



***Service of the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany,
February 5, 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 Isaiah 58

Leader: God says, Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet!

**All: So we come, boldly raising our voices in praise,
that we may go forth, boldly calling out for justice.**

God says, "when you call, I will answer; when you cry for help, I say, "I'm here."

**So we come, boldly approaching the throne of grace in prayer,
that we may go forth boldly responding to those who cry for mercy.**

God says, the fast I desire from you is not senseless suffering or hypocritical holiness; the worship that is acceptable is

setting free the mistreated,

sharing your bread with the hungry,

bringing the homeless poor into your house,

and providing abundantly for those who are afflicted.

**So we come, boldly seeking the Spirit of wisdom and courage,
that we may go forth boldly obeying God's word
and showing Christ's love.**

Let us worship God!

† HYMN #633

Praise Ye the Lord

Cleveland

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Merciful God,

You call us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy -

because of fear,

because of comfort,

because of prejudice,

because it is easier to talk about your love than to live it.

Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,

and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight.

Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness

and to reflect the light of your love in a dark world;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

(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

Confession of *Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

**that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

(WE'RE ALL GOD'S) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 5:13-20](#)

p 4 NT

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

SERMON

"Salt and Light"

Rev. Betsy Turner

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

We fixed racial discrimination in the '60s when the Civil Rights Act of 1965 was passed, didn't we? Well, no, we didn't. Laws may have been passed to protect Black citizens but long-standing biases against them have continued to prevail. These biases are at the heart of systemic racism and the poverty and oppression it creates. During Black History Month let us focus on opportunities to learn the truth and to better discern how we may each be called to make amends. As Pastor Betsy says, "When we know better, we do better."

The Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) website is a valuable resource for learning about the historical role our denomination played in the slavery debate, as well as current Matthew 25 initiatives to dismantle systemic racism. Most recently, PMA has created the Presbyterian Center for Repair of Historical Harms, which will be led by Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allum, a former PC(USA) pastor for Social Justice. Here is a good place to start learning more: <https://tinyurl.com/pcusa-repairing-historic-harms>

ANTHEM

Hold Out Your Light

arr. Moses Hogan

Hold out your light you Heav'n bound soldier;
Hold out your light you Heav'n bound soldier
Hold out your light you Heav'n bound soldier;
Let your light shine around the world.

O, preacher can't you hold out your light.
O, deacon can't you hold out your light.
O, leader can't you hold out your light.
Let your light shine around the world.

† 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.

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

He's the Lily of the Valley

Wendell Whalum

He's the Lily of the valley, Oh, my Lord. He's the Lily of the valley, Oh, my Lord.

I've never been to heaven but I've been told; Oh, my Lord.
That the streets up there are paved with gold; Oh, my Lord.
What kind of shoes are those You wear? Oh, my Lord.
You can walk up in the air; Oh, my Lord.

He's the Lily of the valley, Oh, my Lord. He's the Lily of the valley, Oh, my Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #350**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Keep Your Lamps

† **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.

The bulletin image is *Sermon on the Mount*, part of the Vie de Jesus Mafa ("The Life of Jesus Mafa") project, an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to dramatically interpret biblical scenes, and then convert those dramatizations into an enormous catalog of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48284> [retrieved January 31, 2023]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

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.

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

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, **the family of Tasha Bushnell**, Jane Weir's niece, **Tracy and her mother, Charlotte**, friends 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, **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley, **Ann Antley**, Robert Welborn's sister, **Jack Hausmann**, father of Peter Hausmann, **Alison Scheuerman**, niece of Carol Wideman.

WEEKLY UPDATE

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*

Wednesday, February 8

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

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 – *Serving Lunch at Mercy*

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.

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

Next 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)

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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Personnel: Pete McGuire
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Cecile McRae Hooks

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