



Together

we promote the peace of Christ
by addressing systems of conflict
and injustice around the world
and here at home.

Service of the Lord's Day, October 1, 2023

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

Steal Away To Jesus

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

† **HYMN #803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

You have called us to one table,

but we have pursued our own course.

You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.

You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.

And now we are famished, too, Lord.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.

Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the

power of your Son, our Lord.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 23](#)

p 501 OT

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
 the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we
 believe that that this unity of the people of God
 must be manifest and active,
 in that we love one another;
 that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
 that we are share one baptism together,
 that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
 that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the
 height and the breadth and the depth
 and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen**

† HYMN #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**MINUTE FOR MISSION: PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

Vivian Hodo

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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Dedicating our Gifts to Combating Racism: Intersectionality is “the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.” The term was coined over 30 years ago by Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw, a professor at the UCLA School of Law and Columbia Law School. This concept can be useful in understanding that, to combat racism, it is important to combat systemic issues such as the gender wage gap, inequitable school funding, and unjust policing systems, that contribute to the lives of a variety of marginalized communities. For example, a black woman does not live in poverty because she is a Black female, but because of the long history of social systems that have marginalized her as a Black person *and* as a woman. By understanding this, we can begin to get at the roots of systemic racism by helping to fight joblessness, poor education, and hunger in underprivileged communities.

ANTHEM*I Want to Thank You Lord*

Moses Hogan

I want to thank you, Lord, for all you done. I want to thank you, Lord, for the time of trouble.

Thank you, Lord, for protecting me. | Thank you, Jesus; Oh, for what you done for me!

You were my friend when I had no friends. (Thank you, Lord for what you done for me.)

I know on you I can depend. (Thank you, Lord for what you done for me.)

You've been my mother and father, too. (Thank you, Lord for what you done for me.)

You've been my sister and brother, too. (Thank you, Lord for what you done for me.)

Thank you, Lord, for all you done. Thank you, Lord, for the time of trouble.

Thank you, Lord, for protecting me. | Hallelujah, thank you Jesus;

Hallelujah, thank you, Lord for what you done for me!

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #741

Guide My Feet, While I Run This Race

Guide My Feet

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

LAUDES DOMINI

Alan Ridout

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WORSHIP NOTES

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

Jane Boyd Lee is doing better! She is getting good physical therapy for her back and tries to stay active. She welcomes phone calls, visits and correspondence.

Adam Ralls is awaiting surgery for spinal stenosis.

Betty Davis has returned home from rehab after breaking her hip.

Helen Woodside has finished radiation and is in remission. She is so grateful for prayers, cards and phone calls.

Isaree Patterson had surgery. She thanks everyone for their prayers and all the concerns shown for her. She hopes to continue her recovery and be back with us soon.

Santana Herrera has received positive news, but is still undergoing medical tests to get to the root of his medical issues.

prayers for our family and friends

Richard Odom, Cynthia Middleton's brother; **Brenda Robbins and Alan Baggett**, friends of Betty McIntosh; **Don and Dottie Nye**, former DHPC building manager and his wife (sister of Ivey Lois Hubert); **Allie Day and her family**, friend of Jane Weir; **Sara Torres**, friend of Adam Ralls; **Rev. Brice Graves**, friend of Susan Hagood; **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs; **Sam Steger**, friend of Susan Hagood; **Joan Smith**, sister of Linda and Betty Davis; **Olivia Carlisle, Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees; **Adella and Chuck Harter and their daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and her family; **Tracy and her mother, Charlotte**, friends of Susan Hagood; **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley; **Margaret Boulware**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Kate Pierce**, sister of Marlene Slavich; **Gwen Davies**, friend of Susan Rutherford; **Shannon Dodd and family**, friends of the Soileau Acton family; **Chelsea Walker**, daughter of Letia Henson; **Tim O'Farrell and Brent Yountz**, friends of Donna Durden; **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn; **Ann Mertens**, friend of Carol and Ken Wideman; **Meghan Harter and newborn Joseph**, friends of Susan Hagood; **Anne Dukes**, mother-in-law of Jane Weir's son; **Connie Finn**, sister of Cliff Frierson; and **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, October 1

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Mission Meeting*

Wednesday, October 4

6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*

7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, October 8

9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class

11:00 AM – *Outdoor Earth Care Worship*
with Dr. Bill Brown

12:00 PM – *Serving Lunch at Mercy Church*

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Today, October 1

This Sunday, as part of World Communion Sunday, the Mission Team invites you to participate in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This annual offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. The Mission Team has selected Memorial Drive Ministries to be the recipient of the 25% of this offering that stays in local communities. MDM works to end the disorientation and disconnectedness refugees experience when they enter the Clarkston, GA community by fostering diverse Christian worship, innovative social services, and transformative relationships. To contribute, place your offering marked "Peace and Global Witness" in the containers at either sanctuary exit or give online via the DHPC website. Be sure to select Special Offering as the fund. Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

FALL ONLINE BOOK STUDY:

Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice

Monday, October 9 - November 13; 7:30 - 8:30 PM

The Christian Education Team invites you to participate in this Fall's online book study, featuring the book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Scott Black Johnston, Senior Pastor of NYC's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. This book, and the conversation around it, will explore the unrest over long-standing social injustices and the rise in new, antidemocratic perspectives and practices. Participants will reflect on whether or not a nation so divided as ours can come together again and how we, as people of faith, might reconcile the call to participate in God's ongoing struggle for justice while not losing our souls to hatred. To participate, RSVP by emailing Elizabeth by Monday, October 2.

CREATION CARE OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, October 8, 11AM

The Mission Team is excited to invite you to join in a creation care centered worship on the lawn next Sunday in October. Dr. Bill Brown, the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, who is known for his work at the intersection of creation care and scripture, will be leading us in worship. This is sure to be a great service, so throw on your casual blue and green clothes and join us outside!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 10, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM

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 about the PW, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, October 15, 11:30AM; Parlor

Once again DHPC is joining together to fight hunger through a meal packing event organized by Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. In previous years DHPC members and friends have had a great time as they joined together to package slightly more than 10,000 meals! This year's packing event will take place in the Parlor following a short casual worship service in the sanctuary. We hope you will make plans to join us for this year's event and bring a friend to join you! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCRiseAgainstHunger!>

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, October 15, 10AM

To have Rise Against Hunger be a success, we need some (awesome) volunteers to help prepare the Parlor for the event. If one of your spiritual gifts is carrying heavy things and setting them down, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! All ages are welcome! Email Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) to volunteer.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER “BRING A FRIEND” RAFFLE

Sunday, October 15, 11:30AM; Parlor

Do you know people? Is there one or two that you like? If so, invite them to participate in DHPC’s awesome Rise Against Hunger event! All DHPCers who bring a friend (or even a DHPCer we haven’t seen in a while!) will be inserted into a raffle to win a gift basket filled with tasty goodies.

“TAKING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION HOME” COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 19, 5:30 - 7:30pm

The Mission Team is excited to host a workshop for our VaHi (and beyond) neighbors. The workshop, taught by Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, will share information about energy efficiency and solar power options, as well as information about Inflation Reduction Act benefits for individual homeowners. DHPC members and friends are encouraged to attend to welcome our neighbors. In addition, Anne Townsley is arranging potluck snacks for guests. If you would like to contribute, please contact Anne (anne.townsley314@gmail.com). Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend this exciting workshop. Childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: DHPC FALL RETREAT...IN THE WINTER

January 19 - 21, 2024

Be sure to mark your calendars for DHPC’s first retreat since Covid! We will be heading to Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC (near Asheville) for a wonderful weekend of rest, nature, and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information!

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, tuna packets, canned poptop veggies, instant coffee, canned meats, peanut butter & jelly, canned soup (not condensed), cereal.**

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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.

We share the following welcome statement from Brentwood Christian Church with their permission:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here:

If you are young or old, you are welcome

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, you are welcome

If you are married or single, you are welcome

If you are gay or straight, you are welcome

If you are transgender, you are welcome

If you are a man or a woman, you are welcome

If you cannot hear or see, you are welcome

If you are sick or well, you are welcome

If you are happy or sad, you are welcome

If you are rich or poor, powerful or weak, you are welcome

If you believe in God some of the time or none of the time or all of the time, you are welcome

You are welcome here

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears

Come with the traditions that have helped you and hurt you

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you

Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern

Come and listen for the Sacred Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion

You are welcome here!

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