



Service of the Lord's Day, February 4, 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

All Creature of Our God and King

arr. David Lowe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.
*For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted,
binding up their wounds.*
God's understanding is beyond measure.
Praise the Lord!

† HYMN #372

O for a World

Azmon

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in,
to hide from the injustices of the world,
to protect ourselves and our own,
to turn off the evening news and pretend the bad news isn't there.
Forgive our sins of escaping, of ignoring,
of turning our backs on those in need.
Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action.
Renew us, Holy God, by your grace.
Strengthen us to follow Christ's call.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**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.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 2:23-28](#)

p 36-37 NT

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

SERMON

"The Sabbath Day"

Rev. Julie Ferguson

† **HYMN #182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Verses 1 and 2

Kingsfold

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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Thank you. Thank you to you, dear Druid Hills Congregation. During this time of leadership transition you have been patient, understanding, and supportive. The staff and Session are grateful.

Earth Stewardship Invitation:

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>

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

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

† **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 THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All communion bread is gluten free

COMMUNION MUSIC

Taste and See

James Moore

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Verses 1 and 3

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† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

O Worship the King

arr. Don Wyrzten

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WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome, Rev. Julie Ferguson! Julie is serving as DHPC’s bridge pastor while the search for a Designated Pastor takes place, which means she will preach for DHPC each week. Julie is a minister member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. She lives in Midtown with husband, Kelly, and their “tortie” cat Cat Benatar (“Bennie”). Their daughter and son-in-law live nearby. Julie loves to travel, discover new places, and meet people from around the world. Julie is active on teams and committees in the presbytery and loves meeting folks at different churches throughout the presbytery. Julie, we are grateful to have you here!

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 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 better 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 is at home dealing with aging issues.

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; **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 4

- 9:30 PM – *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*

Tuesday, February 6

- 3:00 PM – *Property and Administration Meeting*

Wednesday, February 7

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Practice*

Sunday, February 11

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

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.

JOY OFFERING: THANK YOU!

Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Joy Offering, a denominational special offering that provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. You gave \$880 to support this important ministry! Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness!

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.

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.**

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. 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, Susan Rutherford

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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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