



Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2023



seeking:
Can these
bones live?

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

Clair De Lune

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

Hope lives here.

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Let us worship Holy God.

† **HYMN #**

Can These Bones Live?

Lauda Anima

(to the tune of "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven")

When the past is dead and buried | Lifeless in the barren ground
What good can emerge from ashes? | Where can any life be found?
Breathe in deep the rushing Spirit- | Life is growing all around!

When our spirits feel so broken, | Wrapped in linens and entombed
Without hope and without feeling | As the storm clouds 'round us loom
Hear the words of life from Jesus: | "Come out, be unbound" and bloom.

When our hearts are bowed in sorrow | And the grief is newly wrought
Crying, "If you'd only been here" | Weeping for what we have lost
Resurrect our hearts and spirits, | Living God, whom we exalt!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Jesus of Nazareth,

I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.

I forget that you, too, have wept.

I forget that you, too, have lost.

I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,

have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.

**Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.
Forgive me for all the times I create distance,
 imagining that you could never feel what I feel.
Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us.
Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.
Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you.
With gratitude I pray...
(time for silent reflection)**

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Sanctified Art

**We believe that God loves us—
God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.
We believe that God does not give up on us—
breathing new life into tired bones.
We believe that God returns to us—
always seeking us when we are lost.
We believe that God holds hope for us—
so we hold onto hope as well.
We believe, help our unbelief.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

(WE’RE ALL GOD’S) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

[John 11:1-44, selected verses](#)

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

p 806 OT
p 104-5 NT

SERMON

“Can These Bones Live?”

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 to those of you who interact with DHPC's social media. Did you know that liking, sharing, or commenting on our posts help spread the word about our wonderful church? The more interactions a post gets, the more people will be shown that post. Check out <https://www.instagram.com/dhpcatlanta/>, <https://www.facebook.com/druidhillspresbyterian>, and <https://twitter.com/DruidHillsPC> and follow if you aren't already - and next time you see us post, hit that like or share button, or leave your thoughts!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Cut down on your vehicle's emissions. Keep the car in good working order. Do regular maintenance. Keep tire pressure at proper levels. Don't let your car idle for more than a few minutes. This contributes to emissions and gives you zero miles per gallon fuel efficiency. If it is time for a new set of wheels, buy the smallest vehicle possible and consider an electric/hybrid vehicle!

ANTHEM

A Lenten Prelude
(Denise Willingham Huewitt, Flute)

Charles Callahan

† 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 #772

Live Into Hope

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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

Charles Callahan

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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 “Unbind Him,” by Hannah Garrity, who unconventionally used linen over canvas for this paper lace piece, to evoke the texture in this “tactile text” and explore the unbinding of both Lazarus and the “diverse and neighborly” community, who are called on to unbind him and tell the story of his revival.
- **Words for worship** are adapted from resources written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.

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; **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; **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 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*
- 12:30 PM – *Presbyterian Women Congregational Lunch*

Monday, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Sunday, April 2

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
- 10:00 AM – *Preschool and Elementary Sunday School*
Special Adult Sunday School Class - The Art of Seeking
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:15 PM – *Mission Team Meeting*

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. Many hands make light work, so make plans to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help make sandwiches. Contact Anne Townsley (anne.townsley314@gmail.com) with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO HOST CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Today, Following Sandwich Ministry; Parlor

For their 2023 March Mission Project DHPC's Presbyterian Women have chosen to support This Child Here (ThisChildHere.org) an organization that works with the vulnerable youth of Ukraine. The congregation is invited to a reception and complimentary lunch next Sunday to hear from former DHPC interim Rev. Robert Gamble, founder of This Child Here, about how the charity has expanded to meet the needs of families displaced by the ongoing war. Make plans to join us in the Parlor after Sandwich Ministry!

MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES EASTER DRIVE

Bring Donations on Easter Sunday, April 9

The Mission Team is excited to once again offer you the opportunity to support our neighbors who have left tumultuous situations in their home countries and are new to the United States. On Easter Sunday, please bring your donation of new children's socks & shoes (all sizes), children's clothing items (sizes 6-16), 54-inch black or white shoestrings, packs of adult-sized clothes hangers, and umbrellas. Donations can be placed in front of the communion table. Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: THE ART OF SEEKING

Sunday, April 2, 10 AM; Parlor and Zoom

Join Pastor Betsy for a special class exploring our Lent theme: "Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith" through artwork, poetry, and more! Grab coffee and join us in the Parlor to SEEK more together!

SAVE THE DATE: EXCITING UPCOMING DHPC OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 16, 12pm - 2pm: Earth Care Film, Conversation, and Lunch

Sunday, April 23: Earth Care Celebration with Alternative Commute Day, Electronics Recycling, Sunday School Class with Dr. Stan Saunders, Outdoor Worship, & Campus Gardening

Saturday, May 20, 10am - 4pm: VaHi Porchfest Kids' Corner sponsored by DHPC

DHPC ONCE AGAIN NAMED AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Great news! DHPC has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation for the fourth year in a row! The Presbyterian Church uses this program to recognize congregations that commit to earth care in the areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Certification is obtained by taking actions such as having environmentally focused services or sermons, outdoor classes for youth, replacing incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, and having church-sponsored recycling days and nature hikes.

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.

PHOENIX FLIES TOUR

Today at 3 PM

The Atlanta Preservation Society is hosting a tour of our church led by members Cliff Frierson and Howell Adams. Join them to learn all about the creation, preservation and future of our World War II era sanctuary building. Free tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCchurchtour23>.

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, peanut butter, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, canned starchy vegetables, mac and cheese bowls, jelly.**

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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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Personnel: Pete McGuire
Worship: Bob Beard
Property and Administration: Betty Davis
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