



# Doylestown Presbyterian Church

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All Are Welcome in God's House



October 18, 2026

10:30 am

# Gathering

## People's Preparation

*"The totally self-determined life became the only life worth living,  
nearly the opposite of the entire history of spirituality."*

- Richard Rohr, *Adam's Return*

## 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

*I Can Do All Things*  
Sunshine Singers

the Donut Man

## \*Call to Worship

— from Matthew 6:32-33 (Inclusive Language translation)

Seek first God's reign, and God's justice,

**and all these things will be given to you besides.**

Enough worrying about tomorrow!

**Let tomorrow take care of itself.**

Today has troubles enough of its own.

**Let us worship God!**

## \*Hymn 395

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

## Recognition of 50-year Members

## \*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.**

## \*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

First Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:6-7      Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 198  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Anthem      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Beach Spring)*  
DPC Wind Ensemble

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 12:22-34      Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 74  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon      “The Five Truths: You Are Not In Control”  
Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

## Responding

\*Hymn 819      *Be Still, My Soul*

Moment of Gratitude      Chris Nardo

Prayers of the People and 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      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*      arr. Kyle Pederson  
Chancel Choir with Amy Lloyd, flute and Ed Ziegman, bassoon

*(Text for this offertory is found in your hymnal on page 182)*

\*Congregational Response 692      *Spirit, Open My Heart*  
**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living, as you love,  
may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

\*Hymn 716      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*      arr. Duane Funderburk  
DPC Wind Ensemble

## Worship Notes

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**Assisting:** Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Linda Monkoski



**Spirit, Open My Heart - 2027 Generosity Campaign.** You are invited to continue this spiritual journey to discern God's generosity in your life and your response. A quote for you to think about : *"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord."*

– J.L. Kraft

To learn more, visit [www.dtownpc.org/spirit](http://www.dtownpc.org/spirit) or scan this code:  
**Gratitude Sunday is November 1!**



**On the Cover:** *Field with Flowers Near Arles*, Vincent van Gogh, 1888, Public Domain

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Martha Hotchkiss by her family.

**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](http://www.dtownpc.org) and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code.



## Education Hour

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**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

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**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 (next meets Nov. 15)

**Youth Choir & Bells:** @5-6 pm (resumes next Sunday)

**Dinner:** @6-6:30 pm, Celtic Cross Room

**Element Youth Group (Separated Middle School and High School):** @6:30-7:30 pm

To learn more and to register visit [www.dtownpc.org/youth](http://www.dtownpc.org/youth)

## DPC at a Glance

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**Bethel Coat Drive.** It's time to collect NEW and very gently used children's and adult's warm winter coats for Bethel Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. We need children's coats in all sizes. If you plan to donate NEW larger sized coats, we ask that you use the sign up at [bit.ly/BPC-Coats](http://bit.ly/BPC-Coats) to designate which size you are purchasing. New hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves are also welcome. Drop off the winterwear in the Andrews Hall entrance by Monday, **November 9**.



**Food Drive and Community Meal.** We collect food for those in need this morning, and gather in Fellowship Hall for DPC's monthly Community Meal at noon. Stop by to connect with guests from the community and your church family!



Celebrate the Arts Presents: **From Vienna to Buenos Aires today** 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. This concert promises an unforgettable musical voyage filled with elegance, energy, and virtuosity. No tickets required.



**DPC Moms Meetup.** The Moms Group will gather to discuss a topic, learn about and from each other, and support one another at facilitator Megan Craig's home on Friday, **October 23** at 7 pm. Feel free to BYOB or a small snack to share. Interested in joining in? Email the church office at [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org) and we'll put you in touch with Megan Craig for info on this month's topic and the address.



**DPC Dads Hike.** Lace up your boots and meet at the parking area of Ralph Stover State Park for a hike to the High Rocks Vista on Saturday, **November 7** at 7 am. No RSVP required. Email the church office at [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org) and we'll put you in touch with Art Shull to be added to the dads' mailing list.



**Inquirers' Class.** Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? Join an Inquirers' Class! The next class is set for **November 8** following 10:30 worship with new members being received on **November 22**. Visit [www.dtownpc.org/membership](http://www.dtownpc.org/membership) to learn more and sign up today.

# Today we honor our 50-year Members

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*A reception will be held in the Celtic Cross Room  
following 10:30 worship. All are welcome!*

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| <b>1947</b> Patricia Mill   | <b>1969</b> Eugene Brown             |
| <b>1953</b> Jeanette Geiger | Susan Hauser                         |
| <b>1955</b> George Yerkes   | Marcia Rodenbaugh                    |
| <b>1957</b> Anne K. Bishop  | <b>1970</b> Joyce Feigles            |
| Loretta Rogers              | Paul and Virginia Hendrixson         |
| <b>1958</b> Susan Darville  | <b>1971</b> Jane and William Antheil |
| <b>1959</b> Daphne Cox      | Joan Boyd                            |
| <b>1961</b> Craig Eaton     | Ann Corkadel                         |
| Glenn Frater                | Nancy and Roy Kolb                   |
| <b>1962</b> Lynda Borowski  | Joan Parlee                          |
| Lindsay Jardine             | Barry and Carol Pratt                |
| <b>1963</b> Geryl McMullin  | <b>1972</b> Edwin Geiger             |
| <b>1964</b> Naomi Darville  | Allen Irwin                          |
| Wayne Hoch                  | Judith Mumaugh                       |
| Mary McCaw                  | Louis White                          |
| Joanne Waldron              | <b>1973</b> David and Chris Crooke   |
| <b>1965</b> Kendall Feild   | Joan Dommel                          |
| Douglas McClintock          | Rita Flack                           |
| Sharon Schanbacker          | Phyllis LaRochelle                   |
| Judith Yerkes               | Ginny Swartley                       |
| <b>1966</b> Richard Dommel  | Frederick Trout                      |
| Mariana Hoffman             | <b>1974</b> Nancy Eaton              |
| Judith Mann                 | Barbara and Tom Kube                 |
| Eileen and Frederick Roedel | <b>1975</b> Sherrie Murphy           |
| <b>1967</b> Mileen Altier   | <b>1976</b> Joyce Baral              |
| Kay Benkert                 | Mary Danzis                          |
| Thomas Haldeman             | Carole Haag                          |
| Elena Rodriguez             | Bill and Nancy Jones                 |
| Mary Shull                  | Mike and Ann Noftsgar                |
| <b>1968</b> Jeffrey Finley  | Carol Runyan                         |
| Galen Hays                  | Dave and Linda Sheasley              |
| Deborah Miller              | Larry and Linda Smith                |
|                             | Beverly Steinhagen                   |



**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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