bethel Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. We need children's coats in all sizes. If you plan to donate NEW larger sized coats, we ask that you use the sign up at bit.ly/BPC-Coats to designate which size you are purchasing. New hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves are also welcome. Drop off the winterwear in the Andrews Hall entrance by Sunday, **November 2.**



The Bucks County Choral Society is back at DPC for another inspiring performance **today** at 4

pm. This year, BCCS is pairing with Symphony in C and offering a truly amazing concert featuring the "Requiem" of Maurice Duruflé. *Please note, this program is a ticketed event. Tickets may be purchased through buckschoral.org.*



Jesus, Our Hope and Song! - You are invited to a special youth concert at 6 pm **today** at in the Seminary Chapel at Princeton Theological Seminary. The DPC Youth Choir, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Mina Choi, is teaming up with youth music ministry of

Nassau Presbyterian Church (Princeton, NJ) for this inspiring time together. Please contact Pastor Becca Bateman (Beccab@dtownnpc.org) in advance to carpool.

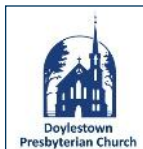


Bridging the Gap Africa. On **November 2**, Harmon Parker, Founder and CEO of our mission partner Bridging the Gap Africa, will be in the Celtic Cross Room during the

Education Hour, describing some of the life-changing work this organization does, joined by Terry Herring, a member of DPC and also on the Board of Directors of Bridging the Gap. Come learn how to put into practice being a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love!



Legos needed! The children in Children's Worship Time are using Legos as a reflection of the bible lesson of the day. If you have any Legos that are no longer in use, please consider donating them to the Church Office.



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? **Join an Inquirers' Class!** In this class, you will learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the core values and ministries of DPC, connect with church leaders and other Inquirers, and reflect on your own spiritual path. The next session occurs **November 9**, with new members joining on **November 23**. Visit www.dtownnpc.org/membership to learn more and to sign up today!



Unity in Discovery: A Bus Tour. Join with our friends from Second Baptist Church of Doylestown for a special bus trip to visit: Mother Bethel AME Church, and the African

American Museum in Philadelphia on Saturday, **November 15**. The deadline to sign up and make your payment is tomorrow, **October 27**. To learn more and to sign up today, visit bit.ly/UNITYBUSTOUR



PDA and Buckets of Blessings. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) uses emergency response buckets -- five-gallon buckets filled with essential cleaning and recovery supplies. DPC's Mission Committee is

collecting the items to fill 10 buckets. Please sign up to donate items at <https://bit.ly/DPC-BB> and drop them off in the collection box in the Andrews Hall lobby by **November 2**.



Joy! The next Celebrate the Arts Visual Display begins on **October 30** in the Celtic Cross Room with the theme of "Joy." Submit your photos and art that express the joy of living, your friends, your parents and relatives; the joy of the holidays can be shown through depictions of special food and decorations. Bring your pieces to the church office by **November 6** to be added to the display - but be sure to have wire on the back so it can be hung.



*Be a bridge for Christ and
a beacon of His love.*



www.dtownnpc.org 215-348-3531

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 Pre-K in the Nursery

Younger Elementary: K to 2nd grade in Room 211

Older Elementary: Grades 3-5 in the Room 209

Middle School: Grades 6-8 in Youth Room 202

Youth Bible Study: Grades 9-12 in Room 203

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to age 4

Children's Worship Time (CWT): Ages 4 to 2nd grade in Room 207

CWT+ : Grades 3 to 6 in Youth Room 202

Evening Groups for Children and Youth

Sunshine Singers:

Ages 4 to 1st Grade, Wednesdays @4:30 in Room 213

Celebration Choir/Wednesday Club

All children in 2nd through 6th Grade. Wednesdays. Choir/Bells @5pm,

Food, faith and fun @5:30 - 6:30 pm. **This week:** Wear your costume to Wednesday Club!

Families of young children are invited for Halloween-themed Family Fellowship in the gym
5:15-6:30 pm.

DPC Youth: Grades 6 - 12

Confirmation: Open to Grades 8+ @4:30 - 7:30 pm

Bells/Choir @5pm, Dinner @5:45, Fellowship @6:15 - 7:30 pm

This week: The Youth Choir is participating in the Princeton Youth Choral Festival.

No Element Youth Group. See you back next week!

Adult Education Offerings

Good News and Other News

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

Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith.

This week: In the year 2000, about 60% of Americans over the age of 65 attended church weekly, according to Gallup. By 2020, that figure had dropped to 45%. These losses are having a profound effect on the life of the church and the welfare of senior citizens, which is why we will focus on the disappearance of older adults from congregational life and what churches can do about it. *Led by Jay Stough.*

The Word Among Us - 9:15 am, AH-213

The Word Among Us focuses this season on the Book of Luke and later exploring the Book of Mark. 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.*