



Service of the Lord's Day, November 26, 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

From Lectionary Liturgies

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

All: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

† HYMN #445

God, How Can We Forgive

Leon

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

From Touch Holiness

Gracious God,

we humbly confess our faults.

For anger, impatience, and quickness to misunderstand—forgive us.

For thoughtlessness, indifferences, and self-centering—forgive us.

For unkindness and the lack of kindness—forgive us.

For not speaking out against injustice and suffering—forgive us.

For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love—

forgive, heal, and transform us anew into your servant people.

In the name of Christ Jesus we pray.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON

“On Forgiving One Another”

Rev. Dr. Renée A. Meyer

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one

baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are

obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law

of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing

and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake

of righteousness; pray together;

together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: Anne Townsley

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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Earth Stewardship Invitation: It’s Christmas tree time! If you plan on buying a tree this holiday season, opt for a real tree over a plastic one. Tree farms help to sequester carbon and provide habitats for birds and other wildlife. Additionally, post-Christmas, real trees can be used for environmental projects such as shoring up wetlands.

ANTHEM

All I Can Do is Praise
Timothy Harper, tenor

Daniel Barta

I didn't care, you cared for me; I wasn't there yet you were there for me;
Persistent in Your love eneningly, befriending me.
I was to blame, you pardoned me; I was ashamed you gave me dignity.
But that's the kind of thing you do, Lord; that's you, Lord.
And all I can do is praise you, bless you, worship you.
When all is said and done, I'm left with you and all I can do is praise.

The darkness comes, your face is veiled; and though I'm prone to think your grace has failed,
I know it's only love that's testing me, it's best for me.
So I will bow adoring you, my spirit soars when I'm exploring you.
Your vast and endless love has captured me, enraptured me.
And all I can do is praise you, bless you, worship you.
When all is said and done, I'm left with you and all I can do is praise.

† **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.**

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #341**

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Thaxted

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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WORSHIP NOTES

Our bulletin image today is *Prodigal Son* by the painter Kirby Kendrick, who says of her art: "As an impressionist artist, my passion is to capture on canvas the truth of these moments with their grace, drama and sometimes despair. I find fascinating the poetic nature in our world and life. I also seek the courage, as an impressionist painter, to go on developing this ability to see in nature the thing which charms me and to then express it as fully and completely as I can."

The call to worship comes from Thom Shuman at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com. **The unison prayer of brokenness** comes from *Touch Holiness* by Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi.

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

Thomas Jones, DHPC's beloved security guard, has tested positive for stage 2 prostate cancer. Thomas had 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. Adam received an epidural for pain on Monday, which has worked remarkably well.

Betty Davis spent a few days in the hospital to clear up an infection. She is now happily home and grateful for continued prayers.

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; **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; **Shannon Dodd and family**, friends of the Soileau Acton family; **Chelsea Walker**, daughter of Letia Henson; **Tim O'Farrell**, friend 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 26

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

Wednesday, November 29

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

Sunday, December 3

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 10:00 AM – *Children's Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Advent Event with Lunch, Hanging of the Greens, and Advent Fun*

ADVENT EVENT: LUNCH, COOKIE BAR, HANGING OF THE GREENS, MISSION, & CRAFTS

Sunday, December 3, Following Worship

All are invited to join in on the fun of DHPC's annual Advent Event! The festivities will take place following worship and will include lunch, a cookie bar (see below), church decorating, crafts, a mission opportunity, and a whole lot of fun. The cost of lunch is \$5/person with a \$15 maximum for 3 or more. (If cost is prohibitive, talk to Pastor Elizabeth.) To pay for your meal in advance, visit www.dhpc.org and click "Give Online" in the top right corner. Once at the payment portal, select "Congregational Lunch" as the fund. Please put your name in the memo line. Please RSVP by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCAdventEvent23>. We can't wait to see you! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

ADVENT EVENT: HOMEMADE COOKIE BAR

Sunday, December 3, Following Worship

This year's Advent Event will have feature a return of last year's celebrated cookie bar. DHPC's baker extraordinaires will provide a wealth of tasty goodies! Bakers are asked to bake 1 to 2 dozen of a favorite cookie to share with the congregation. Advent Event guests will then get to enjoy some delicious homemade cookies and maybe even get to take some home! To assure that we have a variety of cookies, please let DHPC Deacon Susan Hagood (shagoodrd@msn.com) know by Wednesday, November 29 what type of cookie you will bring.

DISHWASHING HELP NEEDED!

Sunday, December 3 after Advent Lunch

We are looking for a small team of dishwashers for after the Advent lunch. If you are interested in helping, email Eric Dusenbury at ericdusenbury@gmail.com or call him at 678-613-2886.

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 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 "Pastor's Fund" as the fund from the dropdown menu once you enter the giving portal. Please make your gift by November 30.

OFFICIAL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Sundays, December 3 and December 10, Before and After Worship

Yahoo! We had enough people wanting to participate in DHPC's congregational retreat that we are a go! Please look at your calendar one last time to see if you are able to join us in the mountains of NC January 19 - 21 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and faithful connection to God, nature, and one another.

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 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.

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