



Service of the Lord's Day, January 28, 2024

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 Psalm 111

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**All: Great are your works, O Lord,
Pondered by all who delight in them.
Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

† HYMN #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word.
Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace
that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[1 Corinthians 8:1-3](#)
[Mark 1:21-28](#)

p 171 NT
p 35 NT

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

SERMON

“Jesus Sets Us Free”

Rev. Joy Fisher

† HYMN #819

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Hagar’s House

Bob Battaglin

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.

Thank you. DHPers had a wonderful time at the congregational retreat last week at Montreat. We couldn't have done it without congregational participation and leadership. Thank you especially to Gigi Muirheid and the Christian Education team, Tina McCormick, and everyone who brought a snack to share or a game to play!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Seal your leaks. A common energy waste during the winter months is leaking air inside and outside your home. Leaking air waste is costly and it can also cause indoor air quality problems. In order to avoid any air leaks, you should inspect all areas where two different materials meet. These would include any kind of exterior corners, electrical outlets, door and window frames, etc. These holes can be filled in with weather strips and expanding foam installation.

ANTHEM

Oceans
Meredith Starks, *soloist*

Matt Crocker

You call me out upon the waters | The great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the mystery | In oceans deep my faith will stand.
And I will call upon Your Name | And keep my eyes above the waves when oceans rise.
My soul will rest in Your embrace | 'Cause I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters | Your sovereign hand will be my guide;
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me | You've never failed and You won't start now.
So I will call upon Your Name | And keep my eyes above the waves when oceans rise.
My soul will rest in Your embrace | 'Cause I am Yours and You are mine.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me;

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour.

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.**

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 #307

God of Grace and God of Glory
Verses 1, 3, and 4

CWM Rhondda

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

We are grateful to have Rev. Joy Fisher as our guest preacher this morning. Joy is a graduate of Westminster College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. She has been a pastor in the presbytery for over 30 years, having served as a camp director, and pastoring the Hapeville and Midway churches before joining the presbytery staff in 2011. Joy is one of the Congregational Consultants, serving as the presbytery representative to 39 congregations, including Druid Hills. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering at Zoo Atlanta, kayaking, and cheering on Atlanta United. She and her husband, David, live in Tucker and have two grown children and two adorable grandchildren.

This morning's liturgy was written for *Presbyterian Outlook* by John Wurster, pastor at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas.

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 condolence

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Bob and Marlene Slavich** and their family following the death of Marlene's sister, Katherine Pierce, on Thursday, January 4. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Marlene at 2926 Pangborn Rd., Decatur, GA 30033.

prayers for our DHPC community

Thomas Jones, DHPC's beloved security guard, continues to recover at home from his mid-December surgery. His recovery is going more slowly than expected and he welcomes prayers for continued improvement. Cards can be sent to Thomas at P.O. Box 55375, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Jack McFarland is at home recovering from pneumonia.

Henry Benk

Betty Davis is now happily home and grateful for continued prayers.

May DeWees is home now.

Linda Davis broke her ankle and asks for prayers of healing and recovery. Further testing will determine whether or not surgery will be needed.

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; **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs; **Joan Smith**, sister of Linda and Betty Davis; the family of **Chuck Harter**, brother-in-law of May DeWees; **Carl and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees; **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; **Connie Finn**, sister of Cliff Frierson; and **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 28

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

11:00 AM – *Worship*

12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

Monday, January 29

12:30 PM – *Online Deacon Meeting*

Wednesday, January 31

6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*

7:30 PM – *Choir Practice*

Sunday, February 4

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*

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.

FEBRUARY PC(USA) ONLINE BOOK STUDY

Monday, February 5, 12, 19, 26; 7:30PM

The PC(USA) is hosting a denomination-wide book study on Matthew Desmond's remarkable book, *Poverty, By America*. The Christian Education team is hopeful that DHPCers will participate in this study in lieu of a DHPC winter book study. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/PCUSABookStudy> and let Pastor Elizabeth know. Even if you can't participate, consider reading the book. It is fantastic!

PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GA ONLINE ADVOCACY TRAINING

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 PM

Join Presbyterians for a Better Georgia (PBG) for their annual Advocacy Training. This online training will help participants understand the issues that are before the state legislature this session and learn how to effectively speak up to shape Georgia's policies. PBG focuses on advocating for policies that are consistent with the ministries of PC(USA) churches (mental health care services, affordable housing; and eradicating homelessness). Learn more and register at www.p4bg.org/events.

MERCY CHURCH ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 9:30AM

Mercy Community Church welcomes all to their Ash Wednesday service, which will take place outdoors in the Mercy space adjacent to the church's back parking lot. Worship with music, prayer, Bible study, and the administering of ashes will begin at 9:30am (after the community breakfast). Lunch will follow at 11am. If you are unable to participate in worship and/or lunch, Mercy pastors invite you to drop by for the imposition of ashes anytime between 9am-11:30am. All are invited!

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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