



Service of the Lord's Day, November 12, 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

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Mighty God, you welcome us into your kingdom as honored guests.

**All: You give us water to wash our feet,
you give us a kiss of greeting,
and you anoint our heads with oil.**

Merciful God, you welcome us even though we are sinners.

You forgive our debts and give us a seat at your table.

Wondrous God, we have come here to give you our worship and praise.

May we make a joyful noise at your table!

† **HYMN #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of new beginnings and new life,
we confess that we aren't always open to offer fresh starts to others or to ourselves.
We wallow in our own hurt and pain, forgetting that through Christ, we have been
forgiven and that we are to forgive others as well, though forgiving is no easy task.
Forgive our closed and broken hearts and open us to new possibilities and
reconciliation through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 7:36-50](#)
[Matthew 18:21-22](#)

p 66-67 NT
p 20 NT

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

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.
Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

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. The congregation’s deepest gratitude is extended to the Organ Restoration Task Force who worked faithfully and diligently for six years to oversee the care, restoration, and improvement of DHPC’s beautiful organ. Thank you, ORTF, for your time, dedication, and vision!

The task force could not have done its work without the generous members and friends of DHPC whose financial support allowed this endeavor to be so successful! We look forward to celebrating the organ’s restoration this afternoon at the concert and reception!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: As the temperatures outside start to drop, we tend to directly reach for the thermostat to warm up our spaces. Before you do that, make sure you layer with sweaters, thick socks and extra blankets. You’ll be saving energy and heating costs!

ANTHEM*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Douglas Wagner

DHPC Handbell Choir

Denise Willingham-Huewitt, *director*

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings 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 #720**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome and thank this morning's guest organist, Dr. Michael Collier. Dr. Collier is an accomplished organist with degrees from The American Guild of Organists, and an award-winning dentist in Oakwood, GA.

Our bulletin image is *Anointing His Feet #2* by Wayne Forte. Forte was raised by a Filipino Catholic mother and an Irish Catholic father. He was touched by the biblical narratives of Gruenwald, Rubens, Rembrandt and Carravagio. After being educated to paint in the Modernist tradition, he longed for the passion for the spiritual and transcendent. He says "to be a religious painter in a secular age may seem, to many, anachronistic and narrow. Paradoxically, I have found that it satisfies my desire to portray the spiritual while transcending Modernism's self-centeredness." This image can be found at <https://wayneforte.com/picture/anointing-his-feet-2/>

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 of the congregation is extended to **Toya Harris, DHPC's dedicated nursery worker**, and her family. Toya's father, William Stephens, died on Tuesday, October 24, following an extended illness. His funeral was held on November 4 at Faith Apostolic Church in Tennille, GA.

prayers for our DHPC community

Chris, Nicole, Olivia, Aiden, and Amelia Escobar are grieving the sudden death of Chris' uncle Dan Fittro following a fall.

Thomas Jones, DHPC's beloved security guard, has tested positive for stage 2 prostate cancer. Thomas will have a PET scan on November 17 to see if the cancer has spread beyond his prostate. At this point he says he doesn't need anything but DHPC's prayers.

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.

May DeWees is home now after an admission to Piedmont Hospital late Sunday, November 5. She appreciates our prayers.

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); **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; **Joan Gravely**, 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; **Connie Finn**, sister of Cliff Frierson; **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside; and **Rhea Hannah**, dear friend and former member of DHPC.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, November 12

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 3:00 PM – *Organ Concert*

Tuesday, November 14

- 10:30 AM – *Online Presbyterian Women - Day Circle*
- 7:15 PM – *Online Presbyterian Women - Evening Circle*

Wednesday, November 15

- 5:00 PM – *Online Session Meeting*
- 6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*
- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, November 19

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

Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24

- All Day – *Church Office Closed for Holidays*

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

Today, 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!

SAVE THE DATE: DHPC ADVENT EVENT!

Sunday, December 3, Following Worship

Make plans to join in some congregational fun after worship on the first Sunday of Advent! We'll eat, decorate, and craft together. Stay tuned for more details!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: DHPC TABLE AT VA-HI'S WINTERFEST KIDS' CORNER

Saturday, December 9, 11am - 5pm

DHPC will once again be spreading holiday cheer for all to hear at Virginia-Highland's Winterfest! DHPC is the presenting sponsor of the Winterfest Kids Corner, which will feature activities like bounce houses, face painting, elf performances, crafts, and more. (DHPC volunteers are not responsible for running these activities!) This is an amazing opportunity for DHPCers to reach out to our neighbors to share the good news about our fantastic church that is doing such great work in the VaHi community and beyond. Volunteers are needed to staff the DHPC table. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

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 November 30.

DEACON TRANSITION UNDERWAY

Over the last year, DHPCers have heard from their deacons from time to time and, hopefully, that has been a meaningful ministry for each of you. It is now time for us to roll out new deacon assignments, which is being done to allow for new caring relationships to be formed. Soon, you will hear from your new deacon. (If you don't, let Pastor Elizabeth know so we can make sure our lists are correct!) Your deacons, Susan Hagood, Susan Rutherford, Marlene Slavich, and Anne Soileau, are grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful congregation in times of sorrow and joy!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24

While Pastors Renée and Elizabeth are out of the office, coverage will be available for any emergency pastoral needs and we will have information for who to contact next Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 14, 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 PW, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, November 19, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, the congregation is invited to assist in making sandwiches for our hungry neighbors who receive care at Intown Cares and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Many hands make light work, so make plans to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help make sandwiches. Contact Anne Townsley (anne.townsley314@gmail.com) with any questions.

PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA (PBG) LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Tuesday, November 28, 7-8PM; Zoom

The upcoming PBG legislative forum will introduce participants to key legislators and advocates who support the mission of PBG. Participants will also learn about pending issues for the coming legislative session and get a forecast of likely bills and their authors. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DHPCLegislative> to receive updates and the Zoom link.

NORTH DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Saturday, December 2, 10AM - 3PM; 611 Medlock Rd, Decatur, GA 30033

For holiday gift-giving that makes a difference join DHPC's friends, North Decatur Presbyterian Church, as they host their annual Alternative Gift Market. Featured vendors sell fair trade, sustainable, and reasonably priced holiday gifts that create positive change for refugees and disenfranchised populations. Purchase unique items from around the world, as well as one-of-a-kind local products from emerging entrepreneurs. Donation gifts will also be available from both local and international charities. Learn more at www.ndpc.org/agm.

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 pop-top 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.

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