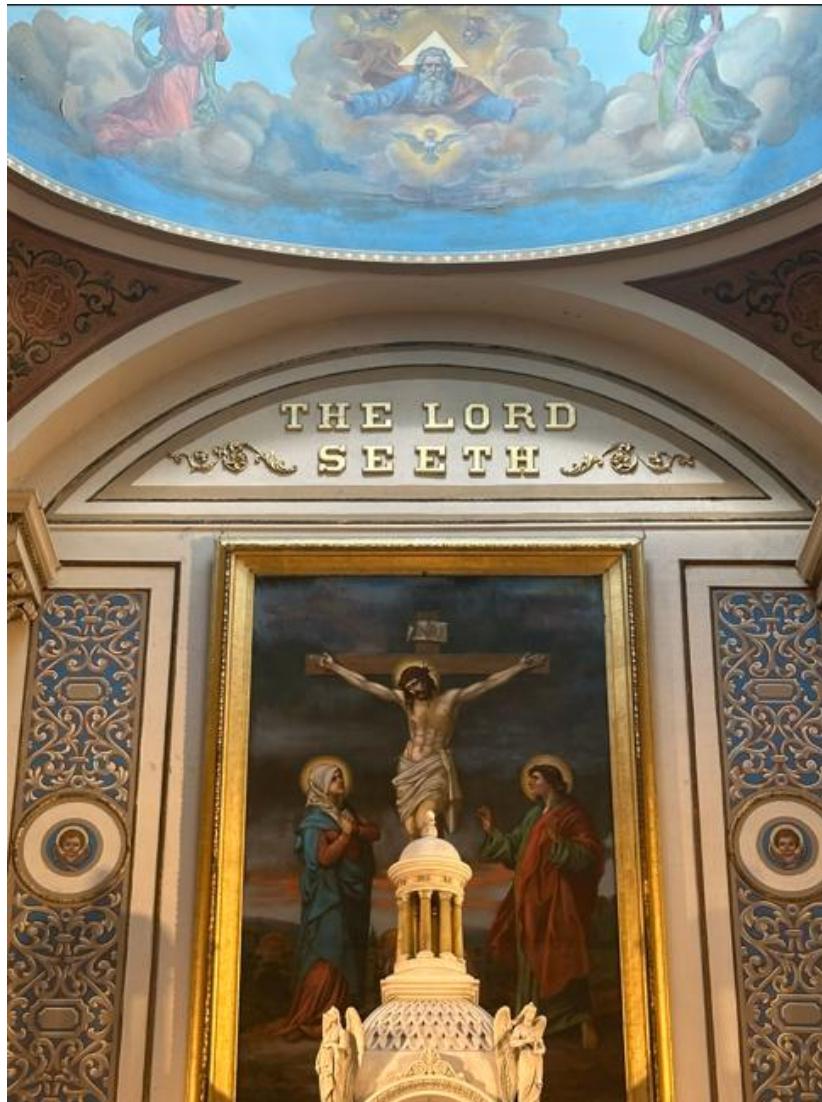




Doylestown Presbyterian Church



3rd Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 2026
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

“Guided by our faith’s call to welcome the stranger and belief in the inherent dignity of all people, the Presbyterian Church (USA) actively advocates for and works towards more just immigration laws and processes.” - A Presbyterian Church (USA) Statement on Immigration affirmed by DPC Session on March 10, 2026.

Gathering

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

Ain’t-A-That-Good News
Sunshine Singers

*Call to Worship

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

— from Luke 4:17b-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House
verses 1, 2, 4, 5

TWO OAKS

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy,

we confess that we often let fear get the best of us.

Even when you assure us there is abundance, we hold onto a mindset of scarcity.

We worship the false god of comfort.

We choose sides instead of rolling up our sleeves to find pathways for solutions.

We point fingers and stew in blame.

Forgive us for these repetitive habits.

Create something new in us Lord. Amen.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

** Please stand in body or in spirit. **Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond.*

*Congregational Response 399

God Welcomes All



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Listening

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 Rooms 207 and 202, located across the bridge, following worship.)

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:1-7

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 162

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

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

Anthem

Do Not Neglect (from Hebrews 13:2)
Chancel Choir

Kim Arnesen

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 19:33-34

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 107

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

Sermon

“The Sin of What I Consider Mine”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

*Affirmation of Faith

— *Marks of the True Christian* from Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Hymn 154

Jesus Entered Egypt

KING'S WESTON

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, or scan the code on the right.)



Offertory

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace
Dalia Hamilton, Solo

arr. Howard Helvey

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 762

When the Poor Ones

EL CAMINO

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude, Op.46, no.2

A. Guilmant

Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Katy Schafer

On the Cover: This is a photo of the chancel area in the Church of St. Augustine in Philadelphia.

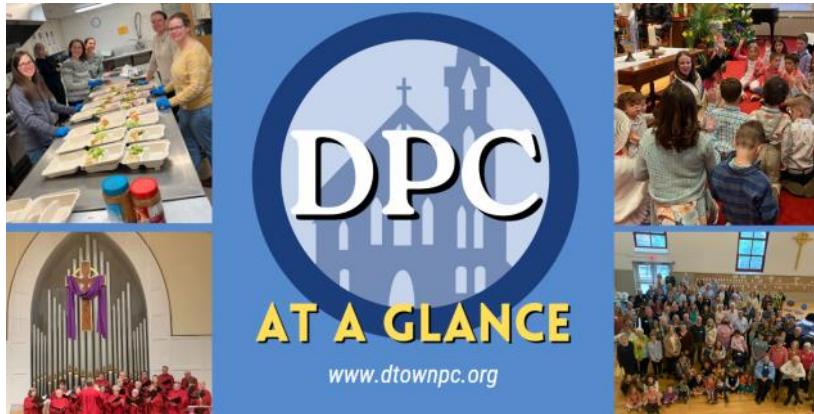
New Life! The rose in the chancel celebrates the birth of Annabelle Carol Vandersall, born on January 17, to Matthew and Toby Vandersall. The proud DPC grandparents are Laura Mendelson and Mark Vandersall.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Darlene Crumley on the death of her husband, Frank Crumley, on January 20. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Katie Lamb, our precious daughter and sister, on the occasion of her birthday, by Rick Lamb and Jonathan and Megan Craig.

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!

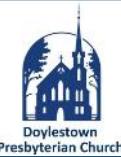
Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **February 1** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose is to: elect Deacons and Ruling Elders for upcoming classes, approve changes to Terms of Call for eligible pastors, receive the 2025 financial report and the 2026 operating budget.



Exploration of Pathways to Immigration Justice.

The DPC Peace & Justice Subcommittee has been hosting a series of 4 educational talks by outside

speakers on immigration issues on **Sundays in January** in the Celtic Cross room from 9:30-10:15. Today we welcome **Rev. Dr. Samuel Arroyo** from Princeton Theological Seminary to discuss biblical and theological Impact. **Please note** that the previously scheduled class for 4 pm today has been postponed.



Director of Youth Ministry Search.

The opportunity to contribute to the life of a youth is meaningful to both the youth director and the youth. We believe that experiencing God's love in community will truly change a human and change those around them. Youth of today are yearning to experience the Holy, the wonder of God. To learn more and to see the full job description, visit www.dtownpc.org/employment-opportunities (hyphen included) today.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? Join an Inquirers' Class! We invite you to 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 journey. The next class is set for **February 8** with new members being received on **February 22**. Visit www.dtownpc.org/membership to learn more and sign up today.



Code Blue at DPC. The Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless needs 15 volunteers each night that our Code Blue Shelter is open (28 degrees or colder with the wind chill), December through March, to provide shelter and food for our homeless neighbors. The Shelter will be at DPC from **January 30** through **February 27**. **To Signup to be a part of the Kitchen Team, visit: bit.ly/DPC-CB** **To Signup to be a Grocery Shopper, visit: bit.ly/DPC-CBG** Thank you for your help in this critical mission effort!



DPC Name Tags. Wearing your name tag is a great way to help us all feel connected! Need a new one or interested in receiving one? Just reach

out to Elaine in the church office or email elainek@dtownpc.org to place your order.

Celebrate



Celebrate African American History. Register today for the next Lunch & Learn sponsored by Second Baptist Church of Doylestown and Doylestown Presbyterian Church featuring "Frederick Douglass! The Lion of Freedom" A one man show on the life of the great Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, written and performed by Darius Wallace. A southern inspired lunch will be served prior to the performance. Proceeds will benefit the Bucks County NAACP Scholarship Program. Join together **February 7** at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, 6055 Swamp Road at 12:00 pm (Doors open at 11:30 am) Adults: \$35. Youth: \$25 (Up to Age 16). To register today, visit bit.ly/DPC-SBCOD



Family Movie Night at DPC. On Sunday, **February 15**, the Children's Ministry group will be hosting another movie night in the Celtic Cross Room. Join other families at 4 pm to watch *Abominable* (2019) and enjoy some popcorn and pizza. Dress comfy and feel free to bring pillows, blankets and sleeping bags to spread on the floor.



DPC Work Trip to the Community Pantry.

Join us for the 2025 Southwest Mission Work Trip from **April 11 to 18** to volunteer at the Community Pantry

in Gallup, NM. DPC has generously supported the Pantry for over 20 years. If interested, contact dpc@dtownpc.org. Deposit due by **February 9**. Planning ahead: the Southwest Cultural and Mission Work Trip will be September 12 to 19.



Young Adult Brunch. Young adults building a life post college, but before whatever comes next, join with Pastor Becca as we share a catch-up meal at Penn Taproom in the borough. This gathering was originally scheduled for today, but has been postponed to **February 22** at noon.



Save the Dates...

- Feb. 8:** Youth Sunday
- Feb. 15:** Family Movie Night - "Abominable"
- Feb. 18:** Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 21:** "The Powerful Gift of Being an Appreciator" with guest speaker Tracey Gates
- Feb. 22:** CTA Concert - Princeton Seminary Choir (with DPC Chancel Choir)
- March 5:** "Come Meet Jesus" luncheon with guest speaker author Rich Timmons

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 203

Middle School: Grades 6-8 in Youth Room 202

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:** Today after worship families of young children invited to Room 213 at the end of the bridge for fellowship and bagels. In Wednesday Club we'll explore another bible story followed by an exciting food challenge based on what we just learned.

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: Meet at DPC then we'll walk into town for dinner and activities in a surprise location. Friends always welcome!

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.

Good News and Other News will be on hiatus until February 1.

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

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

Vision Statement: *A growing community of disciples engaged in worship, service, and care.*

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