



## ***Service of the Lord's Day, October 29, 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**

*Deux Arabesques*

Claude Debussy

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: A thousand days are but a moment to God;*

**All: All flesh is grass, and withers away.**

*Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,*

**And reluctantly give them back to God.**

*On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.*

**Let us worship God.**

† **HYMN #732**

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

Old 140th

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

**Beloved God,**

**who was known to our mothers and fathers,**

**and even to our spiritual forebears,**

**have mercy on us.**

**We do not always love as you would have us love.**

**We do not always do as you would have us do.**

**In our stubbornness,**

**we turn from you when we should turn toward you.**

**Hold us, dear One –**

**comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,**

**and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.**

**We praise you for the grace you shower on us,**

**constantly forgiving our errors,**

**especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.**

**Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**

(time for silent reflection)

**POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

# ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)  
[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

p 249-50 NT  
p 4 NT

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

### SERMON

“The Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Rev. Dr. Renée A. Meyer

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Second Helvetic Confession, 5.026*

**We acknowledge the saints  
to be living members of Christ  
and friends of God  
who have gloriously overcome the flesh and the world.  
Hence we love them as brothers and sisters,  
and also honor them;  
yet not with any kind of worship  
but by an honorable opinion of them  
and just praises of them.  
We also imitate them.  
For with ardent longings and supplications  
we earnestly desire to be imitators of their faith and virtues,  
to share eternal salvation with them,  
to dwell eternally with them in the presence of God,  
and to rejoice with them in Christ.**

### REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

#### † HYMN #327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### 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.** Special thanks to Rev. Tina McCormick and Dr. Pete McGuire for facilitating last Sunday's group discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We appreciate the voices of those in attendance who offered their thoughts and feelings about the situation as well as their ideas about how we might continue this conversation to involve the surrounding community.

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Yum! Seasonal drinks in autumn come in a wide variety of flavors, from pumpkin spice lattes to hot apple cider. Rather than using single-use cups that end up in landfills, use reusable mugs or travel tumblers. In fact, 16 million disposable coffee cups are used each year. Do the earth a favor and start taking your mug to your coffee shop!

**ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
DHPC Handbell Choir  
Denise Willingham-Huewitt, *director*

arr. Roy T. Scoggins

† **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**

## **BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN #610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

*Inverness*

Suzanne Ciani

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Today's Bulletin image** is an Untitled piece by Paul Guiragossian from 1965. Guiragossian was an Armenian painter, known as one of the most celebrated artists in Lebanon and eventually in the entire Arab world. His works tended to be colorful with messages of hope for his people. This piece is available to be printed in our bulletin due to it being in the public domain. The source of our image used is here: <https://www.wikiart.org/en/paul-guiragossian/untitled-1965>

**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](mailto: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.

### 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 no longer needs physical therapy and is trying 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.

**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); **Laura Day Clark**, 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; **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside; **Billy Smith**, friend of Robert Welborn; and Chris, Nicole, Olivia, Aiden, and Amelia Escobar following the sudden death of Chris' uncle **Dan Fittro** following a fall earlier this week.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, October 29

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *All Saints Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*
- 12:30 PM – *Deacon Training*  
*Worship Team Meeting*

### Monday, October 30

- 7:30 PM – *Fall Online Book Study*

### Wednesday, November 1

- 6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*
- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

### Sunday, November 5

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 10:00 AM – *Children's Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:15 PM – *Mission Team Meeting*

### LOVE OFFERING FOR DHPC SECURITY GUARD THOMAS JONES

Thomas Jones, DHPC's dedicated and hardworking security guard, is having surgery in November as part of his prostate cancer treatment. Thomas will be out of work for about a month following the operation and, thus, will have a reduced income. The Session approved a congregational love offering to assist Thomas during this time. If you would like to contribute to this gift for Thomas, you may place a check (with "TJ Gift" in the memo line) in either of the clear boxes at the sanctuary doors or [give online](#). To give online, select "Pastoral Fund" as the fund from the dropdown menu once you enter the giving portal. Please make your gift by Sunday, November 12.

### DHPC ORGAN RETURNS NEXT WEEK!

After an absence of 20 months, our restored pipe organ will finally be back with us next Sunday, November 5. All of the 2,401 pipes and other components have been installed and the beautifully restored console is back in place. This week will be devoted to final testing and tuning. Next week, we invite all to be part of the joyous celebration during worship when we will again experience our cherished, familiar pipe organ with sounds ranging from soft and meditative to large and glorious!

## **TIME CHANGE!**

### **Sunday, November 5, 3:00 AM**

Next Sunday, it is time to “fall back” as we set our clocks back one hour for Daylight Savings Time. Make sure to change all of your clocks so that you don’t miss out on worship or Sunday School next week!

## **SANDWICH MINISTRY**

### **Today, 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](mailto:anne.townsley314@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## **FREE ORGAN CONCERT FOR DHPC FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, & WIDER COMMUNITY!**

### **Sunday, November 12, 3PM**

We are pleased to unveil our newly restored pipe organ to the wider community in a free concert featuring internationally renowned organist (and father of DHPC’s own Nicole Escobar) Maestro Hector Olivera. Maestro Olivera will present a program of classical and popular pieces that will also feature his famous on-the-spot improvisations. A reception will follow in the church parlor. Grab a friend and come hear some wonderful music that is sure to be a highlight of the season!

## **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: THANK YOU!**

On World Communion Sunday, DHPC received \$245 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](https://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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