



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



# 2026 LENT AT DPC OUT IN THE ELEMENTS

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Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026  
10:30 am

# All Are Welcome in God's House

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## People's Preparation

*When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." — John 11:43-44*

## 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

*Larghetto*

Elfrida Andréé

### \*Call to Worship

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

**Let your ears hear our supplication.**

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

**We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.**

Come. Let us worship God.

— from Psalm 130

### \*Hymn 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

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### Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will be across the bridge in rooms 207 and 202. Children will return to service during the closing hymn.)*

## Confessing

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response 448      *Peace of God Be with You*

Peace of God\_ be with you. Peace of God\_ be with you. Sa -  
laam, sa - laam.\_\_\_\_ Peace of God\_ be with you.

\*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ  
The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Sacrament of Baptism  
The Baptism of Luca David Angelini, child of Nick and Stephanie Angelini.  
Elder Representative: Lindsay Shull

Hymn of Thanksgiving      *Baptized in Water*      BUNESSAN  
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

## Listening

First Scripture Lesson: John 11:33-45      Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 105  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Anthem      *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*      Undine Smith Moore  
Chancel Choir

*We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there.  
If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)  
**Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open  
our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have  
set before us. Amen.**

Second Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14      Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 806  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon      "Out In the Elements: Valley"      Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

# Responding

## \*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (11.4)

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 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

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

*Shepherd Me, O God*

M. Haugen

## \*Congregational Response 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; all  
that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

# Sending

\*Hymn 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney; I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a -  
bout you wher - ev - er I go: you a - lone are our life and our  
peace and our love. Lord Je - sus you shall be my song as I jour - ney

\*Postlude

*The Summons*

arr. M.Y. Jones

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**Assisting:** Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

**Out In the Elements: Lenten Season at DPC.** In examining the lectionary scriptures for Sundays in Lent, a common theme emerges - things we experience out in God's creation: plants, wilderness, birth, water, mud, valleys, sunrise, and more. With all this in mind, our theme, *Out In the Elements*, will lead us to explore how God uses creation to deepen our faith and discipleship over this six week period. **On the Cover:** *Lenten Labyrinth* by Mike Moyers

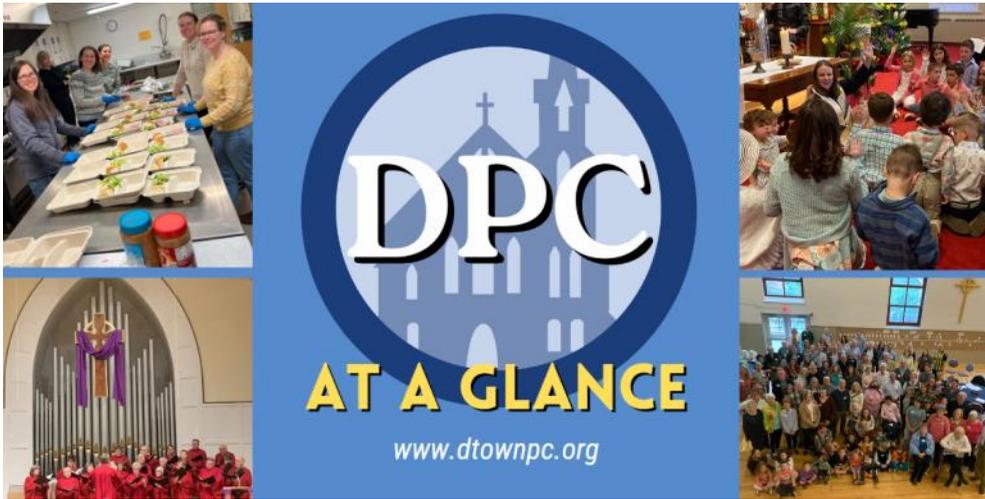
**New Life!** The rosebud in the chancel last Sunday was in celebration of the birth of Miriam Sardar, born on March 12, to Sandal and Abneer Sardar. The proud DPC grandparents are Saleem Masih and Surriya Saleem.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Bill and Larry Melsky and Lorraine Melsky Broomall by Sue and Tom Haldeman.

**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!



During the season of Lent the Presbyterian Church (USA) collects a Special Offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this Offering to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. Special Offering envelopes are available in your pledge envelope box or in the pew holders on **Palm Sunday, March 29**.



# DPC

## AT A GLANCE

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**Celebrate the Arts: Peace Like a River** is now on display in the Celtic Cross Room. Take some time to view these stunning pieces from DPC members and friends which capture the beauty of lakes, rivers, falls, oceans, or other bodies of water.



**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](http://www.dtownpc.org/employment-opportunities)

## 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 **April 12** with new members being received on **April 26**. Visit [www.dtownpc.org/membership](http://www.dtownpc.org/membership) to learn more and sign up today.



**DPC Summer Camp.** As the warm weather settles in, now is the time to start thinking about your summer plans! Visit [www.dtownpc.org/children+family](http://www.dtownpc.org/children+family) to learn more and to sign up today!



**Palm Sunday, March 29**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am.  
DPC Hop following later service.

**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Worship at 7:00 pm, Livestream available.

**Good Friday, April 3**

Worship at 12:00 pm, in-person only.

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

We rejoice in the glory of Jesus' resurrection during identical worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

Egg Hunt between services at 10 am.

Livestream will be available during the 10:30 am service. Nursery care will be available during both services.



*Save the Dates...*

*and stay tuned for details and registration info*

**April 19:** Earth Care Sunday

**April 26:** CTA Concert - Philadelphia Bronze "Broadway Bound"

**May 3:** CTA Concert - "A Concert of Prayers and Psalms"

**May 7:** Pearl S. Buck House tour

**May 17:** CTA Concert - Bucks County Symphony

**May 24:** Summer Worship schedule at 9:30 begins

**July 24 - DPC at the Ballpark - Phillies vs Yankees**

Our members have the opportunity to remember or honor loved ones as well as provide our church with beautiful arrangements for Holy Week. Flowers and palms will be artistically arranged throughout the sanctuary. If you would like to help make this offering possible, please complete the form shown below:

I would like to make \_\_\_\_\_ donation(s) at \$15.00 each. PLEASE PRINT NAMES

**Easter  
Flowers**



In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to DPC (note "Easter Flowers" on it). Mail to the church office or place in the offering plate. Names must be received in the church office **no later than noon on Monday, March 23**. Names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:** Weather permitting, Wednesday Club will be walking to Our Lady of Mt Carmel's Stations of the Cross. If it's raining, we will meet in the CCR for some interactive prayer stations. Permission slip required. Pick up in OLMC parking lot.

## 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:** It's our annual trip to Target Doylestown to shop for then assemble Easter baskets for the kids living in the apartment DPC co-sponsors with the Bucks County Housing Group. Parental permission required. Drop off and pick up under the bridge.

## 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:** Hatred of Jews is a long-lasting prejudice, seen in the recent attack on a synagogue in Michigan by a Lebanese-born naturalized United States citizen. The wars in Iran and in Gaza seem to be making this antagonism worse. What can Christians do to strengthen their bonds with Jews, and how we can build bridges to our fellow children of Abraham? *Led by Jay Stough.*

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

The Word Among Us continues to focus this season on 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.*



**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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