



***Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023***



**seeking:**  
How do we  
begin again?

***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

*Leader: What is it like to begin again?*

**All: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.  
It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.  
It is like Abraham and Sarah, setting off for a new place.  
It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.  
It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.**

*May we find God in our seeking.*

**May we learn as we go.**

*May we be brave enough to begin again.*

**Let us worship the God of new beginnings.**

## † HYMN #165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Erhalt Uns, Herr

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of new life, you call us into unknown places,  
and we bury our heads in the sand.  
You promise all the stars in the sky,  
and we doubt it can be true.  
You speak of new life in the Spirit,  
and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.  
Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.  
Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.  
Give us the courage to begin again with you.  
(time for silent reflection)**

## POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,  
who welcomes our questions,  
who invites us to begin again.  
We believe that Jesus showed us a new way,  
a deeper faith,  
a more compassionate existence.  
We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,**

and that no matter how many times we lose our way,  
God always welcomes us home. Amen.

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Gen 12:1-4](#)

[John 3:1-17](#)

p 10 OT

p 93-4 NT

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

### SERMON

“How Do We Begin Again?”

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**

Black women have always served on the frontline in the fight for equality. Although their contributions were sometimes overlooked in both the Civil Rights and Women's Movements, their power, resilience, and courage cannot be overstated. Black women have a distinctive standpoint from which to understand the intersection of race and gender and their unique experience of oppression. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/StruggleforEquality> to learn the stories of Black women, such as Daisy Bates, Hallie Quinn Brown, and Modjeska Simkins, who are connected by an intricate network of activists that spans generations. Through their stories – revealed in National Park Service parks and programs – gain a better understanding of what it takes to meet the promise of justice and equality for all.

### ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,  
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.



† **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.

**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 #799**

*I Love the Lord*

Smallwood

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN**

*Begin Again*

Dix

(to the tune of *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

In the deep night of the soul | Rich in questions, yearning for  
Life that matters far beyond | Picket fences and front lawns  
When we tire of life mundane | We can still begin again

In the sunset of our life | After years of joy and strife  
As we ponder legacy | Wondering what we will leave  
When the lights are growing dim | We can still begin again

Every morning, every hour | Spirit gifts us with the power  
To begin our life anew | What then will we choose to do?  
Close a chapter, lift the pen | To once more begin again

† **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*.

- **Bulletin art** is “Renacimiento,” a Conté crayon, charcoal, acrylic, and gold gild piece by Carmelle Beaugelin. Inspired in part by the Spanish-speaking Pentecostal church in Miami called “Renacimiento” in which the artist was raised, this piece depicts “a metaphorically disrobed, aging, and vulnerable Nicodemus, surrounded by the milky gray swirls of water and spirit, wondering: How can this be?”
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 scheduled for the first of March was postponed.

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

**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; and **Madelyn Magruder**, friend of Jane Martin.

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **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*

### **Monday, March 6**

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

### **Wednesday, March 8**

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

### **Sunday, March 12**

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Congregational Meeting*  
*Making Lunch for Mercy*



## **TIME CHANGE!**

**Sunday, March 12 2:00 AM**

That's right, the time of the sun going down before you start dinner is finally over! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead next Saturday before going to bed so that you aren't late for worship with us!

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

## **PREPARING LUNCH FOR MERCY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Next Sunday, March 12, 12 PM**

DHPC volunteers will be preparing lunch for our neighbors at Mercy Community Church next Sunday. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/servingmercy>. If you have any questions, contact Eric Dusenbury (678.613.2886, [eric.dusenbury@gmail.com](mailto:eric.dusenbury@gmail.com))

## **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>.

## **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](https://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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*Elder Emerita:*  
Cecile McRae Hooks

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