



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome in God's House

Spirit open my Heart

2027 Generosity Campaign



*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."*

MATTHEW 6:21

September 27, 2026

10:30 am

Gathering

People's Preparation

"There are two ways to have enough money: one is to acquire more; the other is to desire less."

- G.K. Chesterton, *The Innocence of Father Brown*

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, Open My Heart
Joyful Bells with Eileen Telly, violin

Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship

- verses from Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Confessing

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of Freedom, we come before you from the full storage units, closets, freezers and basements of our lives. We lament our hoarding. We confess our fear of scarcity. We confess our lack of trust in you. Help us to open our heart to the abundance found only in you. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;**

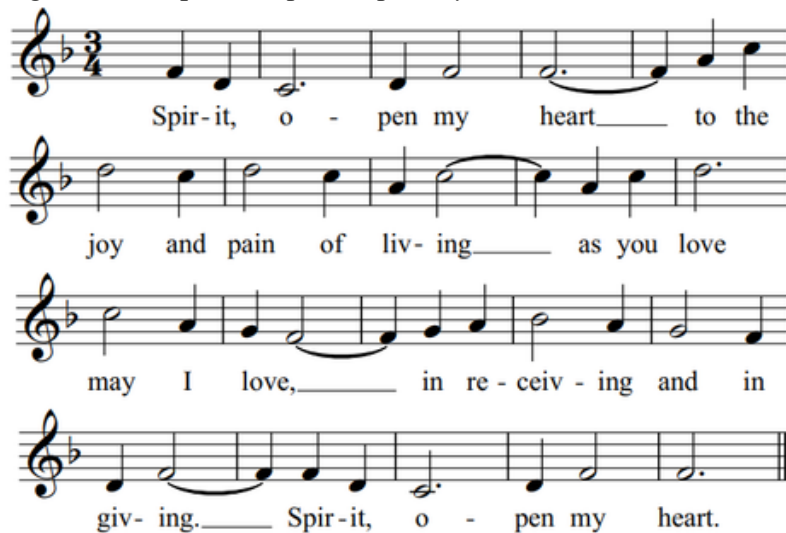
**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;**

to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

**Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

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

*Congregational Response *Spirit, Open My Heart*



*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude

A. Guilmant

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Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Jamie Neal **Lay Leader:** Naomi Darville



Spirit, Open My Heart - 2027 Generosity Campaign. You are invited on a spiritual journey over the next month to discern God's generosity in your life and your response. A quote for you to think about as we begin this journey: "Giving is not about what God wants from you, it's about what God wants **FOR** you." - Tom Malzoni

To learn more, visit www.dtownpc.org/spirit or scan this code:



On the cover: DPC Elder, and graphic designer by trade, Andy Benson has created the inspiring artwork for the 2027 Generosity Campaign.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Lawrence K. Mann by Judith L. Mann and family.

The PC(USA) is cultivating reconciliation by supporting racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations through the **World Communion Offering**. Envelopes are in the pews **today** and **October 4** (World Communion Sunday).



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! Would you like to share a joy or concern or a prayer request with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? Visit www.dtownpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code.



DPC at a Glance



Fall Retreat. There's still time to join the wonderful crew from DPC on a fun and educational Fall Retreat on **October 1-2**. This trip begins at the amazing Grounds for Sculpture followed by an overnight stay at the Erdman Center in the Princeton Theological Seminary. The **registration deadline** has been **extended** again to this **Wednesday, September 30!** Visit bit.ly/dpc retreat2026 for full details and to sign up today.



Join Katy and Mac Schafer for a presentation on **Ghost Ranch** on **September 30** at 5:30 pm in Andrews Hall Room 213. This camp and conference center is a Presbyterian Church (USA) property and treasure. Join as we share our photos and experiences and gauge interest in a future a DPC retreat in this magical southwestern oasis. Interested in learning more? Check out their website: www.ghost ranch.org



Lunch and Learn at Second Baptist. On **October 4**, we gather with our friends at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown for lunch and a screening of the film *Jesus Was a Migrant*. We will engage in a faith-based conversation exploring several of the central questions posed by the filmmakers. bit.ly/MIGRANTFILM to learn more and register today. A representative from the Matthew 25 Committee will be on the bridge following both services **today** to assist with registrations.



Blessing of the Animals. Join in on **October 11** at 8:30 am, when the early service will be held in the churchyard and Pastors will bless your well-behaved pets. You can also come with a stuffie or photo of a deceased pet to be blessed. Bring a chair to get comfortable and pastors will come to you. Invite your friends! In the event of rain, (human) worship will be held indoors.



Wine & the Word. On **October 16**, join in for an evening exploring wine through the lens of agriculture, scripture, and community featuring Dr. Nate Stucky, founder of Princeton Seminary's Farminary ("farm" + "Seminary") where theology grows literally out of the soil. Visit www.dtownpc.org/wine to learn more and reserve your spot. This event has a maximum of 50 people.



Celebrate the Arts Presents: **From Vienna to Buenos Aires** **October 18** at 4 pm. This dazzling piano four-hands concert featuring José Meléndez and Ting Ting Wong includes beloved works from iconic composers brought to life through the dynamic interplay of two pianists at one instrument. From refined Viennese brilliance to fiery tango and Brazilian flair, this concert promises an unforgettable musical voyage filled with elegance, energy, and virtuosity. No tickets required.



College-Age Connection. Supporting and encouraging our college-age members who are off at school or in the military is so important. DPC's College-Age Connection Ministry (formerly known as Church Mouse) is one way to let them know they are still part of this church family with care packages and notes. (The Deacons and Youth Group will continue to send care and love each year as well.) To learn more and get involved, visit www.dtownpc.org/college-age or email the church office at dpc@dtownpc.org. Parents of college-age members, please help us update their contact info!



Art of the Generations. Be sure to stop by the Celtic Cross Room to view a wonderful collection of art from DPC members of any age and any stage. This is the first visual display exhibit in DPC's Celebrate the Arts series for 2026-2027. Interested in contributing to future displays? Visit www.dtownpc.org/cta to learn more and see the full schedule.

Education Hour

Children and Youth Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 am in Andrews Hall

DPC Nursery: Open to children 9 months to 2 **Little Lambs:** Ages 2 to Pre-K in Nursery

Younger Elementary: K to 2nd grade in Room 211

Older Elementary: Grades 3-5 in the Room 203

Middle School: Grades 6-8 in Youth Room 202

High School: Pop-Tarts in the Parlor, Sanctuary bldg.

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to age 4

Children's Worship Time (CWT): Ages 4 to 2nd grade in Room 207

CWT+: Grades 3 to 5 in the Celtic Cross Room, Sanctuary bldg.

Adult Education Offerings

Good News and Other News - 9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library, AH

Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith. *Led by Christo Claassens, Jenny Danzis, and Jay Stough.*

The Word Among Us - 9:15 am, AH-213. The Word Among Us continues to focus this season on the Book of Mark and later, the Book of Job. Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture. *Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen.*

How Are You (Really)? Prayer Practices, Parenting, and More - 9:30 am, AH-209.

Whether you are a grownup who has dropped off their kid for Sunday School or looking for rhythm in your weekly life, come enjoy this time to check in, share, and lift one another up in prayer. *Led by Lindsay Shull and Art Shull.*

Evening Groups for Children and Youth

Sunshine Singers: Ages 4 to 1st Grade, Wednesdays @4:30 in Room 213

Celebration Choir/Wednesday Club:

All children in 2nd through 5th Grade. Wednesdays. Choir/Bells @5pm, Food, faith and fun @5:30 - 6:30 pm, Celtic Cross Room. To learn more and to register visit www.dtownnpc.org/children-family

DPC Youth: Grades 6 - 12 - Sunday Evenings

Confirmation: Open to Grades 8+ @4:30 - 7:30 pm, AH-209

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Youth Group: @4:15-5 pm, Celtic Cross Room

Youth Choir & Bells: @5-5:45 pm, Choir Room

Dinner: @5:45-6:15 pm, Celtic Cross Room

High School (Grades 9-12) Youth Group: @6:15-7 pm, Celtic Cross Room

To learn more and to register visit www.dtownnpc.org/youth

Staff

Rev. Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

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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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