



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT , SPEAKER, WORD, AND BREATH OF LIFE, FONT OF BLESSING, LIVING WATER

CONSUMING FIRE, DIVIDING SWORD, OVERPOWERING STORM, RAINBOW OF PROMISE, DOVE

FLOWING RIVER, COMPASSIONATE MOTHER, BELOVED CHILD, LIFE-GIVING WOMB, SUN, LIGHT

BURNING RAY, GIVER, GIFT, AND GIVING, LOVER, BELOVED, AND LOVE ITSELF, ROCK, CORNERSTONE, TEMPLE

May 31, 2026
9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

Though your destination is not yet clear you can trust the promise of this opening; unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning that is at one with your life's desire. Awaken your spirit to adventure; hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk; soon you will be home in a new rhythm, for your soul senses the world that awaits you.

- "For A New Beginning" by John O'Donahue, *Bless the Space Between Us*

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

Shepherd's Hymn
Orchestra

Beethoven

*Call to Worship

- Written by Dan Wilt

Many voices are speaking to us today in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, on the television.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, commercials and through media.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, and to honor You in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for Your voice. Amen.

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

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.)

A Service of Blessing for the St. Cuthbert's Pilgrimage Group

Pastor: Friends, Know that the God of strength is with you on this pilgrimage journey.

Pilgrims: Blessed are you, O God, who has called me to this challenge of pilgrimage. May hope, faith, and charity guide my steps.

Piano side: May you find companionship on the way and guidance at the crossroads.

Pulpit side: May you find strength when you are weary and comfort when you're discouraged.

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

Piano side: May you find shelter from the rain and wind, shade from the heat of the day, warmth from the cold, water when you are thirsty, and food when you're hungry.

Pulpit side: May your backpack become lighter and lighter and your heart be filled with wonder.

Piano side: May you remember that a step backwards to help another is more important than a hundred steps forward without awareness of those at your side.

Pulpit side: May the St. Cuthbert's Way open your eyes to the unseen.

Piano side: May you discover that the destination is the journey itself.

Pulpit side: May you arrive safely at the end of your journey and return filled with renewed hope, faith, and joy.

Piano side: And may you discover that the true Camino begins at its end.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

Listening

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 8

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 492

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

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

Anthem

Festive Dance on 'Slane'
Joyful Bells

Caleb Onstead

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), pp. 186, 34

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

Sermon

"What Does God Look Like?"
Molly Blore and Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

*Hymn 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Recognition & Sending of Graduates

Consider sharing your responses and inviting a graduate to share also...

- Share something that has been a memory here at DPC.
- Share something you're really proud of from this past year.
- Share a suggestion for the best snack you've eaten during a finals week.

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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Orchestra*

arr. Dan Goeller

*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 4

Holy, God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*Benediction

As you go from here, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Do not let your faith or your witness grow cold. Remember: God's gift of faith is like a flame; when the embers of that flame have cooled, you must fan them again to keep them ablaze. So remember what you have been taught and what you have experienced. Live in such a way that all who know you may see the light of God reflected in you. And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and among you in the days ahead. Amen.

*Postlude

Now We Thank Our God

S. Karg-Elert

Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Molly Blore, Kyle Citro, and Caroline Roland

The flowers today are given in loving memory of my husband Larry by Judy Mann.

Celebrate our 2026 Graduates!

High School: Molly Blore, Kyle Citro, Jason Huggins, Tyler Owen, Caroline Roland, Chase Shadle.

College: Kyle Adriaansen, Adam Cameron, Annabel Edenson, Kate Edenson, Luke Gormley, Lauren Hunter, Alex Rawlings.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service on **June 7**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the corporate officers, to elect congregational members to the Nominating Committee and to thank outgoing Elders and Deacons for their service. When joined with the distribution of the Annual Report and the unveiling of a video celebrating the 2025-26 Program Year, it promises to be a significant gathering for this body of faith.

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.dtownpc.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.

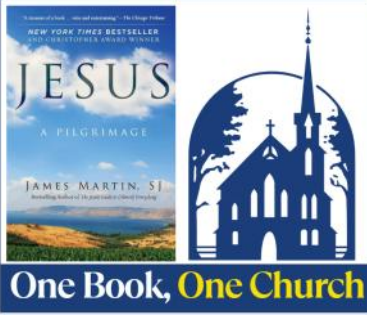




AT A GLANCE

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!

**NEW CODE
HERE**



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 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.

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.

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 **through August 30** from 9 to 9:29 am! Just follow the signs to the parlor on the ground floor of the sanctuary building.



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



Parallel "Back Home" Walking Group. While Pastor Mac is leading 13 DPC folks on St. Cuthbert's Way along the Scotland/England border, those of you in Doylestown are invited to walk in

groups as well. Beginning **June 4**, the local groups will be walking and discussing the same brief devotional reflections the group will be discussing each morning along St. Cuthbert's Way. Please consider joining one, all, or as many of the hikes as you can! No RSVP is required. For the full schedule times and locations, visit www.dtownnpc.org/walking-group



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.



Summer Choir. Are you looking for an easy going, yet meaningful musical experience but don't have time for a steady commitment? If so, just arrive in the sanctuary by 9 am on Sundays beginning **June 7** and throughout the summer season to learn a simple anthem to be sung during the 9:30 am service. Youth (entering 6th grade and above) and adults all welcome - no experience needed! Childcare is available.



Hymn Sing. This summer we will be offering a monthly hymn sing before the start of worship. Come to worship a few minutes early on **June 7, July 26, August 9, and September 6**. We will ask for

favorite hymns from the congregation so find your favorites in the hymnal and be ready to sing out for joy!



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.dtownnpc.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
Lurray 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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