



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

WILL YOU PRAY FOR AND SEEK TO SERVE
THE PEOPLE WITH...

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L O V E ?

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

9:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

Theologian Frederick Buechner describes our vocation in this way: *"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*

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

As the Deer

arr. M. Hayes

*Call to Worship

— based on Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits
who forgives, heals, redeems, crowns,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given this body many kinds of wisdom, and we confess we do not always see it. We have prized our own understanding and overlooked the intelligence our neighbor brings to the table. We have called some minds gifted and others ordinary, forgetting that you have made room for every kind of knowing. We have grown comfortable in what we already understand, and resisted the discomfort of learning something new. Forgive us for the times we have led without listening, and taught without being willing to be taught. Forgive us for building spaces too narrow to hold the wisdom of those we are called to serve alongside. Open us again to becoming a people who learn from one another, not just for the sake of our own growth, but so that we might love and serve your world more fully.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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

*(Following 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.)*

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

Anthem

Amazing Grace
Summer Choir

arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Expanded
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Scripture text in three voices

Sermon

“Serve the People with Intelligence”

Rev. Becca Bateman

Responding

*Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

Prayers of the People

Response: **Every part is needed. Every part belongs.**

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.)



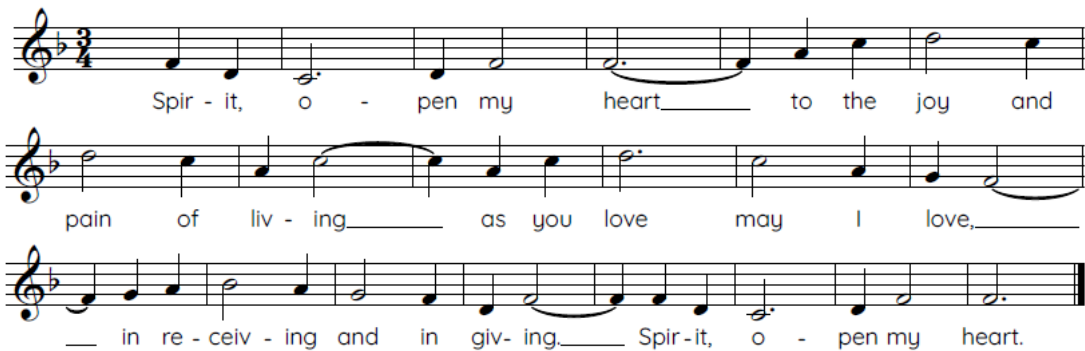
Offertory

Adagio

J.S. Bach

*Congregational Response

Spirit, Open My Heart



*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 322

We Are One in Christ Jesus

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude

Guilmant

Worship Notes

Lay Leaders: Naomi Darville and Kim Harris

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rev. Dr. Tom Kort, who recently served as DPC's interim pastor, on the death of his wife Corrine Kort on July 31. 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.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.

On **September 13**, DPC returns to our two worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 am. We also kick off Sunday education hour, with offerings for **children** (9 months- 5th grade), **youth** (grades 6-12) and **adults** between services (9:30-10:15).



Children's Worship Time (CWT) for children age 4 - 2nd grade, and **CWT+** for children in grades 3-5 is available during the later service.

We are excited to offer Sunday morning adult classes:

The Word Among Us: 9:15 am, AH-213, where participants 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.

Good News and Other News: 9:30 am, DPC Library, where current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith. Led by Christo Claassens, Jenny Danzis, Ken Johnson, and Jay Stough.





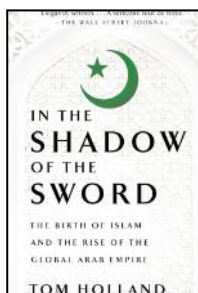
Growing in faith is never easy. Joining a small group can connect you with those searching for answers and seeking a meaningful relationship with God and others. Many Growth Groups are about to get started for the fall season, while some are ongoing. To check out the offerings with more detailed descriptions, and to sign up today, visit: www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups



Tuesday Night Group led by Pastor Becca Bateman and Hazelmanne Karabudak, 7 pm at a leader's home in Buckingham, beginning on Sept. 15, exploring the life and relationships of Jesus' mother Mary.



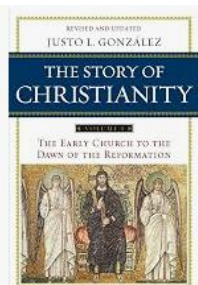
Wednesday Afternoon Read & Chat - 1 pm every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the DPC Library, September's book is *The Secret Sewing Society* by Siobhan Curham.



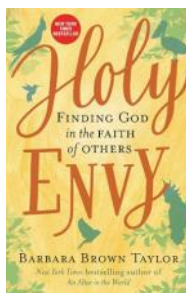
Sunday Evening Men's Group led by Tom Richards and Chris Nardo - 7 pm at a leader's home beginning Sept. 20, studying *In the Shadow of the Sword: The Birth of Islam and the Rise of the Global Arab Empire* by Tom Holland.



Wednesday Evening iLIGHT led by Steve Spadt - 7 pm, every other Wednesday beginning Sept. 16 on Zoom, studying the many facets and form of Prayer.



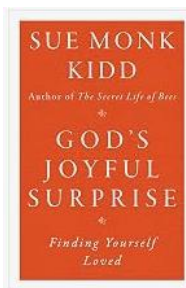
Monday Morning Men's Group led by Cameron Craig - Selected Mondays at 8 am, beginning Sept. 14, in the DPC Library, studying *The Story of Christianity: Volume 1: A Study of the Early History of Christianity* by Justo L. González.



Thursday Morning Women's Group led by Nancy Roe - 9:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the DPC Library beginning Sept. 10, studying *Holy Envy – Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.



Tuesday Mornings Waking Up with the Word led by Mac Schafer - 7 to 8 am, in the DPC Library studying the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.



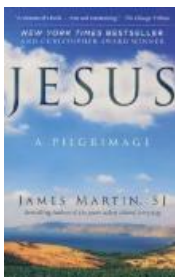
Thursday Evening Women's Group led by Ann Petro and Linay Richards, 7 pm to 8 pm at leader's home in Pipersville on selected dates beginning Sept. 10, studying *God's Joyful Surprise: Finding Yourself Loved* by Sue Monk Kidd.



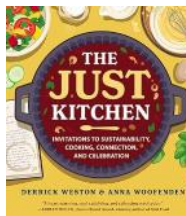
Friday Morning Group led by Jeff Toner and Terry Herring - 7:15-8:15 am, in the DPC Library, start date and topic TBD.



Friday Morning Walking Group led by Katy Schafer and Melissa Shaw - Fridays at 8:30 am at Hanusey Park.



Saturday Morning Men's Group led by Jay Stough - 7:30-9 am at DPC, studying *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by Fr. James Martin.



Saturday Afternoon Group led by Tanner Benson, Bev Jewusiak, Doris Kodikian, and Diane Paul – 11:30 am on Oct. 3, 10, and 17 in the Celtic Cross Room, studying *The Just Kitchen: Invitations to Sustainability, Cooking, Connection, and Celebration* by Derrick Weston and Anna Woofenden and enjoying shared meals.

DPC Moms Group, facilitated by Megan Craig, monthly meetups at Megan's home beginning September 25 at 7 pm. Enjoy fellowship and a chance to explore a different topic at each gathering. Join in when you can!



DPC Dads Group, facilitated by Art Shull, occasional meetups and outings. Register today to be added to the email list as details come together.



More detailed Growth Group descriptions can be found at www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups. That's also where you can signup.

Not online? Feel free to talk to Pastor Becca, or visit or call the Church Office and we'll get you signed up to the group that best fits your spiritual needs and schedule!



Back to School Moms Brunch on the Bridge! Wednesday, **September 2**, 9:30-11 am. The kids should all be at school, back to school, or almost there so come and join other moms to celebrate this new season if you are able!

We'll start AND finish conversations with other adults and enjoy warm cups of coffee together. Childcare available in the nursery.



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? **Join an Inquirers' Class!** We invite you to learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the core values and ministries of DPC, connect with church leaders and other Inquirers, and reflect on your own spiritual journey. The next class is set for **September 6** with new members being received on **September 20**. Visit www.dtownpc.org/membership to learn more and sign up today.



Meet DPC's New Youth Director! The Youth Director Search Committee is delighted to share that an offer has been made and accepted by Eric Gillette for the position of Youth Director. Eric came highly

recommended by several trusted sources and after getting to know him through the interview process, the search committee agrees that he will be a wonderful addition to our church staff and congregation. Eric began on **August 24**. He is:

- Finishing Masters of Divinity and Masters of Christian Education dual program at Princeton Seminary.
- A resident of Princeton with wife and son.
- Currently a research assistant for the Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Seminary.

For a full statement from the search committee as well as quotes from DPC members, youth, and others who know Eric well, visit www.dtownnpc.org/eric



The Earth Care Committee reminds you to **Save Your Sneakers!** Donate old pairs of sneakers to keep them out of landfills. Sneakers can be dropped off in boxes located at the entrance to the sanctuary building inside the red doors and in the Andrews Hall lobby **Sept. 6, 13, and 20**. For additional information about this effort, visit www.gotsneakers.com.



Get the Scoop at the DPC Library! Join us after 9:30 am worship on **September 6**, and see what's new and exciting in DPC's library! **Come enjoy a cup of ice cream**, take part in a children's project, browse the shelves, or take a moment to celebrate the space that is

more than a library: it's open every day to enjoy a coffee, visit with friends, play a game, or look for your next read. Come scope out puzzles galore, new book acquisitions, cards for writing notes of kindness, and an exhibit focused on Pastor Mac's recommendations: there's something for everyone! Your library is more than just books; it's your free trip to everywhere!



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 September 16, so visit www.dtownnpc.org/perennials for details and to sign up today!



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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