



Service of the Lord's Day, October 15, 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

SAVANNAH

Stanley Vann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us worship the Holy One who forms us as a people, a community, and a world!

All: God knows our name and looks upon us with pleasure.

Let us hear, see, and know the ways of the Lord.

God reveals Godself to us in magnificent and gentle ways.

Let us proclaim the glory, goodness, and graciousness of our Great God!

God is worthy to be praised!

† **HYMN #413**

Come into God's Presence

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1. Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

2. "Jesus is Lord." 3. "All shall be fed." 4. "Glory to God."

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Righteous One, forgive us for all the ways our hearts have been hardened. Forgive us for every time we chose to reflect the ways, attitudes, and values of this world rather than your kin-dom.

Forgive us for turning away from the brokenness of our world when it becomes too uncomfortable.

Forgive us for being timid when you empower us to be bold, for being resigned when you have created us to be resolute, for being complicit when you have charged us to be transformative.

Help us to walk in your image and your path of righteousness, courageousness, and loving kindness.

Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Affirmation of Faith

from "Unfolding Light"

We believe in the God of grace.

We follow the Teacher of Love.

We live by the Spirit of mercy.

We trust God's healing of the world.

**When people spread fear and division,
when evil, injustice and oppression thrive,
no political revolution, program or platform will save us,
but only a people transformed by grace and light,
and a bold and sustained outbreak of gentleness.**

*We will stand up to cynicism, hate, and indifference,
and blanket this world with compassion, calm, and mercy.
We will proclaim the truth against all resistance.
We will meet fear and hate with healing.
We will obstruct the progress of injustice
with our prayers, our words, and our bodies.
We will infest the world with grace and love.*

**We pray for open hearts and a spirit of deep listening.
We pray for courage to enter the wounds of the world;
for a spirit of peace to face violence with nonviolence;
for patience to answer darkness with light.
We pray for humility to offer ourselves
as the first to be changed.
We pray for one another, for we are one Body.**

**We devote ourselves to sacrifice and discipline.
Giving thanks for the great spirit of grace
already breathing in us, already rising,
in hope and love, as the gentle people of God,
we go forth.**

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.

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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† **DOXOLOGY #608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Praise God (Hopson)

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

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #693**

Though I May Speak

Gift of Love

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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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.

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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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