



Service of the Lord's Day, October 22, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 1 and John 15:5)

*Leader: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of God,
all those who find joy in studying it day and night.*

**All: They are like trees that grow beside a stream.
They yield their fruit in due season.
Their leaves do not wither.
They succeed in everything they do.**

*God's love makes the sun bright, the ice sparkle
and the salmon leap.*

**God's care makes the apple tree blossom
and the wheat turn golden.**

*God's Spirit gives life to all that lives
and brings forth holy abundance among all God's people.*

**Blessed be those whose delight is in doing God's will,
those who remain in Christ and Christ in them,
for they will bear much fruit,
with peace and joy
they will bring forth praise and glory to our God.**

† HYMN #401

*Here in This Place
Verses 1,2, and 4*

Gather Us In

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of peace and wholeness,
we confess to you our unhealthy relationship with anger.**

**We have used our anger as a tool
to hide our fear, our shame, our loneliness,
and our outrage at injustice.**

**We confess that we have used our anger as permission to act poorly.
Our anger has brought harm
in our homes,
in our communities,
in virtual spaces,
and in our hearts and souls.**

**It has corrupted our relationship with you,
and prevented us from living lives that are pleasing in your sight.
God of patience and grace,
embolden us to bring to light the emotions that hide behind our anger
so that we may heal that which is hurting in and around us.
Give us the grace to be quick to listen and slow to speak.
Give us the courage to stand up to injustice
with wisdom, fortitude, hope.
Show us the way to peace
in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Galatians 5:22 - 6:10](#)

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

SERMON

“A Beautiful Life”

Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

† HYMN #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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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Thank you. Thank you to you, wonderful members and friends of the DHPC, for your amazing work last Sunday during Rise Against Hunger. Pastor Elizabeth received a personal thank you note from Rise, which said, "The energy and people were amazing! Your congregation was so engaging and fun loving." Well done, team!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Whether you will be heading to a costume party, giving out candy or going door-to-door, you can celebrate Halloween this season while being environmentally friendly. Think twice before buying single-use plastic Halloween decorations. Use an old costume you wore a few years ago or swap one with a friend. Consider eco-friendly trick-or-treat options like sustainable chocolate or popcorn and/or treats with the least amount of packaging.

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ANTHEM

Faithful Over a Few Things

Glenn Burleigh

You must be faithful over a few things | To be ruler over many things
Be thou faithful, unto death | And God will give you the crown of life

If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song | If you have the love to show, show it the whole day long
If you have a kind word to say, you gotta say it each and every day
If you have a prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus name

Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding, in the work of God
Know that your labor is not in vain, you shall receive a just reward
Be thou faithful, and God will give you a crown of life.

Well done, good and faithful servant, well done!

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

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #383

Dream On, Dream On

Dream On

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin image is "Hope" by George Frederic Watts. In his discussion of Watts' painting in the book *Elusive Grace*, Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston writes, "...Watts depicted hope as a blinded woman in a tattered dress, perched atop a murky world. In her hands she holds a banged-up lyre. All of its strings have been broken — all except one. Hope could call it a day. Instead, she inclines her ear to the harp and reaches for that one remaining string." According to the Tate in London, "when the painting was first displayed in 1886, several critics argued that "Despair" would be a more fitting title. Watts clarified: 'Hope need not mean expectancy. It suggests here rather the music which can come from the remaining chord.'"

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 of condolences

The sympathy and love of the congregation is extended to **the family of Isaree Patterson**, active participant in and friend of the DHPC community. Isaree passed away following complications from a foot surgery earlier this summer. Isaree's funeral was held on Saturday, October 21 at Boston's Funeral and Cremation Services in Stone Mountain.

prayers for our DHPC community

Thomas Jones, DHPC's beloved security guard, has tested positive for stage 2 prostate cancer. Thomas will have surgery within the month. At this point he says he doesn't need anything but DHPC's prayers.

Jerry Meyer, Pastor Renee's husband, had surgery for a detached retina on Tuesday, October 17. He is recovering at home.

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.

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; **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; **the family of 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, **Billy Smith**, friend of Robert Welborn.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, October 22

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

Monday, October 23

- 7:30 PM – *Fall Online Book Study*

Wednesday, October 25

6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*

7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, October 29

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

11:00 AM – *Worship*

12:00 AM – *Deacon Training*

RESTORED ORGAN INSTALLATION PROGRESS

Anticipation is in the air! We are entering the final two weeks of the installation of our restored pipe organ. Almost all pipes are now in place and testing/tuning has begun. The loaner organ is going away and the restored console will be put back in its traditional place in the days ahead. Be sure to be in worship on Sunday, November 5, to hear the long-awaited debut of our restored pipe organ. You'll hear the treasured organ voices you remember, plus some new and exciting sounds.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, October 22, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

On the fourth 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.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: THANK YOU!

On World Communion Sunday, DHPC received \$125 for the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Thank you for your support of this important ministry of our denomination!

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.

CHURCH STAFF

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DHPC FALL RETREAT...IN THE WINTER
Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 21, 2024
Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC

The Christian Education Team is planning a weekend of rest, nature, and fellowship for the DHPC community. We need to give a rough number to Montreat. Signing up here does not lock-you in, but helps tremendously with the planning. The conference center is ADA compliant and there are single rooms with private bathrooms available. The cost of the trip, including meals, is \$250 - \$290 per person (depending on room type). Transportation assistance will be available.

If you are not sure, but think you might come, complete this form and place it in the clear box at either sanctuary entrance.

Name: _____

Number of adults attending: _____ **Number of children attending:** _____

Room type preference:

_____ Private room & bath _____ Private room & shared bath _____ Shared room & shared bath