



Service of the Lord's Day, January 15, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

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, all worshippers are required to mask.
Thank you for your protection of our community's many vulnerable members.

GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: *Baptized into lives of faith,*

**All: we would witness to all you do
in our communities, in our midst, in our world.**

Baptized to serve,

**we would speak up for the voiceless,
we would bring justice to those who have none.**

Baptized to speak,

**we would heal, and not hurt;
we would bless, and not curse.**

Baptized as your beloved children

**we would delight to gather in your name
and worship you with our whole hearts.**

† **HYMN #482**

Baptized in Water

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Patient God, we try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives,
for we know and fear how disruptive he can be.**

**He would like us to be transformed,
but we like things the comfortable way they are.**

**He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives,
but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do.**

**He wants us to do what is right,
yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us.**

**He would like us not to give up until justice is done,
but we just don't seem to have the time.**

**God of glory and grace, we confess
because we know we need to be forgiven by you.**

**Bathe us in the life giving waters of your mercy
so we can come up from the water, ready**

**to do good for others,
to give you all the praise,
and to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ.**
(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17](#)

p 2-3 NT

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

SERMON

The Gift of the Water

Rev. Betsy Turner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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 to all who loaned us nativity sets to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. It was a really wonderful addition to the space, an honor to have you share your family heirlooms, and fun to see the wide variety of styles, shapes, sizes, and combinations of figures. If you have not picked up your nativity, they are on the front pew of the sanctuary.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Consider doing a waste audit to see what you're tossing out. For one week, evaluate your household garbage each day. Are there any single-use items in there? If so, consider replacing it with a reusable alternative. What about food waste? Are there things you could be composting instead? Leftovers you could be eating? Taking a deep dive into our trash might be momentarily gross, but it can have significant long-term effects for our precious planet!

ANTHEM *How Lovely Are the Messengers* arr. Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

† **DOXOLOGY #490** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* Beach Spring
Verse 3

O how deep your holy wisdom! | Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! | With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, | water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. | Re-create us; God, transform!

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.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Old 120th* Healey Willan

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WORSHIP NOTES

Words for Worship are adapted from the work of Thom M. Shuman of lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

The anthem “How Lovely Are the Messengers” was specially selected in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tomorrow. May the day bring not only reflection upon his great work, but also a renewed sense of our shared calling to be messengers of justice and peace.

Bulletin art is *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by Katsushika Hokusai, a woodblock print from circa 1832.

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 Pastor Betsy Turner (bturner@dhpc.org). She'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 condolence

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of former DHPC guest organist **Michael Morgan** who passed away on Christmas Day from cancer. A memorial service in celebration of Michael's life will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Central Presbyterian Church.

pray for our DHPC community

Jon Houghton is facing difficulties with a neighbor. He would appreciate prayers as this matter goes to court on February 1 (The hearing was postponed from the January 4 date.). Jon would appreciate the support of any DHPC community members who are able to attend the hearing at the DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 N McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

Louisa Moffitt had surgery to remove part of her lung and an adenocarcinoma on Aug 31st. Her prognosis is good, as it was caught very early.

Janie Boyter is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Marilyn Washburn has completed regular radiation and will have boost treatments over the next week. Then she will ring the bell on proton therapy. She is grateful for ongoing prayers.

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.

Miriam Herrera's last CAT scan was again clean! Miriam is grateful for all the prayers!

Wilma Ralls is experiencing memory and physical issues. She is living with her brother Adam, and her younger sister is also helping with her care.

Charles Middleton has ongoing chronic health issues, but is doing reasonably well at this time.

Sylvia Goodson, longtime member of DHPC, recently fell and is currently in a rehab facility in Decatur. She asks for our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Donna Durden is recovering from Covid.

Belle Miller McMaster has moved to The Retreat Nursing Home in Monticello. She appreciates our prayers and cards. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 508, Monticello, GA 31064-0508.

Susan Hagood is recovering at home after surgery for her broken wrist and arm.

Genie Talbott has bronchitis.

Lisa Carter is struggling financially.

Letitia Henson requests our prayers.

Joan Battaglin is recovering from complications of Covid.

pray for our family and friends

Richard Odom, Cynthia Middleton's brother, **Pamela McIntosh**, Betty McIntosh's daughter, **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, **Marjorie Hogeman**, Paula Thweatt's mother, **Doris Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's mother, **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, **Anna Lawrence**, sister of Jane Martin, **Joan Smith**, sister of Linda and Betty Davis, **Lee Sewell and Nancy Bennett**, friends of May DeWees, **Blue Kidd**, Anne Townsley's son, **Jessica Matthews**, friend of Lauren Merceron, **the family of Tasha Bushnell**, Jane Weir's niece, **Tracy**, friend of Susan Hagood, **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn, **Bo Soule**, brother of Letia Henson, **Adella and Chuck Harter and their daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and her family, **Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees, the family of Letia Henson's cousin **Bruce Gibson** who died on December 10 in Meridan, MS, **Bonnie Jean Shields**, close friend of Letia Henson, **Maria and Bob Collins**, friends of Susan Hagood, **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley, **Barbara Bushnell**, Jane Weir's sister, **G. Rober Howard**, stepfather of Cliff Frierson.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 4:00 PM – *Online Session Stated Meeting*

Monday, January 16

All Day – *Church Office Closed for MLK Holiday*

Wednesday, January 18

7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, January 22

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

11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

WE LOVE OUR STAFF! THANK YOU OFFERING

The Personnel Ministry Team is excited to provide the congregation an opportunity to say “thank you” for the creativity and energy that those who work for DHPC pour into caring for our congregation every day. To give to this staff offering, you may mark your check with the memo “Staff Appreciation,” select “Staff Appreciation” when you give online via the DHPC website, or place cash in a marked envelope placed in the offering bins or given directly to Linda Davis, church Treasurer. Please make your offering by Monday, February 6. Contact the Personnel Team (personnel@dhpc.org) with any questions.

JOY OFFERING: THANK YOU!

Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Joy Offering, a denominational special offering that provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. You gave \$755 to support this important ministry! Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness!

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, January 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 Collaborative Ministries and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Join us after worship as we gather in the rear of the sanctuary and, with your help, make 120 sandwiches that will serve as important nutrition for those in need. We are grateful for this opportunity to care for these vulnerable members of the family of God. Contact Anne Townsley (anne.townsley314@gmail.com) or Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

ORGAN RESTORATION UPDATE

We are happy to announce the GOOD NEWS that we have raised the \$30,000 and earned the challenge matching grant, which means we have also reached our overall \$415,000 basic goal! The campaign will remain open with the aim of contributing toward an endowment to pay for ongoing routine maintenance for several years. WE THANK ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS for your generosity and hope you will continue to support this cause in 2023. As for the restoration itself: our pipe organ’s restoration is well on its way. Half the metal pipes and almost all of the wooden pipes have been cleaned of 82 years of dust and oxidation and will next be adjusted to their original specifications. Thousands of tiny operating components are being restored. Design changes to the console have been finalized and its rewiring upgrade is underway. Thank you for supporting this effort!

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

As DHPC goes through the steps to call our next installed pastor, updates will be shared here.

Where we are: The word is out that DHPC is looking for a new pastor, and candidates are interested and excited about considering a call to this wonderful church. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is prayerfully reviewing Personal Information Forms (“PIFs”) as they come in.

What comes next and what you can do: PNC will do further research on candidates who seem like a possible fit, then move into initial interviews. The process is confidential, but they are open to your feedback and appreciate your prayers. Please keep praying for PNC and all candidates, including the one who will discern a call to DHPC.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

The ICM 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 at the grocery, especially this week: **Cereal, ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, canned or dry beans, plastic utensils bundled.**

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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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