



Palm and Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024

Welcome!

*Druid Hills Presbyterian Church
calls everyone into Christian community to
explore God's purpose for our lives,
celebrate God's work in the world,
and serve the needs of our neighbors.*

Family of God, masks are no longer required, but are welcome. Thank you for being considerate of the needs of each person and exercising caution, especially if you are not well or may expose others.

Masks are available in the front and back of the sanctuary.

GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

PRELUDE

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Dennis Eliot

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLE

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

Leader: Sing songs of loudest praise!

All: Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed!

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid!

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today!

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

† **HYMN #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

A Sanctified Art

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!

We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.

However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.

Too often we stay quiet.

Too often we let others sing the song.

**Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

Show us which songs are ours to sing.

Show us which parades are ours to lead,

and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.

With hope and honesty we pray.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus; Ride on the conquering king!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on; No man no can-a hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done.
King Jesus rides a milk white hoarse; The river of Jordan he did cross.
He's the king, lord of all; No man can-a hinder thee.
Jesus is the first and he's the last; Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the prince, prince of peace; No man no can-a hinder thee!

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 12:12-16](#)

p 106 NT

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Songs of Loudest Praise”

Rev. Julie Ferguson

† **HYMN #209**

My Song is Love Unknown
v. 1,2, and 5

Love Unknown

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS — Consider supporting our ministries through an [online gift](#), or mail a check to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306. Offering and prayer/attendance cards may be placed in the stands at either end of the sanctuary.

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Thank you. Big thanks to DHPC's Public Art Task Force, Eric Dusenbury, Lauren Merceron, and Tina McCormick, for bringing DHPC's first public art installation to life and reflecting God's love the world!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Do a trash audit. Take stock of what you're throwing away by writing a list of the trash you produce. This will help you grasp the extent of the trash you're creating and identify the manageable ways you can start to reduce it.

ANTHEM

Rise Again
Jim Bass, soloists

G. Gaither

Verse 1:

Go ahead, drive the nails in My hands; Laugh at Me, where you stand
Go ahead, and say it isn't Me; The day will come, when you will see.

Refrain

Cause I'll rise again! There's no power on earth can tie Me down.
Yes, I'll rise again! Death can't keep Me in the ground.

Verse 2:

Go ahead, and mock My name; My love for you is still the same
Go ahead, and bury Me; But very soon, I will be free.

Verse 3:

Go ahead, and say I'm dead and gone, but you will see that you were wrong
Go ahead, try to hide the Son, but all will see that I'm the One.

† DOXOLOGY #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

**O to grace how great a debtor | daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, | bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, | prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; | seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #228

Were You There

Were You There

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLE

CHORAL POSTLUDE

In Paradisum

G. Faure

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres;
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

Translation

*May the angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you as you arrive;
And bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.*

May the choir of angels receive you, may you now take your rest.

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WORSHIP NOTES

This Lent (Sunday, February 18 - Sunday, March 31) DHPC will explore the Sanctified Art series “Wandering Heart.” We will be “focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus’ most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer... we often see ourselves.” Join us over these weeks as we follow this disciple and his relationship with Jesus and ponder how this story can be comforting to us as our journey seems to wander rather than continue in a straight line. The liturgy throughout this series comes from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Today’s bulletin image, *Then They Remembered*, by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity was inspired by John 12:12-16. The artist writes, “On the left, Peter looks out from the palm procession—his eyes glazed over as he watches Jesus riding into the city where he will surely meet his death. As the crowds sing “hosanna!” for a new, soon-to-be-killed -king, the dissonance of the scene causes Peter to tremble—like a guitar string snapped suddenly mid-tune. In the top right is Peter’s mirror image. In this mirage, we glimpse the future. Peter stands aghast at the empty tomb, waves of hope and relief rushing through him like a river of grace, the remembering happening all at once—like a childhood song plucked from memory, like the refrain of a chorus that won’t let you go: *it’s true, it’s true, thank God it’s true.*”

Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary during worship. Being present is how children learn to worship, so we welcome their wiggles and whispers. However, parents of small children may also drop off their Pre-K and younger kiddos in our nursery. We also hope children will take advantage of the PrayGround, which is in the back of the sanctuary and offers room to move, color, and participate in worship in a kid friendly spot.

Assisted Listening Devices are available from our ushers for any worshiper who needs hearing assistance.

Interested in membership? We are so grateful for the visitors (old and new) who add to our community each week. If you are interested in learning more about what it would look like to join, it's really easy; just talk with one of our pastors. They'll answer questions you may have about DHPC or Presbyterianism, and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you or if you are curious to learn more.

PRAYERS

If you have a prayer request you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact our prayer list coordinator Anne Soileau (prayerlist@dhpc.org).

prayers for our DHPC community

Betty Davis is now happily home and grateful for continued prayers.

prayers for our family and friends

Richard Odom, Cynthia Middleton's brother; **Sara Torres**, friend of Adam Ralls; **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs; **Sue Morgan**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis recently diagnosed with lung cancer; **Joan Gravely**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Shannon Dodd and family**, friends of the Soileau Acton family; **Chelsea Walker**, daughter of Letia Henson; **Tim O'Farrell**, friend of Donna Durden; **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn; **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside; and **Kathy Davis**, friend of Susan Hagood.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 24

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Palm and Passion Sunday Worship*

Wednesday, March 27

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Practice*

Thursday, March 28

- 11:30 AM – *Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship*

Sunday, March 31

- 10:00 AM – *Easter Morning Breakfast*
- 10:30 AM – *Easter Mission Project and Egg Hunt*
- 11:00 AM – *Easter Sunday Worship*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship; Thursday, March 28, 11:30 AM; Parlor
Maundy Thursday marks the day of the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest prior to his trial and crucifixion. To mark this significant day, you are invited to a simple sandwich lunch followed by a worship service with communion. The cost of lunch is \$5. (Please bring cash or check.) We look forward to worshipping with you.

Easter Morning Breakfast, Mission Project, and Egg Hunt; Sunday, March 31, 10AM

Join us for a time of fellowship and fun on Easter morning. The Deacons are hosting a breakfast catered by The Flying Biscuit, the CE Team is organizing an egg hunt, and the Mission Team will have mission kits ready for assembly for Intown Cares. We will also be flowering the cross! Bring flowers or greenery to add to the cross. Please RSVP for the (free!) breakfast here:

<http://tinyurl.com/DHPCeasterBreakfast> (Note: There is no Roundtable class Easter morning.)

Easter Worship, 11 AM

After a morning of fun and food, continue your Easter celebration in worship. On this sacred day we will witness to the hope found in Christ's resurrection through scripture, prayer, special music, and communion. Join us!

DHPC LENTEN DRIVE FOR MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES

Through Sunday, March 31

For this year's Lenten drive, the Mission team invites you to donate items to Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM), which will support their work welcoming new refugees. MDM is requesting spiral bound or composition notebooks, packs of pens, feminine hygiene products, and small stuffed animals. All items must be new and unopened. Donations may be left outside of the historical room (across from the Parlor). For more information, contact Anne Townsley or Pastor Elizabeth. Thank you for your support!

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE AND OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, April 1 through Sunday April 7

Pastor Elizabeth will be off the week following Easter. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Tina McCormick (404-395-8882) Monday - Thursday. Rev. Julie Ferguson (770-750-4472) will be available Friday - Sunday. In addition the church office will be closed Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 as the staff takes some well earned time off.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: FAITH & THE FRONT PAGE

Sunday, April 7, 10AM; Room 218

Our second new adult Sunday school class is coming up soon! Faith & the Front Page, led by Tina McCormick, will be a conversation based class in which time is spent discussing how our faith intersects with the headlines of today's world. (Roundtable class will not meet on April 7.)

DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

There are 5 phases that must be completed in this process of selecting DHPC's designated pastor. DHPC is currently in phase 2, which involves editing the previously developed Minister Information Form. Once complete, the MIF will be approved by the DHPC Session. The members of the DPNC (Chris Escobar, Vivian Hodo, and Susan Rutherford, Chair) ask for your prayers as they move through this process. If you have questions, please contact a member of the DPNC.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, April 7, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

On the first Sunday of each month, the congregation is invited to assist in making sandwiches for our hungry neighbors who receive care at Intown Cares and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Please plan to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help. Contact Anne Townsley

(anne.townsley314@gmail.com) with any questions.

INTOWN CARES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

The Intown Cares Pantry works to reduce the impact of food insecurity for Atlantans living in DHPC's neighborhood and beyond. Whenever you can, grab a few extra items, especially this week: **Ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta & pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, bottled water, utensil packets, tuna packets, canned pop-top veggies, instant coffee, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup (not condensed), cereal. Plastic grocery bags are also needed.**

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FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT DHPC

1. **Make a donation with your smartphone!**
Text "DHPC \$___ (the amount you want to give)" to 73256 to give using your text messaging. You will receive response with a link to the giving portal. Standard text message rates do apply.
2. **Give online** at tinyurl.com/DHPCoffering. You may make a one-time gift or set up recurring payments.
3. **Mail a check to the church** at 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE; Atlanta, GA 30306.
4. **In-person:** Drop your offering in one of the offering boxes near the doors.

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