



Service of the Lord's Day, April 14, 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

Prelude in G Major BWV 541a

J S Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Psalm 4

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

All: Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

† **HYMN #702**

Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts.

But you are not troubled by them.

You do not require perfect understanding.

Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you.

Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck,

when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do.

Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us.

Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others.

Renew us and make us whole

that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace.

In resurrection hope we pray.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 24:13-49](#)

p 91-91 NT

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

SERMON

“Blinded by Trees”

Preacher

† HYMN # 836

Abide with Me
verses 1, 3, 4

Eventide

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. DHPC is so grateful to have Katherine Jolliff providing music for today’s worship service. Katherine, the concert organist from Saturday’s organ concert, was named one of *The Diapason* magazine’s Top 20 out of 30 young organists in 2023 and she is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance at the Eastman School of Music under the direction of the well known, Dr. David Higgs. Please take a moment to greet and thank her for being with us this morning!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Look at the waste you already produce and figure out a way to reuse it. Maybe you can add a soap dispenser lid to a used Mason jar. Or maybe you can use empty tins, boxes, and other food containers to store leftovers or organize small items like nails or jewelry.

ANTHEM

There is a Fountain
DHPC Handbell Choir
Denise Willingham Huewitt, director

Sandra Eithun

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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 #372

O for a World

Azmon

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Te Deum Op. 11

Jeanne Demessieux

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin image is *Emmaus* by Janet Brooks-Gerloff and can be found at <http://www.janetbrooksgerloff.de/>

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle for the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Assisted Listening Devices are available from our ushers for any worshiper who needs hearing assistance.

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