



Service of the Lord's Day, February 11, 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

Inspired by Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Every time we encounter beauty,
God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

Leader: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**All: The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.
Let us worship God!**

† HYMN #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Almighty God,
when we encounter beauty, love, or wonder in the world,
so often we seek to control it, to contain it.
Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power,
for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first.
We are selfish, God.
We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort.
Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial,
laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.**

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 9:2-10](#)

p 44 NT

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

SERMON

"Listen to Him!"

Rev. Julie Ferguson

† HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus
Verses 1, 3, and 4

Crusader' Hymn

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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Dedicating Our Gifts to Combating Racism

This month is the 98th year that Black History Month has been around in one form or another. It began in 1926 as Negro History Week, situated in the second week of February, along with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The original intention was to "encourage coordinated teachings of Black History in America's public schools." Fifty years later, Black History Month was finally officially recognized under the Ford administration in 1976.

Today, America as a society is still arguing over whether the truth about Black history should be taught in our schools. In fact, whether America has ever been a racist country has recently become a political campaign initiative. It has never been more important to intentionally educate ourselves about the history of Black Americans and whether the impacts and experience of systemic racism continues to be real.

For more information on Black History Month and a myriad of intriguing options for how to learn evenmore, visit <https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/how-to-celebrate-black-history-month>.

ANTHEM

Feel the Spirit
Indra Thomas, *soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes

† DOXOLOGY #607

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James W. Johnson

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ellie Alma Flavia McFarland

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Bob Beard

QUESTIONS OF BAPTISM

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

† PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

**Ellie, with joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

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 #175

Seek Ye First

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† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin image is "The Transfiguration of Jesus" by Augustin Kolawole Olayinka. His representation of the Transfiguration is different than most in that "the foreground does not show the disciples kneeling or lying but Jesus coming towards the viewer, followed by Moses and Elijah. Three disciples stand in the background further down on the mountain. They see the apparition only from behind, looking at the back of the divine reality." The original image can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/BulletinIMG21124>.

We are grateful to have Ms. Indra Thomas as our guest vocalist today. Ms. Thomas has performed at many world class opera houses and venues around the world, including the Metropolitan Opera, the Vienna State Opera, Royal Albert Hall and Carnegie Hall. Welcome, Ms. Thomas!

Today's liturgy was written by Rose Schrott Taylor for the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and His blessing of the baptism of Ellie Alma Flavia McFarland.

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 the family of **The Rev. Dr. Harry Black Beverly, Jr.**, DHPC pastor from 1971-1980, who died January 24. Harry's death came only four weeks after the December 26 death of Ginger, his wife of 68 years. A joint memorial service celebrating their lives will be held at 2pm on April 12 in the chapel of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

prayers for our DHPC community

Henry Benk is at home dealing with age-related declines.

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

May DeWees' mobility is limited but she welcomes visitors. Please call before stopping by. If you would like to bring her something to eat, she requests that it is gluten free.

Linda Davis reports that her lifestyle has been hampered by the need to wear a medical walking boot while her broken ankle heals. The good news is that she did not have to have surgery and she is not in pain.

prayers for our family and friends

Richard Odom, Cynthia Middleton's brother; **Sara Torres**, friend of Adam Ralls; **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs; **Joan Smith**, sister of Linda and Betty Davis; **Sue Morgan**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis recently diagnosed with lung cancer; the family of **Chuck Harter**, brother-in-law of May DeWees; **Carlin 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, February 11

- 9:30 PM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Serving Lunch at Mercy Church*

Monday, February 12

- 12:30 PM – *Online Deacon Meeting*

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

- 9:30 AM – *Mercy Church Ash Wednesday Service*
- 6:15 PM – *Handbell Practice*
- 7:30 PM – *Choir Practice*

Sunday, February 18

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 25, 12:00 PM

A congregational meeting will be held in two weeks for the following purposes: 1) election of elders; 2) election of the congregational nominating committee; 3) election of the designated pastor nominating committee; 4) dissolution of Rev. René Meyer's relationship with DHPC; 5) presentation of the annual report, including the 2023 financial report and the 2024 budget; and 6) a meeting of the corporation. Please plan to stay for this meeting as we complete this important business of the church.

EXCITING NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

First Sunday of Each Month (Sept - May), 10AM; Church Parlor

Beginning March 1 two new wonderful adult Sunday school classes will be offered to the DHPC community. The first class, **Contemplative Conversations**, is a lectio divina class, in which participants are invited to explore what God has to say to them in a particular Scripture passage. Susan Rutherford will lead this class. The second class, **Faith & the Front Page**, will meet for the first time on April 7. This class, led by Tina McCormick, is a time of discussing how our faith intersects with the headlines of today's world. The Christian Education team is excited about these new opportunities and they hope you are too! (Roundtable class will not meet on these days.)

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14. Explore Lent more deeply by using one of these devotionals created by organizations DHPC supports: Presbyterian Hunger Program (<http://tinyurl.com/PLent>) and Presbyterians for Earth Care (<http://tinyurl.com/PEGLent>). If you'd like to use the devotional that goes with our Lenten worship series, check out the Wandering Heart devotional (<http://tinyurl.com/LentDevo2024>) created by Sanctified Art.

MERCY CHURCH ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 9:30AM

Mercy Community Church welcomes all to their Ash Wednesday service. Worship with music, prayer, Bible study, and the administering of ashes will begin at 9:30am. Lunch will follow at 11am. If you are unable to participate in worship Mercy invites you to drop by for the imposition of ashes anytime between 9am-11:30am. All are invited!

SPECIAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Sunday, February 25, 2:30 PM

DHPC is hosting and co-presenting a Black History concert! The Metro Atlanta of Music Association (MAMA), a local chapter the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM), will be performing a concert featuring music by African American composers. Music performed will be both instrumental and vocal featuring works composed for organ, voice, and violin. Tickets are free for DHPC members. Others can purchase tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/DHPCMAMATickets>.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 13, 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 the PW, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

DHPC STAFF HOURS

Schedules and routines have been in flux for the DHPC staff lately. As such, an update on when and where you can find our wonderful crew is in order. Pastor Julie will work exclusively from home and can be reached at revjulieferg@gmail.com. Pastor Elizabeth is in the office Mondays and Fridays, 8:30am - 2:30pm and by appointment. She works from home Wednesday and Thursday and is off on Tuesdays. Nate Baughman is in the office Monday - Thursday, 8am - 1pm. He works from home Monday - Thursday, 1:30pm - 4:30pm. Mike Williams is in the office Monday - Thursday, 9am - 5pm and Sunday, 9am - 1pm. The music staff (Cliff, Denise, and Paula) do not have office hours and can be reached at their emails listed below. Don't hesitate to reach out if the staff can ever be of assistance!

WORSHIP TEAM IS LOOKING FOR SOUND OPERATORS!

The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to join the sanctuary sound crew, serving an average of once per month. Candidates must be able to go up the steps to the balcony and organ loft. Prior experience is not necessary – we will patiently teach you. Those willing to consider this service are asked to contact Bob Beard at bobbeard.atl@att.net.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

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