



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



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Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

"Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometimes called the "eighth day" of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world. - Book of Common Worship

Gathering

The Chimes

Welcome and News of the Ministry of the Church

(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

Spirit of the Living God

S. Nielson

*Call to Worship

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words.
The Spirit of God renews the earth.
Bless the name of the Lord!

*Processional Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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

Bind Us Together, Lord

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

*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 entering fifth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will be across the bridge in rooms 207. Children will return to service during the closing hymn.)

First Scripture Lesson: John 7:37-39

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 100

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

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

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthfully be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
Against all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-23
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 115

Sermon

“He Breathed On Them”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

*Litany of Pentecost

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word. Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words. Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—**the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed. Come, Holy Spirit!**

*Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Prayers of the People and 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

Loving Spirit

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

*Congregational Response

Spirit, Open My Heart

Spir - it, o - pen my heart_____ to the joy and
 pain of liv - ing_____ as you love may I love,_____
 _____ in re - ceiv - ing and in giv - ing,____ Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Veni Creator

M. Maurice Duruflé

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Worship Notes

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

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of George Hoffman by Mariana Hoffman and Jan Hoffman and Adam Hockenberry.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Perry Roberts on his death on April 8. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

During worship throughout the summer, the **DPC Nursery** is open for children ages 9 months to age 4. Children ages 4 through entering 5th grade may leave after the Time with the Children to enjoy **Children's Worship Time (CWT)** in Room 207 and return to the sanctuary during the final hymn.

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!

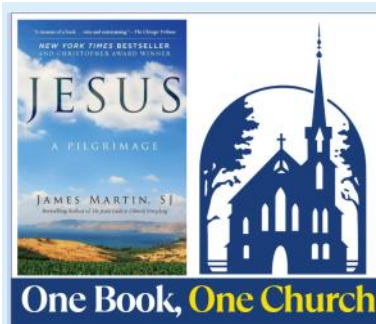
Let's Connect! Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownnpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.



DPC Memorial Day Street Picnic is tomorrow! We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown, this Monday, **May 25**. Fellowship, fun, and free coffee, donuts, and hotdogs for all!

DPC AT A GLANCE

For a digital version of **DPC At A Glance**, with clickable links to make signing up easy, just scan this code with your phone's camera!



Summer Growth Group signups are now open!

Visit www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups to learn more and to register today.

This summer, many of DPC's Growth Groups will be reading and studying *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ.

The list below are those groups focusing on our *One Book, One Church* initiative.

Sundays following worship, DPC Room 213, led by Becca Bateman (childcare available)

Tuesday afternoons for Pine Run residents, offsite

Wednesday afternoons for Dock Woods residents, offsite

Wednesday evenings, offsite, 6:30 pm with Amy Edenson and Katy Schafer

Thursday mornings, DPC Library, 10 am led by Rev. Pauline Sexton and Barbara Glore

Thursday evenings (ladies only), offsite, 7 pm with Ann Petro and Linay Richards

Friday mornings, DPC Library, 7:15 am, led by Jeff Toner

Saturday mornings (men's group), DPC, 7:30 am, led by Jay Stough

Once you have signed up, the leader will be in touch with exact dates of the group meetings and information about purchasing the book, if that is needed.

There are other smalls groups meeting this season, too! We've got groups for **DPC Dads**, **DPC Moms**, **Outdoor Walk and Talk**, **Bridging the Spectrum**, and **Waking Up with the Word** with Pastor Mac.



DPC at the Ballpark - Deadline extended to May 31! Baseball season is in full swing! Come and join in the crew of 30 already signed up to cheer on the Phillies on Friday, **July 24** at 6:40 pm against the Yankees.

DPC at the Ironpigs Game. Those looking for a casual baseball experience can catch a Lehigh Valley Ironpigs on **August 29!** Minor League baseball can be major fun and some actually prefer the atmosphere. The game is at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown at 6:35 pm against the Syracuse Mets.

For full details about both of these baseball outings and to register for tickets today, visit: www.dtownpc.org/baseball-games or visit the **events section on the homepage.**



Pop-tarts and Pastries in the Parlor. All incoming 6-12th graders are welcome to enjoy some sweet treats before worship beginning **today and through August 30** from 9 to 9:29 am!

Just follow the signs to the parlor on the ground floor of the sanctuary building.



Calling All Graduates! Are you set to graduate from high school or college or earn an advanced degree this year? Let us know!

We want to make sure you are included in a special tribute video to be shown during worship service on **May 31** and highlighted in the June edition of The Tidings newsletter. If you haven't already been in contact with us, please send an email to dpc@dtownpc.org by **May 25** to help us celebrate your achievement!



Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing.

There has been an outpouring of support as nearly all our volunteer spots are taken! But a few remain for this high energy, rewarding effort at Delaware Valley University from 12 to 2 pm on **May 31**. Sign up at bit.ly/DPC-FMSC

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Doylestown Community Food Collection. As summer approaches, the Bucks County Housing Group's Food Pantry faces severely decreased food supplies. We are asking for your help in alleviating this problem

by assisting with a food collection in Doylestown Borough. Five teams of three or four individuals each are needed to place empty grocery bags on front doors of homes of assigned neighborhoods on Friday, **June 5**, starting at 6:30 pm. Then on Sunday, **June 7**, at 11 am following worship at DPC, five teams of three or four individuals each are needed to collect the filled grocery bags. Sign up as a team or individually ... everyone is welcome to help. Sign up at bit.ly/DPC-CFC



Summer Spiritual Renewal.

Join us for a four-day retreat as Professor Paul Rorem from Princeton Theological Seminary will guide us through the story of hymns and the ways they have shaped the life of the church.

We'll explore familiar hymns, sing them anew, and discover how music has been a powerful expression of faith. We gather in the Celtic Cross Room at 9:30 am, **June 15-18**. A \$25 program fee will be collected at the door. Scholarships available (Reach out to Pastor Becca for details). Visit bit.ly/SSR-2026 to register today.



DPC Summer Camp.

Your kiddos won't want to miss what we have in store this year! It's time to enter the Wild West!

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

SESSION

Mac Schafer, *Moderator*

Becca Bateman, *Associate Pastor*

Class of 2027

Linda Cacossa, *Clerk*
Joanne Chaikin
Elizabeth Craig
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

Class of 2029

Suzanne Courtwright
Henry Hoffman
Laura Mendelson
Frank Roland
Melissa Shaw

BOARD OF DEACONS

Steve Quist, *Moderator*

Class of 2027

Lucy Blore
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

Class of 2029

Kaitlin Beck
David Bishop
Bill Cameron
Stephanie Di Clemente
Kim Nardo
Rich Smith

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*

Barbara Frank, *Nursery Worker*

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)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Sophia Nardo, *Nursery Worker*

Lina Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Katy Schafer, *Interim Youth Director*

Lindsay Stoffregen, *Nursery Worker*

Margaret Thoresen, *Interim Parish Visitor*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*



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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