



***Service of the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany,
February 12, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121

*Leader: I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?*

**All: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

*The Lord is our keeper,
the shade right beside us.*

**The Lord will protect us on our journeys -
whether going or coming -
from now until forever from now.**

† HYMN #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I Want To Be A Christian

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of all, we sometimes act as if you are just the God of us. We build walls that keep others out. We resist situations and people that make us uncomfortable and form clubs with those who dependably nod along to our points of view, instead of building community that reflects the diverse tapestry of your children.

Forgive us when we work to keep our circles small, when we choose silence or screaming matches over difficult conversations, when we allow “my way or the highway” to get in the way of the beloved community. Remind us that you are, indeed, God of all. Nudge us towards your hopes for your kingdom, even when those hopes require us to let our guard down and to let others in. Show us the way to peace.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

p 59 NT

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

SERMON

Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Katie Lee Simpson

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

† PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick 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 the
life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION

Anne Soileau

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND CONGREGATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

Aiden Escobar

**Katie, 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.**

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. The freezing temperatures over Christmas break resulted in multiple frozen pipes and significant water damage at Memorial Drive Ministries. A generous donor pledged a matching gift of \$5,000 to help with

repairs. Because of your generosity, DHPC was able to give MDM a gift of \$1,000 to that matching fund. Thank you for the many ways you live out your faith both within and outside of the Druid Hills Community.

Dedicating Our Gifts to Combating Racism

In recognition of Black History Month, February's earth care tips focus on the intersection of racial and environmental justice. Learn more about environmental justice here: <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCEnvJustice>

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Environmental racism is the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on people of color. To help fight environmental racism, educate yourself on the links between structural racism and the disproportionate environmental hazards found in underprivileged communities. In addition to learning about the inequities themselves, do some research on the local and federal policies that are designed to perpetuate those differences in the first place. A quick Google search of "environmental racism" is an easy start to your self-education. We will only achieve an environmentally just future for all when we build a racially just one.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
DHPC Handbell Choir
Denise Wllingham Huewitt, *director*

arr. William Moats

† DOXOLOGY #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
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.

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 #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

In recognition of Black History Month, we will be intentionally using songs composed, written, and/or arranged by Black artists throughout February. Our doxology for each week will be "Lift Every Voice and Sing" often called "The Black National Anthem." It was originally written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900. His brother, John Rosamond Johnson, composed the music. It was first performed at the segregated elementary school in Jacksonville, Florida where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

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 condolences of the congregation are extended to the friends and family of Druid Hills affiliate member and elder emerita **Belle Miller McMaster** following Belle's death on Friday, January 27, 2023. A memorial service will be held at Monticello Presbyterian Church, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. Expressions of care can be sent to Belle's daughter Lisa Stork at P.O. Box 507, Monticello, GA 31063-0507.

The condolences of the congregation are extended to **Cliff Frierson and his family** following the death of his stepfather **G. Robert Howard** on Sunday, January 29, 2023. A memorial service was held on Friday, February 3 in Darien, GA. Expressions of care can be sent to Cliff at 1456 University Dr., NE, Apt 2, Atlanta, GA 30306-2564.

Prayers for our DHPC community

Jon Houghton is facing difficulties with a neighbor. He would appreciate prayers as this matter continues to be worked out through the legal process.

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

Janie Boyter is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Marilyn Washburn has completed her cancer treatments and is grateful to all who have prayed for her.

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 continues to improve each day.

Susan Hagood reports that her lower arm and wrist are healing according to schedule and thanks everyone for their prayers.

Genie Talbott has bronchitis.

Betty Davis' surgery on Wednesday, February 8 went well.

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

Prayers of congratulations to **Pete and Maryann McGuire** on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Prayers 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, **Tracy and her mother, Charlotte**, friends of Susan Hagood, **Adella and Chuck Harter and their daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and her family, **Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees, **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley, **Jack Hausmann**, father of Peter Hausmann, **Alison Scheuerman**, niece of Carol Wideman.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 12

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Congregational Reception in Honor of Katie Simpson's Baptism*
- 12:15 PM – *Serving Lunch at Mercy*

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, February 19

- 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*
- 12:00 PM – *Solar Panel Dedication Celebration*

JOIN US FOR A SOLAR-BRATION NEXT WEEK!

February 19 in worship, with reception to follow

Make plans to be here next Sunday as we celebrate our solar panels. This installation on our roof is part of DHPC's earth care commitment, and we rejoice that the project is finished! After our service next week, we will gather (out in the sunshine, weather permitting - or in the Parlor hallway if it is too cold!) for lemonade and cookies and a celebration of this good work!

ONLINE LENTEN BOOK STUDY: *INTERRUPTING SILENCE* by WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

Monday, February 27 - Monday, April 3, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

The Christian Education Team invites you to participate in this year's online Lenten book study. We will be exploring Dr. Walter Brueggemann's book *Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out*. "Interrupting Silence" illustrates that the Bible is filled with stories where marginalized people break repressive silence and speak against it. Likewise, readers are asked to consider situations in their lives where they need to interrupt silence and see how God wants them to act for justice." To participate in this study or for assistance getting the book, email Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) by Thursday, February 24.

SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE'S EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

In the early hours of February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck near the Turkey-Syria border. This earthquake is estimated to have caused the death of over 16,000 people and will have long-lasting effects on more than 23 million people. PDA is making solidarity grants to partner organizations working to meet immediate needs such as distributing winterization items, food items, and medicines. To support the denomination's response to this disaster, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/turkey-syria-earthquake>.

PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GA ONLINE ADVOCACY TRAINING

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 PM

Join Presbyterians for a Better Georgia (PBG) for our 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; particularly, legislation that will create stronger mental health care services, dedicate more state resources towards affordable housing; and fund tested, proven strategies for moving people out of homelessness. Make plans to attend the online advocacy training and mark your calendars for PBG Lobby Day at the Capitol on March 14. Learn more and register at <https://www.p4bg.org/events>.

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.)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM; Zoom

All women are invited to attend our Presbyterian Women (PW) Day and/or Night Circle meetings for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. Because of the ongoing pandemic, we are still meeting virtually on Zoom. The Day Circle meets at 10:30 AM and the Night Circle at 7:15 PM. We are continuing our Horizons Bible Study on "Celebrating Sabbath" - led by Gigi Muirheid at the Day Circle and Marion Reeves at the Night Circle. For more information on the PW, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

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

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Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau, Robert Welborn

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Christian Education: Gigi Muirheid
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Mission: Anne Townsley
Personnel: Pete McGuire
Worship: Bob Beard
Property and Administration: Betty Davis
Clerk of the Session: Eric Dusenbury
Treasurer: Linda Davis

Elder Emerita:
Cecile McRae Hooks

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