



First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 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.*



seeking:
Who will you
listen to?

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

Leader: We gather together at the edge of a new season.

All: We stand together on the cusp of something new.

Will we wade into self-reflection?

Will we invite honesty to dance?

Will we listen for God's invitation?

Will we seek deeper faith?

What kind of fast do we choose? What kind of faith will we build?

We gather together at the edge of a new season.

Listen, God is speaking.

† HYMN #472

Kum Ba Yah

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Holy God,

Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen.

Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we pray...

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

INSTALLATION OF ELDER

PRESENTATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

*Do we, the members of the church, accept Anne as ruling elder, 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 her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.***

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION AND CHARGE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Sanctified Art

In a world full of noise,

we believe that God is speaking.

In a world full of chaos,

we believe that God is singing.

In a world full of temptation,

we believe that God is healing.

Church, who will you listen to?

We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.

Church, what will you listen for?

We will listen for water in the desert,

for the wind of the Spirit,

for the laughter of children,

for the sound of open doors,

and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.

Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Genesis 2:12-17, 3:1-7](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

p 2 OT

p 3 NT

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

SERMON

“Who Will You Listen To?”

Rev. Betsy Turner



RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Vivian Hodo

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 participated in our Solar-Bration last week, including Eric Dusenbury who shared in the dedication liturgy and gave background and specs about the system, Anne Soileau who helped host the reception and brought the lemonade, Betsy Turner and Betty Davis who brought cookies, and new friend of the congregation Something Woodsy Bakeshop which provided the adorable sunshine and lightbulb cookies.

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: In all works of justice it is critical to center the voices of those who have most egregiously experienced injustices. Environmental justice is no exception. Educate yourself on the wisdom minority ecological justice workers have to share. Two books to explore: *The Intersectional Environmentalist* by Leah Thomas and *Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals* by Alexis Pauline Gumbs.

ANTHEM

Give Me a Clean Heart
Aja Brimm, soprano

arr. Margaret J. Douroux

Give me a clean heart, so I may serve Thee. Lord fix my heart, so that I may be re used by Thee.
For I'm not worthy Of all these blessings; Give me a clean heart And I'll follow Thee.

I'm not asking For the riches of the land; I'm not asking For high men to know my name
Please give me Lord a clean heart, so that I may follow Thee;
Give me a clean heart, a clean heart, and I'll follow Thee.

Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down; Sometimes I am almost Level to the ground.
Please give me Lord a clean heart that I may follow Thee;
Give me a clean heart a clean heart, and I'll follow Thee

† 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 #741

Guide My Feet

Guide My Feet

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

Our Lenten series "Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith" explores stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking - exchanges filled with exploration and questions. As we engage in the spiritual practice of seeking this season, you're invited to ask questions... to be curious, open, and nimble... to soften assumptions, and to expand perspectives. The creators of the series offer this wisdom for this season of seeking: "Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace. to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God." All materials copyright *A Sanctified Art LLC sanctifiedart.org*.

- **Words for worship** are adapted from resources written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.
- **Bulletin art** is "Tune In," a silk painting with digital drawing and collage by Lisle Gwynn Garrity. The piece depicts Jesus with the words of the tempter overing in the background, as if ringing in his ears. In response, Jesus "closes his eyes and goes inward, wrapping himself in a posture of self-embrace." The backdrop resembles sand or dust shifting into water in the top left, hinting at what bolsters Jesus in his ministry: his belonging to God, the belovedness that washes over him.

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 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.

Janie Boyter is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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 and is scheduled for outpatient surgery Wednesday, March 1.

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

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; **Virginia Harmon**, 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; and **Maria and Bob Collins**, friends of Susan Hagood.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 26

- 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*

Monday, February 27

6:30 PM – *Online Lenten Book Study*

Wednesday, March 1

6:15 PM – *Handbells Rehearsal*

7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, March 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*

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12, Following Worship

The Session has called the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, March 12, following worship for the following purposes: (1) receive the Session's 2022 annual report and (2) receive and vote on the slate for the 2023 Nominating Committee.

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 40,000 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>.

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.)

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.

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