



Easter Sunday, March 31, 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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Jason D. Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER CANDLE LIGHTING

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.*

**All: But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.
We have a reason to hope.
We have a reason to sing!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Christ is risen today.
He is risen, indeed!**

† **HYMN #232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

*The stone is rolled away!
We assume it is a mistake.
The angels say, "He is not here!"
We assume they are mistaken.
The women tell the story,
but we do not want to hear it.
Peter runs to the tomb,
but we do not understand.
Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb
is nothing more than a prank.
Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.
Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope
when you are alive and well in the world.*

**Teach us to see what you see.
Unravel the threads of our unbelief.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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.
Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

p 90 NT

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

SERMON

“And I Hope”

Rev. Julie Ferguson

† HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Eric Dusenbury

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. Three cheers for our choirs and music staff! Their work during Lent and Easter has made for powerful and beautiful worship services. The joyful noises they have made unto the Lord are a gift to all of us!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Set an eco-friendly intention for your spring cleaning. Protecting the Earth starts at home, with each choice we make having an impact. Be clear with yourself that the impulse to do a spring clean-out, from clearing clutter to wiping window sills and mopping floors, is a symbolic extension of the fresh, new feeling of tender leaves and new buds on the trees outside. The desire to clean our homes in a way that respects and heals God's good creation elevates the renewal of spring cleaning.

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. D. Grotenhuis

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness!
Our Lord, the crucified, has filled our hearts with gladness.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith would be in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, but now Christ has arisen.

My being shall rejoice secure within God's keeping,
Until the trumpet voice shall wake us from our sleeping.

Death's waters lost their chill when Jesus crossed the river.
His love shall reach me still; His mercy is forever.

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All communion bread is gluten free.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

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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

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This morning's prayers of the people was inspired by prayers written by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Rev. Teri McDowell Ott for the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Thank you to our guest musicians, Cedric Young and Curtis Olawumi, for sharing their talents with us this morning!

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 31

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

Thursday, April 4 - Friday April 5

- All Day – *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, April 7

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
- 10:00 AM – *Faith & The Front Page Adult Sunday School Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING

Today, Sunday, March 31

Today DHPC will receive the PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. You may contribute to this offering in person by writing a check and putting "OGHS" in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate. Or, you may contribute online at www.dhpc.org and select "One Great Hour" as the fund. Thank you for supporting those in our own country and around the world in need.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE AND OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, April 1 through Sunday April 7

Pastor Elizabeth will be off next week. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Tina McCormick (404-395-8882) Monday - Thursday or Rev. Julie Ferguson (770-750-4472) 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.)

DID YOU FORGET YOUR MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES EASTER DRIVE DONATION?

Bring Donations by Sunday, April 7

Did you forget your donation? No worries! The final deadline to bring items to care for our refugee neighbors is April 7. Gifts of new, unopened spiral bound or composition notebooks, packs of pens, feminine hygiene products, and small stuffed animals will be delivered to MDM on the afternoon of April 14. Donations can be placed outside the historical room. For more information, contact Anne Townsley or Pastor Elizabeth. Thank you for your support!

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM; Zoom

All women are invited to attend our Presbyterian Women (PW) Day and/or Night Circle meetings for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. At this time, we are continuing to meet virtually on Zoom. For more information, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

DHPC ORGAN CONCERT FEATURING KATHERINE JOLLIFF

Saturday, April 13; 7:00 PM

DHPC is excited to host the third concert of the 2023 - 2024 organ concert series, featuring Katherine Jolliff. Ms. Jolliff was named one of *The Diapason's* Top 20 Under 30 in their 2023 list of brightest young talents in the fields of organ and harpsichord performance and church music. Her program will include Aaron David Miller's *Fireflies*; Jeanne Demessieux's *Te Deum*; Marcel Dupre's *2nd Esquisse in Bb Minor*, among many other wonderful pieces. A reception will follow in the church parlor. Join us!

DHPC'S PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION DEDICATION

Sunday, April 14, Following Worship

The DHPC Art Task Force is excited to invite members and friends of the DHPC community to the dedication of *Assembly*, the temporary public art installation on the church's front lawn. The artist, Gregor Turk, will be present to speak about the installation and answer any questions you may have. Please join us as we celebrate this creative community outreach endeavor.

EARTH DAY WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 21

Alternative Commute Day: Find a way to church that creates a smaller carbon footprint than your usual method. This could be carpooling, public transportation, biking, walking, taking one car instead of two, or whatever works best for you. Get creative: even piggy-back rides count!

Community Electronics Recycling Day, 10 - 10:50 AM; Front Parking Lot:

The Mission Team will be collecting unwanted electronics and delivering them to the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM) who will ensure they are properly recycled. Any small household item that requires electricity or charging and charging cords will be accepted. A Mission Team representative will be in the front parking lot to collect recyclables. Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

Earth Day Worship Service with Guest Preacher Jay Horton, 11AM; In recognition of Earth Day weekend, DHPC will gather for worship and we give thanks for the gift of God's amazing creation and commit ourselves to protecting it. Jay Horton, M.Div, Communications Director at Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, will be our guest preacher. Join us as we gather in song, prayer, scripture, and action.

DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee is currently reviewing applications from several candidates. We appreciate your continued prayers as we discern God's call for our designated pastor. Please contact any of the committee members (Susan Rutherford, Vivian Hodo, Chris Escobar) 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 poptop veggies, instant coffee, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup (not condensed), cereal. Plastic grocery bags are also needed.**

SAVE THE DATE:

VaHi Porchfest Kids' Corner sponsored by DHPC; Saturday, May 18

Fall Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC; November 8 - 10

Celebrating Creation Trip: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge; January 17 -20, 2025

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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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