



***Service of the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany,
January 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, 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

Cantilena

Edvard Grieg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: Welcome, you who are hopeless,

All: and you who grieve,

Welcome, you who are humble,

and all who come here hungry or thirsty,

Welcome, you merciful and pure ones,

and all who make peace.

Though the world may hate us, or simply not understand,

we will rejoice in God's blessings and be glad!

† **HYMN #619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God on high, we come before you now
to confess the sin of our soul
and to plead our case before you.**

**We set out to please you,
but we have wearied you with our disobedience.**

**You have told us what is right,
and we have pursued what is wrong.**

**You have told us what is good for us,
yet we have pursued what is bad for us, our neighbors, and our world.**

**You have told us what you require of us,
yet we have not practiced justice, lived by mercy, nor walked humbly with you.**

**Lord, forgive us and set us free,
not according to what we deserve,
but according to your abundant grace.**

**Set us on the right path, and help us to walk humbly with you,
ever toward justice and mercy, all in the name of our redeemer, 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 LESSONS

[Micah 6:1-8](#)
[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

p 866 OT
p 4 NT

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

SERMON

“Marching Orders”

Rev. Betsy Turner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: DHPC RECYCLING CENTER

Eric Dusenbury

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 those who are serving on committees throughout the church. There is a place for everyone to serve, whether that's in Mission, Worship, Finance, Property/Admin, Personnel, or Christian Education. We are currently (and always!) seeking folks to join these teams and share their gifts - all are welcome, and we need your gifts! Reach out to an elder or pastor today to find your spot where you can serve.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Stop using paper towels. Thirteen billion pounds of paper towels, or 45 pounds per person, are used each year resulting in deforestation and overflowing landfills. Instead, use dishcloths, old t-shirts, old socks, or cloth napkins instead. Then, wash and reuse!

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Edward Boatner

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey; Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking; Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

† **DOXOLOGY (#582)** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God
(Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LITANY OF GIFTS

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

All: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit,

to be used for the common good.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

† **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do!

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do!

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Eric, Pete, Betty, and Anne, as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION AND CHARGE

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 #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A New Year Dawns

Humphrey Turner

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WORSHIP NOTES

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).

pray for our DHPC community

Jon Houghton is facing difficulties with a neighbor. He would appreciate prayers as this matter goes to court.

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 "RANG the BELL" on Wednesday, Jan 11th to celebrate the completion of chemo and proton therapy! She appreciates our prayers and wonderful support.

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 is now in hospice at The Retreat Nursing Home in Monticello. The family appreciates our prayers.

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

Genie Talbott has bronchitis.

The Thweatt Family is moving to North Carolina in mid-February, and they would appreciate prayers for a safe, smooth move/transition.

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, **Adella and Chuck Harter and their daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and her family, **Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees, **Bonnie Jean Shields**, close friend of Letia Henson, **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley, **G. Robert Howard**, stepfather of Cliff Frierson.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship with Elder Installation - In-Person and Livestream*

Wednesday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 5

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 10:00 AM – *Preschool and Elementary Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

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.

DHPC NEEDS NURSERY WORKERS!

The Christian Education team is looking to hire two nursery workers and we'd love your recommendations. We are looking for people who are fully current on Covid vaccines and boosters (and will maintain that status upon further recommendations); are 19 or over; have their own transportation; have experience working with kiddos; and are dependable. The work is about 2 hours a week at \$15/hour. If you have an idea of someone who might apply for the job, please let Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) know. Thank you for any help!

ARE YOU USING THE DHPC RECYCLING CENTER?

The Mission Team invites you to recommit to using the church's "hard to recycle materials" recycling station! Bring your used batteries, wine corks, contact lenses and lens packaging, dental products (toothpaste and floss containers/toothbrushes/electric toothbrush heads), and styrofoam egg cartons to the recycling stations and the Mission Team will see that they are properly recycled. The stations are located in the rear of the sanctuary and outside the Historical Room. Please do not bring items other than those listed above. (Note: Ink cartridges cannot be recycled at DHPC, but can be at most Costco, Target, or Staples locations. Check with your local store.)

SERVING LUNCH FOR MERCY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, February 12, 12 PM

DHPC volunteers will be preparing and serving lunch for our neighbors at Mercy Community Church next Sunday. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/servingmercy>. If you have any questions, contact Eric Dusenbury (678.613.2886, eric.dusenbury@gmail.com)

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) continues to prayerfully review Personal Information Forms (“PIFs”) as they arrive and are beginning initial interviews.

What comes next and what you can do: After initial interviews and continuing to review candidates, the PNC will consider moving forward to further with those who seem like a potential fit. Please keep praying for PNC and all candidates, including the person who will discern a call here.

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, ensure/boost, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, instant oatmeal/grits, plastic utensils bundled, salty snacks.**

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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

Interim Pastor: Rev. Betsy Turner, bturner@dhpc.org
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Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau, Robert Welborn

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Personnel: Missie Grawart
Worship: Bob Beard
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