



Third Sunday in Lent, March 12, 2023



seeking:
Will you give
me a drink?

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

Prelude in B-minor

Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together—

**All: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—

**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—

**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well.

Come, let us worship God.

† HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Beach Spring

Come away from rush and hurry | to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, | come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, | life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered | here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness | we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy | we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence | all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing | into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens— | life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; | take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— | he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment | when to self we gladly die.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story.
We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion,
and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well.
So today we wonder:
how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors?
How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change?
How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the
work?
Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us
that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat
of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray...**
(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Sanctified Art

**We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.
We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.
We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.
We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the
abandoned.
We believe in asking questions.
We believe in curiosity.
We believe in giving people a drink.
May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 4:5-42](#)

p 94-5 NT

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

SERMON

“Will You Give Me a Drink?”

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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Thank you. Two weeks ago DHPC mission partner Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) held their annual Green Team Summit. This gathering brought together Georgians from many faiths who are committed to caring for the good earth God has given us. Among those Georgians were DHPCers Eric Dusenbury and Jon Houghton. Thank you, Eric and Jon, for representing DHPC and for your commitment to keeping us informed about and involved in ecumenical earth care efforts!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Stop using plastic wrap. Plastic wrap (AKA: cling or Saran wrap) is made of polyvinyl chloride, which is 100% non-recyclable and will end up leaching its chemicals into landfill surroundings forever, or become litter and possibly be ingested by animals. On the bright side, cling wrap is easily replaced, and with a fantastic solution that actually helps preserve your food! Beeswax wraps can cover half-cut citrus and veggies, or be folded into a pouch for a snack. It can preserve cheese and herbs and cover a dish with no problem. Plus, once it's worn out beeswax is biodegradable and/or compostable!

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Brian Adams, *baritone*

arr. Richard Walters

I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee. Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee; Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er. Time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore.
Just a closer walk with Thee. Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee; Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

† DOXOLOGY #544

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord (Taizé)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (x2)

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 #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Postlude

Theodore Dubois

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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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*.

- **Bulletin art** is “Living Water,” a digital painting by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman which was inspired by today’s gospel text, especially New Testament scholar Karoline Lewis’ interpretation of the story.
- **Words for worship** are adapted from resources written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.
- **Closing Hymn** “Begin Again” is a custom hymn written for this series by Rev. Anna Strickland.

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. His outpatient surgery on Wednesday, March 8 went well.

Betty Davis is undergoing further treatment.

Joan Battaglin is home from her hospital stay for an infection and is doing well and regaining her strength.

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; and **Alison Scheuerman**, niece of Carol Wideman; **Margaret Boulware**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Madelyn Magruder**, friend of Jane Martin; and **Rob Sims**, brother-in-law of Renée Weese and Tina McCormick.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 12

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

Monday, March 13

- 6:30 PM – *Online Lenten Book Study*

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, March 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 – *Stated Session Meeting*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Today, 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 (which will include a 2022 finance report and the 2023 budget) and (2) receive and vote on the slate for the 2023 Nominating Committee.

PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA LOBBY DAY

Tuesday, March 14, 8:15 AM; Tull Hall at Central Presbyterian Church

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia invites you to Lobby Day, a unique opportunity for you to advocate in person to make Georgians safer, healthier, and more secure. Participants will gather at Central Presbyterian Church before walking across the street to the Capitol for meetings with legislators. Whether you've been to the Capitol many times or you're completely new to advocacy, this event will be a perfect way for you to get involved! To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/PBGLobbyDay2023>.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday March 14, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM, on 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 will still be meeting virtually on Zoom. The Day Circle will be meeting at 10:30 AM and the Night Circle at 7:15 PM. We will continue our Horizons Bible Study on "Celebrating Sabbath" which will be led by Gigi Muirheid at both the Day Circle and the Night Circle meetings this month. We will also be accepting donations March and April for our 2022 – 2023 Mission Project which is Robert Gamble's foundation This Child Here. This Child Here gives assistance to children and mothers in Ukraine. For more information on 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) is prayerfully reviewing Personal Information Forms ("PIFs") as they arrive and conducting interviews.

What comes next and what you can do: After continuing to review candidates, the PNC will consider moving forward to further with those who seem like a potential fit. Please respect the confidentiality of the process, and keep praying for PNC and all candidates, including the one who will discern a call here.

DHPC RECYCLING CENTER

Recycle your used batteries, wine corks, contact lenses and lens packaging, dental products (toothpaste and floss containers/toothbrushes/electric toothbrush heads), and styrofoam egg cartons at the church recycling stations, located in the rear of the sanctuary and outside the Historical Room. Please do not bring items other than those listed above.

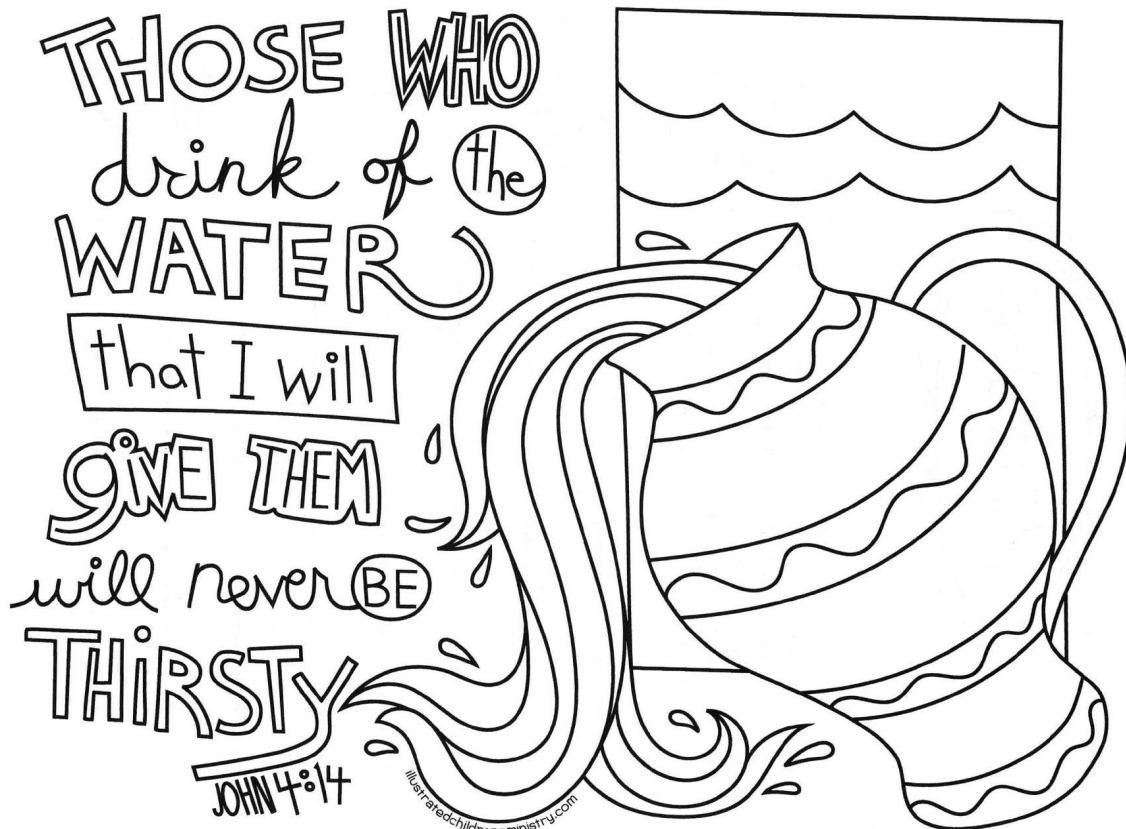
INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

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: **Ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, canned starchy vegetables, mac and cheese bowls.**

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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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