



# Doylestown Presbyterian Church

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



*"O.K., fine. I'll use one of yours."*

September 13, 2026

10:30 am

# All Are Welcome in God's House

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## People's Preparation

*Imagination is dreaming dreams that go beyond what we do. To be imaginative is to allow ourselves to be stirred by new ideas and willing to give them a hearing. The gift of imagination is easily destroyed by dull conformity to accustomed patterns.*

- Howard L. Rice and Calvin Chinn

## 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

*Praise to the Lord*

arr. C. Callahan

Eileen Telly, violin; Mina Choi, organ

## \*Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness and chaos...

**God imagined.**

In the fury and darkness...

**God imagined a world filled with trees, and blue skies and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and...

**imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.**

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

**God imagined humanity. God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

In a world teeming with billions of people...

**God imagined me.**

God imagined you and God imagined me. We are created in the image of God.

**God imagined us all. God loves each of us.**

Let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One! **Amen.**

## \*Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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

## Call to Discipleship

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for reconciling of the world? **I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? **I will, with God's help.**

\*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

## Listening

Time with the Children: Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

*(Following the message, children ages four through fifth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will be across the bridge in room 207. Children will return to service to share in communion.)*

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2:4-9

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 9

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

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

Anthem

*We Lift Up Our Voices*

Karen Marrolli

Chancel Choir

*From over the mountains there rises a song, as tongues in their thousands all join in the throng.  
The earth in her flowering, the depth of the seas, the trees in their towering, continue the theme.*

*(refrain) We lift up our voices in honor and praise; Our spirit rejoices as anthems we raise!*

*Your stars spin their circles in the darkness of space, their silver light hurling through infinite grace.*

*You order the heavens, ordaining the skies, the planets' progressions in chorus arise. (refrain)*

*The cry of a newborn, the coo of a dove, the silence of dew-morn, the sigh of new love;*

*Thus, all of creation in answering your call brings glad adoration to Heaven's bright hall! (refrain)*

## Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Jonah 1

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 859

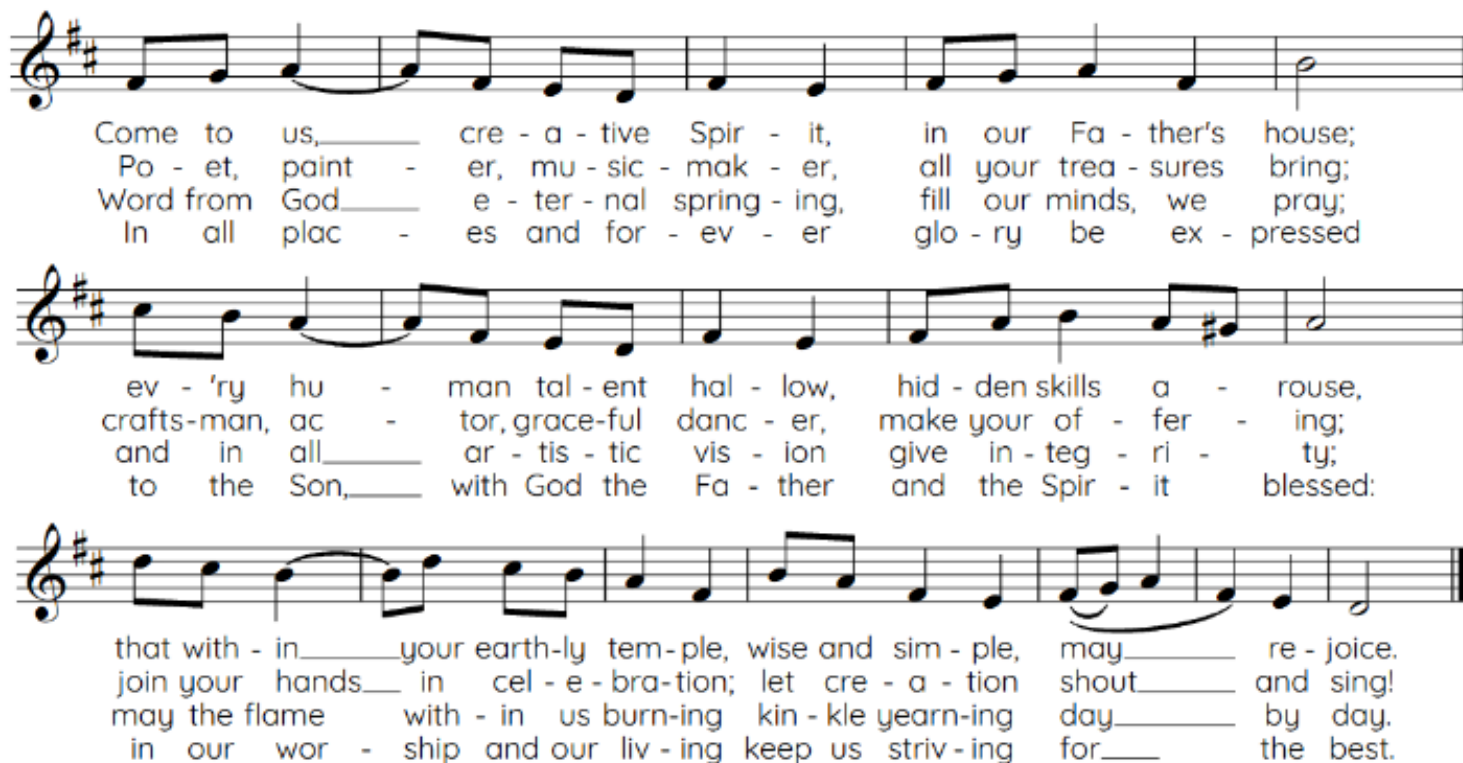
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Will You Pray For & Seek to Serve the People with Imagination?”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

\*Hymn

*Come to Us, Creative Spirit*



Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in our Fa - ther's house;  
Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your trea - sures bring;  
Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we pray;  
In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry be ex - pressed

ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low, hid - den skills a - rouse,  
crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er, make your of - fer - ing;  
and in all ar - tis - tic vis - ion give in - teg - ri - ty;  
to the Son, with God the Fa - ther and the Spir - it blessed:

that with - in your earth - ly tem - ple, wise and sim - ple, may re - joice,  
join your hands in cel - e - bra - tion; let cre - a - tion shout and sing!  
may the flame with - in us burn - ing kin - kle yearn - ing day by day.  
in our wor - ship and our liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

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

*Sonata No. 2*

G.F. Handel

Eileen Telly, violin; Mina Choi, organ

\*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# Sacrament

Welcome to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the gluten-free elements until all have received so that we might share in this meal together.)*

Closing Prayer

## Sending

\*Hymn 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Come, Labor On*

arr. L. Smith

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## Worship Notes

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

Today's **Call to Worship** was written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits.  
[liturgybits.wordpress.com](http://liturgybits.wordpress.com)

**Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. We encourage you to share in this meal of God's people with us.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of William Bishop from Anne, David, Paul, and Ethan Bishop; and in loving memory of Edward and Freda C. Agnew by Mariana Hoffman.

**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!

**New Life!** The rosebuds in the chancel celebrate the births of Charles Robert Raitt, son of Stephen and Natalie Raitt, on August 24, the proud DPC grandparent is Linda Monkoski; and Everly Baldwin Fetters, daughter of Kevin and Danielle Shaw Fetters, on September 4, the proud DPC grandparent is Sharon Shaw.

**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](http://www.dtownpc.org) and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code. This is also the place to check in if you are worshiping online, learn more about our various ministries, programs, and mission efforts.



## 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 the 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

**Youth:** 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 6 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 Claasens, Jenny Danzis, Ken Johnson, 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.dtownpc.org/children-family](http://www.dtownpc.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.dtownpc.org/youth](http://www.dtownpc.org/youth)

# DPC at a Glance



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 **today** and **Sept. 20**. For additional information about this effort, visit [www.gotsneakers.com](http://www.gotsneakers.com).



The Perennials of DPC are thrilled to sponsor two upcoming events this Fall. On **Oct. 1-2**, 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.dtownpc.org/perennials](http://www.dtownpc.org/perennials) for details and to sign up today!



**Food Drive and Community Meal.** DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs Sunday, **September 20** followed by the monthly Community

Meal in Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring donations to the lobby that morning. To volunteer or donate to the meal, visit [bit.ly/DPC-CM](http://bit.ly/DPC-CM).



FRIENDS  
OF PEB

**Friends of PEB** strives to transform lives in Pakistan through supporting Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) schools.

Cheryl Burke, their Executive Director, and Veda Gill, their Missions Representative, will be visiting with us on **September 27** during the Education Hour starting at 9:30 am in the Celtic Cross Room to give us information about this inspiring DPC Mission Partner.



Join Katy and Mac Schafer for a presentation on **Ghost Ranch** on **September 30** at 6:30 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.ghostranch.org](http://www.ghostranch.org)



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](http://bit.ly/MIGRANTFILM) to learn more and register today.



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](http://www.dtownpc.org/wine) to learn more and reserve your spot. This event has a maximum of 50 people.

**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 the best way to let them know they are still part of this church family with care packages and notes. To learn more and to get involved, visit [www.dtownpc.org/college-age](http://www.dtownpc.org/college-age) or email the church office at [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org). Parents of college-age members, please help us update their contact info!

## Session

Mac Schafer, *Moderator*

Becca Bateman, *Associate Pastor*

### **Class of 2027**

Linda Cacossa, Clerk  
Joanne Chaikin  
Elizabeth Craig  
Luray Gross  
Terry Herring  
Scott Nichols  
Jeannie Quist  
George Segelken  
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### **Class of 2028**

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Erin Rizk  
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Cheryl Osgood  
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Linda Gelcius  
Barbara Glore  
Bob Miller  
Barbara Skapura

### **Class of 2029**

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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*  
Eric Gillette, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Director of Engagement*  
Kayla Grone, *Nursery Worker*  
Dalia Hamilton, *Nursery Worker*  
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Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*  
Eve Sheldon, *Choir Section Leader*  
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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