



Doylestown Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome in God's House



Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:30 am

Gathering

People's Preparation

In a 1530 letter, originally in German, Martin Luther wrote:

"Except for theology, [music] alone produces what otherwise only theology can do, namely a calm and joyful disposition."

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

A Mighty Fortress - Movement 1
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

*Call to Worship

— from Psalm 46 CEB version

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.

Therefore we will not be afraid.

When the worlds fall apart...

Therefore we will not be afraid.

When the mountains crumble...

Therefore we will not be afraid.

When the waters soar and rage and when the mountains shake...

Therefore we will not be afraid.

Let us worship God!

Confessing

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

A Mighty Fortress - Movement 2
Chloé Moore, Soprano & Daniel Micsion, Baritone

*Everything that is born of God is destined for victory.
Nothing can be done through our strength, we are soon already lost.
The right man battles for us, whom God himself has elected.
Whoever is, with the bloody banner of Christ,
sworn into the fealty of baptism, conquers in the spirit again and again.
You ask, who is he? He is called Jesus Christ, the Lord of Sabaoth, and
there is no other God, he must control the battlefield. Everything that is
born of God is destined for victory.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

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

Listening

Time with the Children *Child of God - Movement 3*
(Following the message, children ages four through fifth grade may leave
for Children's Worship Time. Children will return to worship
during the final hymn.)

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 2:15-21 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 187
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination *Come Into My Heart's House - Movement 4*
Chloé Moore, Soprano

Sermon "The Five Truths: Your Life Is Not About You"
Rev. Becca Bateman

Responding

Affirmation of Faith *A Mighty Fortress - Movement 5*
Chancel Choir

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.**

Moment of Gratitude Linda Bengtson

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 *Movement 7*
Eve Sheldon, Tenor & Paige Bush, Mezzo-Soprano

*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 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Benediction

*Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* arr. W. Faulkes

Worship Notes

Lay Leader: Julia C.



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 : *"We don't own the institutions we're entrusted to lead; we simply borrow them from one generation/pass them on to the next."*

– Dan Noble, CEO HKS Architects

To learn more, visit www.dtownnpc.org/spirit or scan this code:
Gratitude Sunday is November 1!



Music note: Various moments in today's service feature movements of a cantata by J.S. Bach based on *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

On the Cover: *Luther in the circle of his Family* by Gustav Spangenberg, 1866, Public Domain

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Lawrence K. Mann by the Mann family; and in loving memory of John Graf by Abby, Brad, Jane, and Ben Kube.

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 rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Charles James Young, son of Shawn and Caroline Young, on October 15. The proud DPC grandparents are Bob and Rochelle Young.

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.dtownnpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code.



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

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 on 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.*



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 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**.



CSSH Code Blue. The Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless needs 15 volunteers each night that our Code Blue shelter is open (28 or colder with the wind chill). DPC will host the shelter in February. In-person volunteer training will be held in on **November 4** at 7 pm at Doylestown Twp. Parks and Recreation Center, **November 7** at 9:30 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and **November 21** at 9:30 am at Doylestown United Methodist Church. You can also train online by visiting www.co2ssh.org/new-volunteer-training



The Art of David Ohlerking. Mark your calendar for a three-week display of paintings in the Celtic Cross Room (**Oct. 29-Nov. 19**) from this local artist depicting DPC and surrounding Doylestown. Payment can be made by checks payable to Doylestown Presbyterian church as 100% of the proceeds will go toward supporting the ministries of DPC. There will be no prices and you may pay what you wish for each piece.



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 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 to learn more and sign up.



DPC's Giving Tree can be found on the bridge **November 15 & 22!** Select tags from the Tree for people receiving assistance from our mission outreach partners. Keep watch in your email and on the church website for a list of items that can be selected online.



A Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness. For those seeking a sense of hope and renewed spirit, we invite you to join us on Thursday, **November 19**, at 7 pm. We will gather to remember the losses of life, recognize we are not alone, and find strength through prayer and music. This special service is being prepared by Pastor Mac Schafer with assistance from our Deacons.

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 (next meets Nov. 15)

Youth Choir & Bells: @5-6 pm (Choir only this week)

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.dtownnpc.org/youth

Church Leadership

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
Lindsay Shull

Class of 2028

Andy Benson
Deirdre Hally
Dennis Parenti
Erin Rizk
Jeff Toner

Class of 2029

Suzanne Courtwright
Henry Hoffman
Laura Mendelson
Frank Roland
Melissa Shaw

Board of Deacons

Steve Quist, *Moderator*

Class of 2027

Lucy Blore
Karen Cameron
Jennifer Drollette
Kathy Maclin
Kevin O'Hare
Cheryl Osgood
Steve Quist

Class of 2028

Kathy Brown
Dick Cornelius
Sally Deibert
Linda Gelcius
Barbara Glore
Bob Miller
Barbara Skapura

Class of 2029

Kaitlin Beck
David Bishop
Bill Cameron
Stephanie Di Clemente
Kim Nardo
Rich Smith

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*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Daniel Micsion, *Choir Section Leader*

Chloé Moore, *Choir Section Leader*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

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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