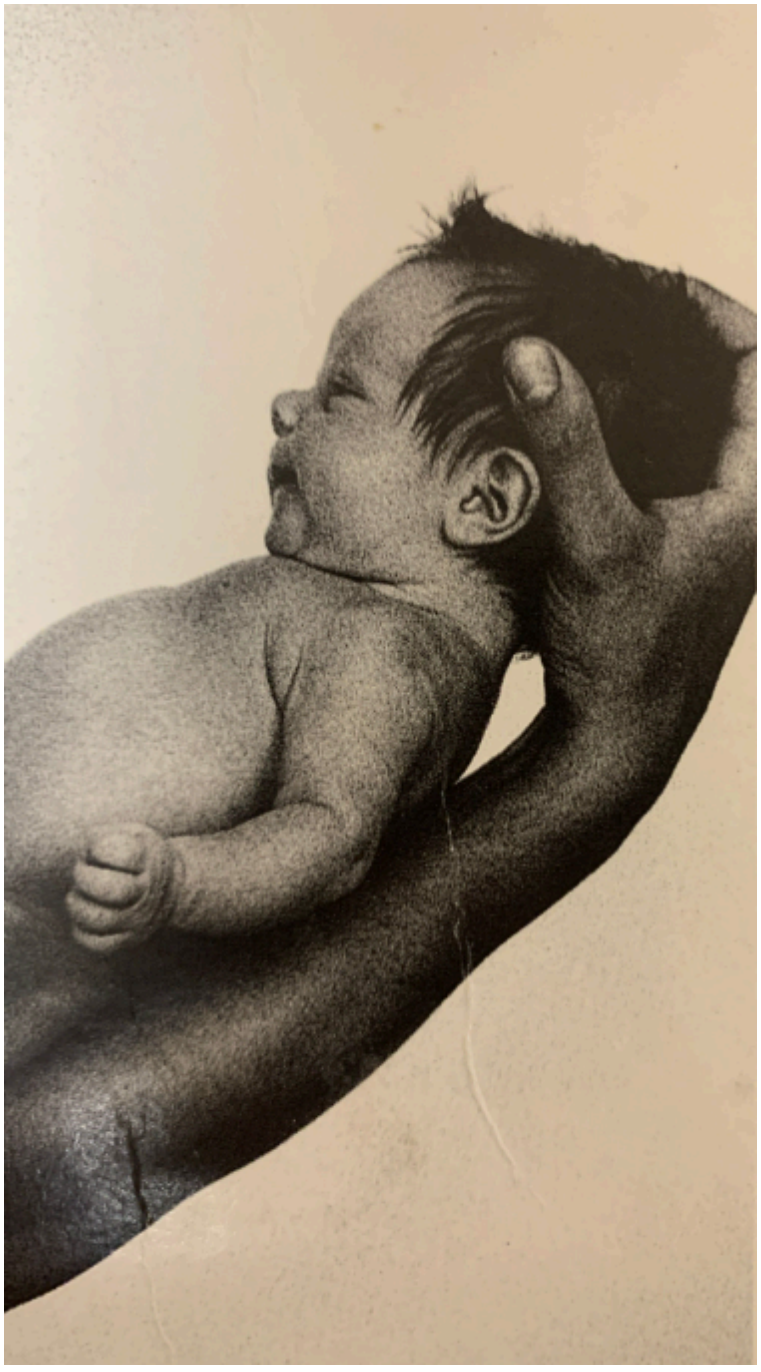
Doylestown Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome in God's House



November 8, 2026
10:30 am

Gathering

People's Preparation

"Our call is to warmheartedness. In the utter simplicity of it, we find the joy and fearlessness to stand at the margins and discover them erased by our affectionate awe. The blindfold falls and we only see goodness. - Fr. Greg Boyle

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 *Be Thankful*
Sunshine Singers

*Call to Worship

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Confessing

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of Confidence, we confess to easily being pulled into webs of fear. Those who desire power, want us to be divided and blame our woes on easy scapegoats. This is the sin of division we have been seduced by. May we see the log in our own eye before honing in on the speck in another's eye. Free us from the cages of fear and blame, Lord.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*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: Isaiah 41:8-14 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 669
Presenteded by the Older Elementary Sunday School Class
(Following the message, children ages four through fifth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will return to worship to share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.)

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

Anthem *Unity and Harmony* Ron Mallory
Joyful Bells with Jeff Fulgham and Bill Gardner, trumpets

Prayer of Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 41:8-14 The Message version
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Joy and Fearlessness" Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

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 *Lascia chi'io pianga* G.F. Handel
Jeff Fulgham and Bill Gardner, trumpets, with 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

Celebrating

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 840 *It Is Well with My Soul*

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Dan Sonnelitter



Spirit, Open My Heart: 2027 Generosity Campaign Update. Last Sunday, November 1st, was Gratitude Sunday. We are tremendously grateful to those of you who pledged. Presently, **204** pledges have been submitted, totaling **$1,171,304.**

This is compared to 191 pledges for $1,143,237 that were submitted during the week following Commitment Sunday in 2025 for the Be Knit Together campaign. If you have not already submitted your pledge, you can scan the QR code to the right or visit bit.ly/DPC-SPIRIT-2027, put your pledge in the offering plate or mail it into the office. Thank you for your prayerful discernment.

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Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bev Fulgham on the death of her mother, Jean Stoltz, on November 4. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

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 Ruth I. Hughes by Jeff Toner and Katie Toner; and in loving memory of my husband, Dr. John W. Tomlinson, by Joy Tomlinson.

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



Bethel Coat Drive. Thank you to all who have donated new and very gently used children's and adult's warm winter clothing for Bethel Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. The outpouring of support for this effort has been amazing! If you'd still like to contribute, the deadline to donate is tomorrow, **November 9**. Just drop clothing in the bins in Andrews Hall.





Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly is a PC(USA) minister who will be visiting DPC on Sunday, **November 15** as a special guest to help usher in Celtic Advent through music and reflection during worship. Kiran has been based in Northern Ireland for most of the past 20 years. She will lead a special time of education on the 15th titled *Love and Mercy, Justice and Peace: Peacebuilding through Singing Psalms in Northern Ireland and Beyond* in the Celtic Cross Room following the 10:30 am service. All are welcome.



The Art of David Ohlerking. On display and on sale in the Celtic Cross Room are paintings from this local artist depicting DPC. 100% of the proceeds will go toward supporting the ministries of DPC. There are no prices and you may pay what you wish for each piece. Just sign your name on the list located on the ledger next to the painting's number. Pieces with a star next to them have already been claimed.



Interested in submitting photos or artwork for the next CTA visual arts display set for **November 19?** Visit www.dtownpc.org/cta for details on how to contribute pieces. The theme of the display is "Light" - prepare for the birth of Christ through the practice of Celtic Advent.



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.



The next gathering of the **DPC Moms** group is **November 21** at 8:30 am at Michele Hoffman's home. RSVP is requested, so please call or email the church office if you plan to attend. This is a time for moms to gather to discuss a topic, learn about and from each other, and support one another.



Advent All Together! Enjoy lunch, grow friendships, and create keepsakes at this all-church event following 10:30 am worship in Andrews Hall on **November 29.** Activities this year include creating a treasured keepsake to take home, visiting the Advent Mission Market, taking a photo with the life-sized manger scene, crafting an ornament for a homebound member, and more!

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.*

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

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
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

*schedules are subject to change, please check emails and website.

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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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