

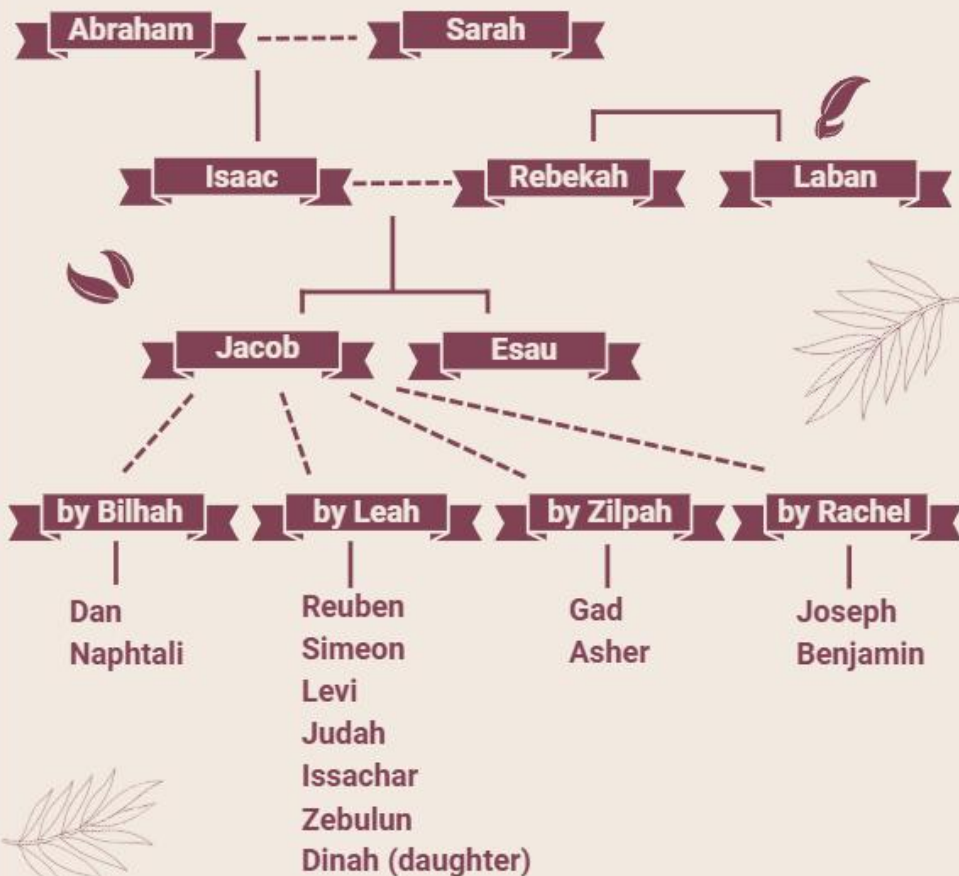


Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Simplified Family Tree of Abraham



"I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring,"
Genesis 26:4



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

"I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring," — Genesis 26:4

Gathering

Prelude

Hymn Sing!

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.)

*Call to Worship

— from Matthew 13:31–52

Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, small,
yet growing large into shelter for all.

What is the kingdom of heaven like?

Like yeast, hidden in flour, quietly transforming everything.

What is the kingdom of heaven like...

Like a net cast out to sea full as it is drawn to shore.

What is the kingdom of heaven like?

Come let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we often hide our pain, pretending our disappointments do not exist, as if brokenness were something to bury rather than bring before you. Forgive us for believing that our scars disqualify us from your love, when even your risen Son bore his wounds into new life. Like the fractured, fraught families of Genesis, we see our own stories reflected, our rivalries, our wanderings, our wounds we cannot undo. Teach us that wholeness comes, not despite our scars but through them. Meet us as we are, and raise us into the wholeness only you can give.

(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



*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. Children will be across the bridge in room 207.
Children will return to service during the closing hymn.)*

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 556

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

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

Anthem

Thanks Be to God

Sheldon Curry

Summer Choir with Mark Vandersall, clarinet

*There is a hand whose touch creates all beauty;
the snow-capped height, the river's quiet flow;
and that same hand, which fashioned all the universe,
calms troubled hearts and soothes the wounded soul.*

*(Refrain) Thanks be to God whose mercy knows no measure,
whose righteous way His wondrous works applaud,
whose loving kindness bears our every weakness;
for such a sure and steadfast love, thanks be to God.*

*There is a Shepherd for each valleys shadow;
unfathomed Grace joins every trial we meet.
Ultimate One, whose presence we most long for,
to You, in gratitude, we humbly sing: (refrain)*

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Genesis 29:17-31
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 26

Sermon

“Family Ties”

Rev. Becca Bateman

Responding

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 489

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed
verses 1 and 4

PENTECOST

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

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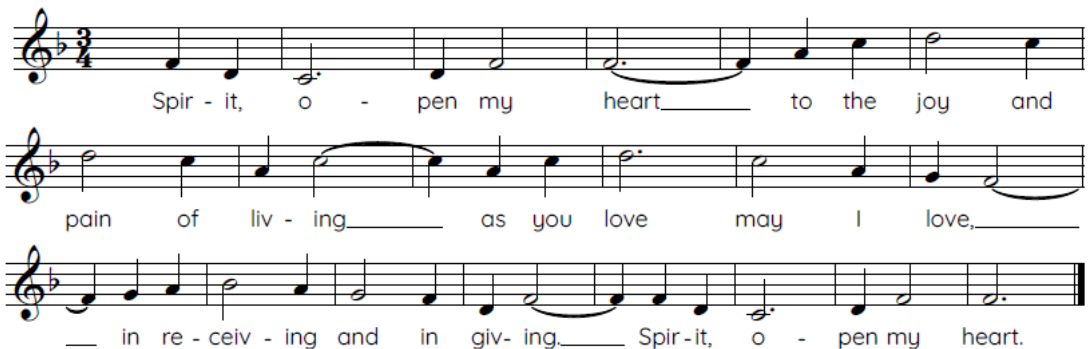
Offertory

Rondo Lirico
Mark Vandersall, clarinet

James Biery

*Congregational Response

Spirit, Open My Heart



*Prayer of Dedication

Commissioning of the Youth and Leaders: Montreat, NC High School Summer Camp

Sending

*Hymn 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

*Benediction

*Postlude

Gigue Fugue in G, BWV 577

J.S. Bach

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Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Terry Chapman **Lay Leader:** Naomi Darville and Caryn Bowe

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Molly Trout by Fred Trout.

New Life! The rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Charley Louise Novak, born on July 18, to Erin and Christopher Novak. The proud DPC grandparents are Kathy and David McQuate.

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.





Sunday, August 23 following 9:30 worship

***Get ready for an end-of-summer celebration as DPC takes over Mechanics Street!
Keep watch for details in The Tidings newsletter next week.***



Backpacks and School Supply Donations. Bethel Presbyterian Church and Hunting Park Christian Academy, both in Philadelphia and DPC Mission partners, are in need of back-to-school supplies for the children they serve. Please sign up

at bit.ly/DPC-SS if you are willing to purchase backpacks or school supplies. All items can be dropped off in the Andrews Hall entrance during the day on weekdays or Sunday morning. **Deadline is Friday, August 7.**



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 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've been enjoying a monthly hymn sing before the start of worship with July's edition happening today! Mark your calendars and come early on **August 9** and **September 6** as we conclude the series. We will ask for favorite hymns from the congregation so find your favorites in the hymnal and be ready to sing out for joy!



Friday Walk and Talk Group. This ongoing fellowship group will continue to meet at Hanusey Park in Doylestown Friday mornings at 8:30 am. This is a perfect way to connect with friends or make new ones. No RSVP required. Just stop by!



Journeying Hymn Stories:

This is My Story!

This is My Song! Join Rev.

Dr. Mina Choi on a four-week journey with important hymn writers who have shaped our spiritual lives.

From classic hymns to more recent ones, we will explore a variety of hymn texts and discover how they deepen and inform our relationship with God. We will also learn how many hymn writers composed their most inspiring texts during the most challenging seasons of their lives. Class meets each Sunday **through August 9** at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.



DPC Moms Labyrinth Walk.

Moms are invited to join Pastor Mac on Saturday, **August 8** at 8 am for a meditative labyrinth walk at the community labyrinth in town. We meet at corner of S. Pine Street and E. Ashland

Street in the borough. Join fellow moms as we start our day in calm, reflective community together. This would be rain or shine, so come with umbrellas or rain gear, as needed!



Rising Nation River

Journey 2026. Join with other DPC members in Frenchtown, NJ to witness the Signing of a Treaty of Renewed Friendship organized by the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania and

supported by DPC's Matthew 25 Committee. This event only happens every four years. The significance is not just the two-week, 330 mile journey down the Delaware, it is also the signing of a treaty that marks the brotherhood between the Lenape Nation and the people living along the river. The stop in Frenchtown on **August 9** is at 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity for families to participate in a very meaningful event.



Middle School Mission Days. All 6-8th graders welcome to join us for an impactful time of volunteering **August 17-19**. Possible opportunities are Bethel Presbyterian Church, Hunting

Park Christian Academy and Caring for Friends.

9:30 am to 3 pm (Hours may vary based on travel time) BYOB lunch.

Cost is \$30.00 for gas and daily sweet treat. Scholarships are available by contacting Katy Schafer KatyS@dtownpc.org.

To register today, visit:

bit.ly/DPC-MSM



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 and to register for tickets today, visit: www.dtownpc.org/baseball-games or visit the events section on the homepage. Deadline to register for tickets is **this Tuesday, July 28!**



Give Blood. Give Life. The American Red Cross will be in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, **August 26**, from 12-6 pm. Schedule now and sign up to give the gift of life!

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

SESSION

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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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