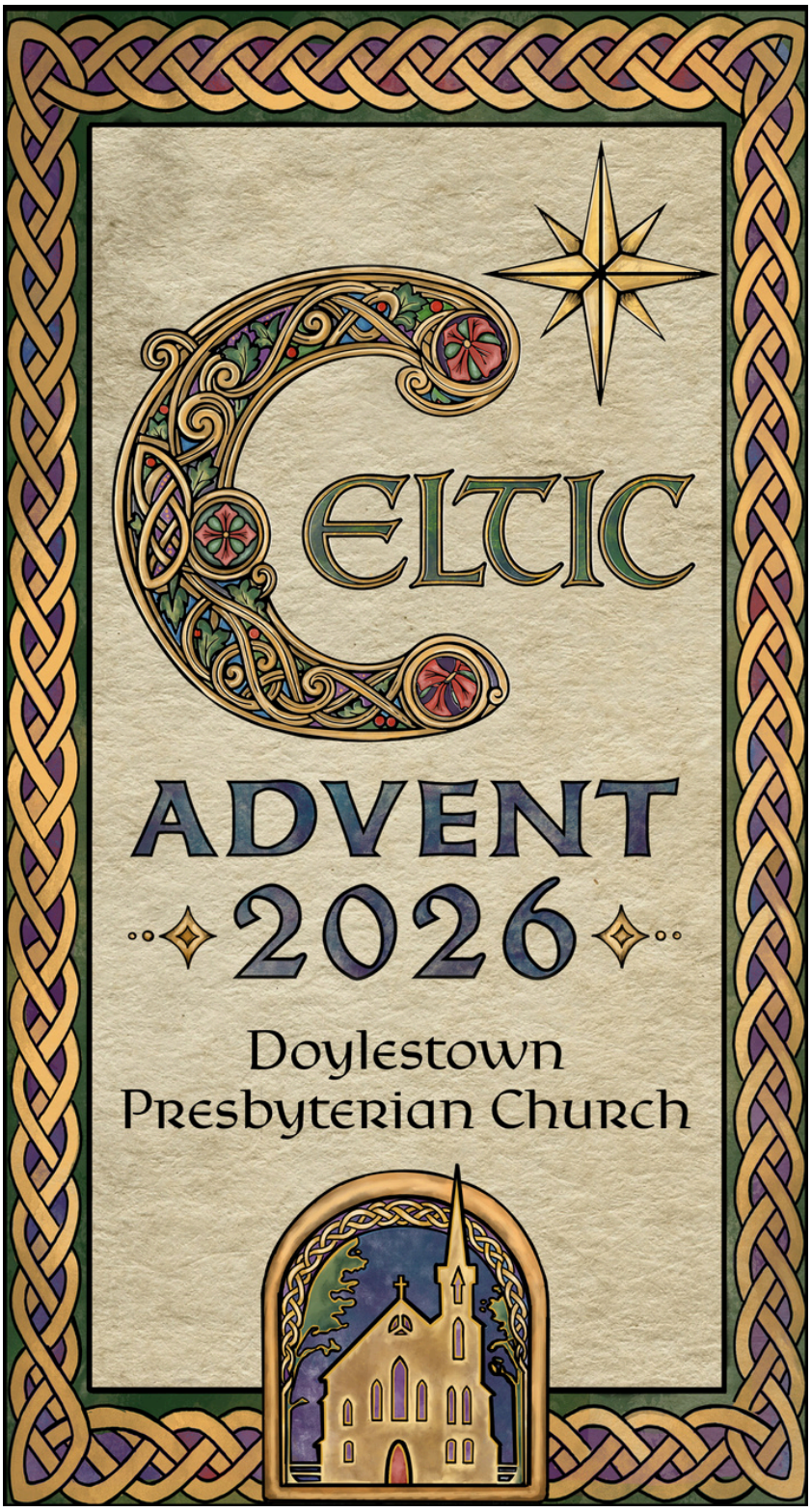
All Are Welcome in God's House



November 29, 2026

10:30 am

Gathering

People's Preparation

Celtic tradition teaches that creation is essentially an utterance of God. It is spoken forth from 'the secret recesses of the Father's substance.'

- "The Book of Creation: An introduction to Celtic Spirituality" by J. Philip Newell

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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

DPC Strings

*Lighting of the Advent Candles — The Smith Family

Christ as a light illumine and guide us.
Christ as a shield overshadow us.
Christ under me; Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

*Hymn 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Time with the Children

(Following the message, children ages four through fifth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will return to the sanctuary during the final hymn.)

Confessing

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

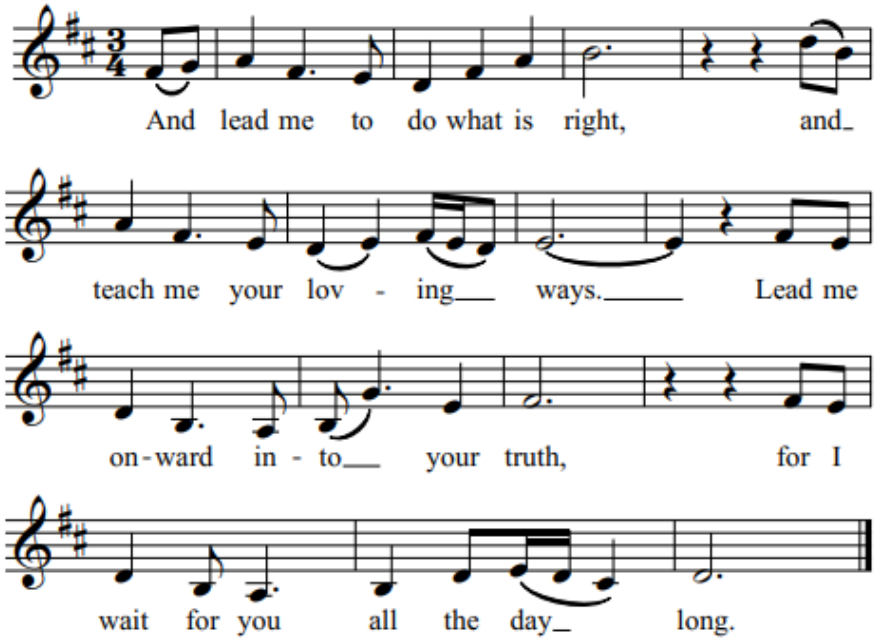
God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(a moment for silent Reflection and Confession)

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response *For I Wait (Psalm 25)*



*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

Listening

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 694

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

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

Anthem *What Child Is This?* arr. John Behnke

Joyful Bells and DPC Strings

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Pew Bible, (NT), p. 165

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

Sermon "God Birthing New Things In Creation"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith - from Luke 1:26-31

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

*Hymn 138 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

Prayers of the People

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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* arr. Jocelyn Hagen

Chancel Choir and DPC Strings

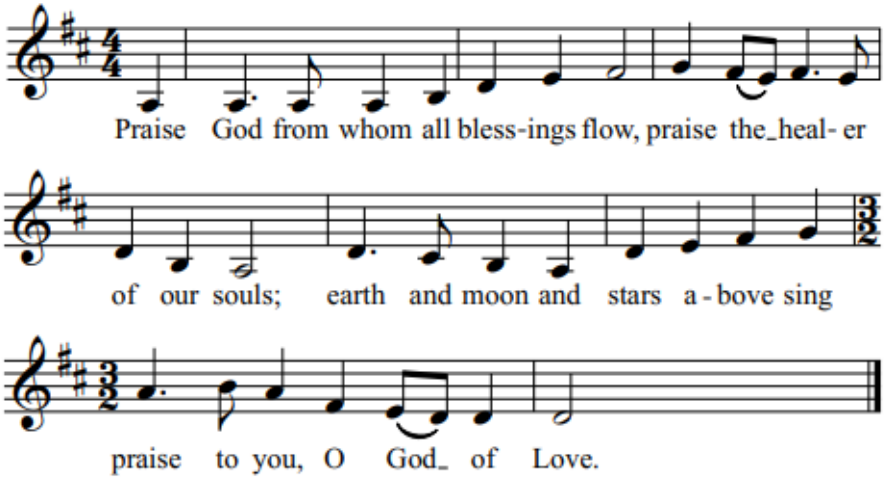
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peaace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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



*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn 104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

*Benediction

*Postlude *Let All Things Now Living* arr. M.W. Jones

Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Hudson



Spirit, Open My Heart: 2027 Generosity Campaign Update. Four weeks after Gratitude Sunday we are grateful to those of you who have pledged your time, talents and financial resources for the upcoming year. As of Tuesday, we have **247** pledges for **$1,302,224.** We have a goal of exceeding **275** households pledging **$1,500,000.** "The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being." (Matthew 6:21 in The Message) Thanks be to God.

If you have not already submitted your pledge, you can scan the QR code to the left, put your pledge in the offering plate or mail it into the office. Thank you for your prayerful discernment.

The **flowers** today are given with happy memories of Dick Mumaugh by Judy, Kathy, and Linay.

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.

Today! Advent All Together!



Enjoy lunch, grow friendships, and create keepsakes at this all-church event **following 10:30 am worship** in Andrews Hall.

Through Dec. 13 Giving Tree



Select tags from the Tree on the bridge or online for children and adults receiving assistance from our mission outreach partners.

Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13 Mission Market



This is an opportunity to purchase gifts from organizations that give back to the community. Open in the Celtic Cross Room between worship services.

Dec. 6 Caroling



After a light lunch **following 10:30 worship**, carolers of all ages will depart to visit the homes of DPC members who could use some Christmas joy. Festive dress encouraged!

Dec. 18 Drive-Thru Living Nativity



The DPC Dads transport you to Bethlehem from the comfort of your car. Travel down Mechanics Street between **5:30 and 6:30 pm** to experience the magic.

Dec. 20 Nativity Pageant



Our children shine through the telling of the story of Jesus' birth as part of the **10:30 am** worship service in the sanctuary with music from the Sunshine Singers and Celebration Choir.

Dec. 20 Festival of Lessons and Carols



This annual tradition begins at **1:30 pm** and features the DPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra, youth, and handbell ensembles and supported by the Bucks County Ecumenical Choir.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

3 pm - Communion
With music from the string ensemble

5 pm - Candlelight Communion
With music from the Chancel & Youth Choirs

7 pm - Candlelight Communion
With music from the Chamber Choir (livestream available)

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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