



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



2026 LENT AT DPC OUT IN THE ELEMENTS

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

Confirmation Sunday

People's Preparation

"Where will we find the wellspring for our deepest thirst? As you begin to hear the sound of water entering the gaps, still yourself and you will feel it rising up within you, filling every emptiness, springing forth anew." —Jan Richardson from Circle of Grace

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

A Simple Prayer
Celebration Ringers

Linda Lamb

*Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is our living water,
pouring forth grace, mercy, love, and peace.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

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Service of Confirmation and Baptism

Presentation of Confirmands

Rev. Becca Bateman, Glenn Haas, Larry King
Bradley, Trajan, Colin, Andrew, Aiden, Kate, Kenna, Katherine, Susan, Kate, and Lauren

Proclamation of Personal Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Sacrament of Baptism: Trajan

Vow of Membership

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

*Affirmation of Faith

*Collected from Statements of Faith
from the Confirmands*

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 203 and 207. The children will return to service for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.)

Listening

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.)



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

Offertory

*Call of the Water
Joyful Bells*

Kathleen Wissinger

*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 Illumination

Scripture Lesson: John 4:5-15, 25-28

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 94

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

Sermon

“Out In the Elements: Water”

Rev. Becca Bateman

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

(Please hold the gluten-free elements until all have received so that we might share in this meal together.)

Closing Prayer

Sending

*Hymn 372

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*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

Fugue in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

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 celebrates the birth of Eleanor Mae D'arcy, born February 26, to Tim and Chelsea D'arcy. The proud DPC grandparents are Scott and Debbie Fife.

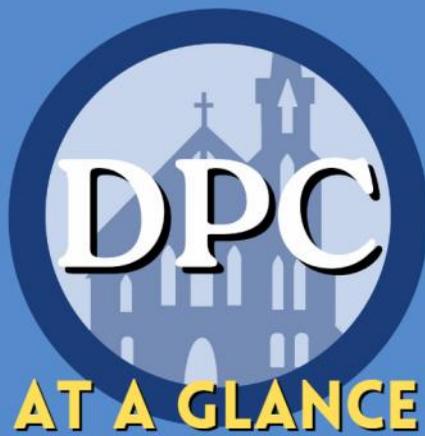
The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Ann-Louise, Joyce and Harold Haldeman by the family; and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Gomer and Jean Lewis by Nancy, David, Rachel, Jessie and Nathan Craft.

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!



It's Time to Sign Up for Realm! DPC's new church database is a powerful tool to help keep us connected as one body of faith. As a Lenten practice, we are encouraging all members to create a Realm account, download the app, and begin exploring the church directory, church groups, events, and more. The process is easy and begins by clicking the link in an email sent to DPC members on February 22, and following the prompts. For more information and detailed instructions, just visit www.dtownpc.org/realm





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.



Exploration of Pathways to Immigration Justice. Today we welcome **Rev. Dr. Samuel Arroyo** from 9:30 to 10:15 when he will focus on immigration's

biblical and theological impact. **Professor Zeke Hernandez** will close the series on **March 15** at 4 pm when he will address economic impact. Both presentations will occur in the Celtic Cross Room. Visit www.dtownpc.org/immigration-justice for full details as we are excited to continue these important discussions as a community. To revisit a **special video** in which Pastor Becca and two DPC members reflect on the topic and look forward to these two upcoming guest speakers, scan the code here.



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



DPC Summer Camp. Even though there's snow on the ground, it's never too early to start thinking about your summer plans!

Visit www.dtownpc.org/children+family to learn more and to sign up today!



Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs Sunday, **March 15** followed by the monthly Community

Meal in Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring donations to the lobby that morning. To volunteer or donate to the meal, visit bit.ly/DPC-CM.



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.

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



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: Sunshine Singers, Celebration Choir and Wednesday Club are back and clubbers will participate in interaction prayer stations.

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: Yes, we have Element Youth Group tonight but no Youth Choir rehearsal!
See you there!

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: *Good News and Other News* will be on hiatus this week as participants are encouraged to attend the class series *Exploration of Pathways to Immigration Justice*.

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.* **This week:** *The Word Among Us* will be on hiatus this week as participants are encouraged to attend the class series

Exploration of Pathways to Immigration Justice.



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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