



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



Wonder and Wander
August 16, 2026
9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

"Sometimes wonder begins simply by looking up. Sometimes wandering helps us notice what God has been doing all along." — Reverend Kelly Fitzgerald, who created an art installation for Montreat Youth Conference this summer.

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. R. House

*Call to Worship: Who Is God?

— from John 1, Psalm 8, and Matthew 2

Who is God?

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

God is a wonder-full wanderer.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Middle School Mission Week Commissioning: Who Are We?

You go not as tourists, but as servants of Christ. Will you keep your eyes open to see Jesus in the faces you meet, and your hearts open to share his love?

Youth: We will, with God's help.

Leader to Congregation: Church, will you commit to praying for them daily, to welcoming them home with listening hearts, and to letting their stories change you?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

Let us pray.

Congregation: Almighty God, look graciously upon these persons now to be called to go out. Give them a spirit of humility so that they may listen and learn, serving where they can. Amen.

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

(After the commissioning, 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.)

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

Listening

First Scripture Lesson: How Far Can We Go? Romans 5: 1-4 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 155
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Anthem *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Carlton Young
Summer Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Now What? Exodus 16:13-26 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 64
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “We Are Called to Be Wonder-filled Wanderers” Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

*Hymn *Wonderful Wanderings*

Minute for Mission: Reflections from Montreat Participants

Prayers of the People: But Why?

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.)



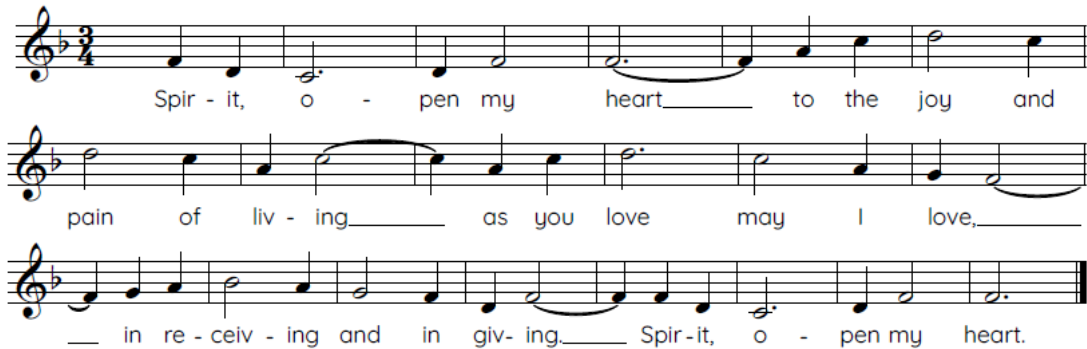
Offertory

Psalm 139

Jan Peter Teeuw

*Congregational Response

Spirit, Open My Heart



*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 741

Guide My Feet

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*Benediction (in unison)

**God is a wonder-full wanderer.
We are created by God to wonder and wander in faith.
We cannot go outside God's grace.
God can do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine.
We are called to be wonder-filled wanderers.
Go in peace! Amen.**

*Postlude

Sonata No.4, I. Allegro con brio

F. Mendelssohn

Worship Notes

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

On the cover: This collage of photos is from the Summer Youth Conference in Montreat, NC earlier this month. Twelve youth and four leaders spent the week wondering and wandering together.

Music note: The hymns and anthem today are selections that were sung by the youth during the retreat throughout the week.

Today we commission the youth and leaders about to embark on **Middle School Mission Week** during which they will volunteer at various local organizations. This year's participants are: Emme B., Julia C., Emma F., Audrie G., Dawn G., Abby H., Ben K., Eva P., Grace P., Carter R., Nora R., Ben Y., Emmy Y. This year's leaders are: Madelyn P., Erin Rizk, Katy Schafer, Quin Tettemer, Candi Young.

New Life! The rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Jackson Joseph Hussein, born on July 22, to Emily and Jeff Hussein. The proud DPC grandmother is Beth Faulkner.

The **flowers** today are given to the Glory of God.

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.



ALL CHURCH

BACKYARD



BLOCK PARTY



Sunday, August 23 following 9:30 worship

Get ready for an end-of-summer celebration as DPC takes over Mechanics Street!

Enjoy:

- Games
- Music
- Amazing BBQ from Blooming Glen Catering (Gluten-free options available)
- Cool drinks
- A special surprise dessert!

Wear:

- Your DPC name tag (so we can all connect)
- Relaxed clothing during worship

Bring:

- A favorite picnic side dish to be shared (Drop off at the Celtic Cross Room kitchen between 9:00-9:20 am)

All ages and stages are welcome. No RSVP needed!

Volunteers for easy setup, event help, and cleanup are warmly welcomed!

To volunteer, visit bit.ly/dpcblockparty or scan this code:



Summer Choir continues. 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. No experience needed! Childcare is available.



Join the Team! Are you interested in contributing to Sunday worship in a fun, rewarding way? Becoming an usher may be just what you're looking for! Join a team, serve on assigned Sundays and special services, and grow even closer to your DPC family in the process. Training is provided and the teams are always welcoming of new faces. To learn more, reach out to the church office at 215-348-3531 or send an email dpc@dtownpc.org. Please put "Ushers" in the subject line.



Food Drive and Community Meal. We collect food for those in need **today**, and gather in Fellowship Hall for DPC's monthly Community Meal at 11

am. Stop by to connect with guests from the community and your church family!



Hands-On at Bethel. Bethel Presbyterian Church needs volunteers to help with surface preparation and painting of the exterior woodwork of their beautiful stained glass windows.

Much of the work will involve ladders and scaffolding, including help with setting up and taking down the scaffolding. Some outside ground-level jobs and inside work are also needed. When you sign up, please indicate if you can do "scaffolding" or "ground-level" work in Comments. Remaining dates include **August 18, 22, 25, and 29**. This is an excellent opportunity to help Bethel repair their historic physical building so the congregation is able to continue to increase their ministry to their community. Visit bit.ly/bethelwd to sign up!



African American Museum of Bucks County Trip. Join in for an educational trip to the newly opened museum on **August 27** for our tour of the museum with acclaimed author Pat Mervine at

10 am. The museum is located at 867 Langhorne-Newtown Rd. in Langhorne. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults \$12; Ages 6-18 \$7. If you have interest in carpooling, alert Diane Paul by emailing dpc@dtownnpc.org, please include "AAMBC carpool" in the subject line. This trip is sponsored by DPC's Matthew 25 Committee. To register, visit bit.ly/DPCAAMBC



Hunting Park Christian Academy is hosting a workday on **August 22** in preparation for school opening: cleaning classrooms and moving furniture, plus other odd jobs, between 10 am and 3 pm. Bring

water, snacks, and your lunch if you are staying all day. All are welcome! Contact Nancy Roe by emailing dpc@dtownnpc.org with the subject line "HPCA Workday" for further information and to organize a carpool.



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!

Visit www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter the code "doylestownpresby" to locate the drive and to register.



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!



The Perennials of DPC are thrilled to sponsor two upcoming events this Fall. On **Oct. 1**, the **Fall Retreat** takes you to the amazing Grounds for Sculpture followed by an overnight stay at the Erdman Center in the Princeton Theological Seminary.



On **Nov. 10**, ride by comfortable coach bus to the American Music Theatre to experience the **Winter Wonderland** holiday spectacular!

The Registration deadline for both events is **Sept. 16**, so visit www.dtownnpc.org/perennials for details and to sign up today!

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates
to begin their service in June of 2027.

We are looking for gifted individuals with strong faith and dedicated discipleship founded on their love and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Our Deacons lead in ministries of compassion and witness and our Ruling Elders lead in the discernment of God's Spirit and the governance of God's people. The committee will be recommending members who seek the mind of Christ in all matters before us and represent the diversity of our congregation.

Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are critical to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or contact Deirdre Hally, moderator of the Nominating Committee, who can be reached at dpc@dtownpc.org "attn: nominating." The deadline for submitting nominations is **August 23**.

Candidate's Name

Candidate's qualification and attributes:

Additional comments:

Examples of ways the Candidate has shown
leadership and/or faithful discipleship:

Your name (optional):



Mission Statement: *Be a bridge for Christ
and a beacon of His love.*

Vision Statement: *A growing community of*

