



***Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 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**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

arr. Charles Callahan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 16

*Leader: My heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;*

**All: my body also rests secure.**

*For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.*

*You show me the path of life.*

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

*in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**Let us worship God.**

† **HYMN #238**

*Thine is the Glory*

Judas Maccabeus

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

**Lord, we ask your mercy,**

**for despite being people of resurrection,**

**we are a people of closed minds, closed hearts, closed doors.**

**We speak of your enlivening Spirit,**

**but we remain stuck in our ways,**

**reluctant to embrace your call and to try new things.**

**We affirm the Risen Christ**

**but we are hesitant to proclaim his name**

**and to work for the renewal of the world he came to save.**

**We worship you, Living God, now, in this lovely place,**

**but we are much less bold when it comes to living our faith beyond this hour;**

**we hold back from serving you out there in the world you love.**

**We love the idea of church,**

**but we often fail to live as your church,**

**your body alive among our neighbors.**

**Open our minds, our hearts, and our doors,**

**Even as you pour mercy upon us.**

(time for silent reflection)

## **POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

[John 20:19-31](#)

p 115 NT

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

#### **SERMON**

“Closed Doors”

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 all whose hard work made for a holy and happy Easter here at DHPC. Pastor Elizabeth took the lead on the Maundy Thursday service. Cliff Frierson attended to the decor including gorgeous flowers shared with the congregation, as well as playing the organ. Paula Broughton and the choir provided lovely music. Bob Beard worked tirelessly on all the details, including the preparation of communion for both services. Staff members Nate Baughman and Mike Williams contributed in countless ways. Many hands contributed to the fellowship and mission activities on Sunday, as well as to the meal on Thursday. And surely there are many others who made the festive day possible, including all who attended and celebrated Easter at DHPC! Thank you!

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Go on a walk! Head outside and take a little extra time to pay attention to the trees, the water, the grass, the birdsong. As you walk, notice the air going in and out of your lungs and thank God for it.

**ANTHEM**

*There is a Fountain*

arr. Sandra Eithun

DHPC Bell Choir

Denise Willingham-Huewitt, Director

† **DOXOLOGY #251**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*  
V1, chorus

Mfurahini, Haleluya+

Christ has risen, alleluia. | Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, | even from death, dispelling its gloom

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. | Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! | Jesus is living, alleluia!

**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 #246**

*Christ Is Alive!*

Truro

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

*Lift High the Cross*

arr. Charles Callahan

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**WORSHIP NOTES**

**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.

**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 on March 31 was 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. He will have surgery on April 20.

**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; **Rob Sims**, brother-in-law of Renée Weese and Tina

McCormick; **Kate Pierce**, sister of Marlene Slavich; **Devon Corbett and his mother, Melinda Corbett**, friends of Robert Welborn; **Juan Romero**, brother of Santana Herrera; and **Bob Weaver and Pete Duys**, technicians who work on restoring our pipe organ.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, April 16

- 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*
- 12:30 PM – *Session Standing Meeting*

### Wednesday, April 19

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

### Sunday, April 23

- All Day – *Alternative Commute Day*
- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
- 10:00 AM – *Earth Care Sunday School Class with Dr. Stan Saunders*  
*Community Electronics Recycling Day*
- 11:00 AM – *Earth Day Worship Service - Front Lawn*

## DID YOU FORGET YOUR MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES EASTER DRIVE DONATION?

### Bring Donations by Sunday, April 23

Did you forget your donation? No worries! The final deadline to bring items to care for our refugee neighbors is April 23. Gifts 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 will be delivered to MDM on the afternoon of the 23rd. Donations can be placed outside the historical room. Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

## EARTH DAY WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

### Sunday, April 23

**Alternative Commute Day:** You are encouraged to find a way to church that uses less carbon than your normal commute. This could be carpooling, public transportation, biking, walking, taking one car instead of two, or whatever works best for you. Get creative: even piggy-back rides count!

### **Community Electronics Recycling Day, 10 - 10:55 AM, 12 - 12:15 PM; Front Parking Lot:**

The Mission Team will be collecting unwanted electronics and delivering them to the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM) who will ensure they are properly recycled. Any small household item that requires electricity or charging and charging cords will be accepted. A Mission Team representative will be in the front parking lot to collect recyclables. Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

**Earth Care Sunday School Class with Dr. Stan Saunders, 10AM; Parlor:** Many modern Christians have grown up hearing that someday the earth will be destroyed and God will take the righteous to heaven. The New Testament, in contrast, persistently describes God coming to be with us in a renewed heaven and earth, an end that is actually more consistent with the larger biblical

story. On Earth Day weekend we will have a special class, taught by retired Columbia Seminary professor Dr. Stan Saunders, which will explore that story and its implications for a Christian approach to our environmental crises. The Christian Ed team hopes you will join us in what is sure to be an engaging class.

**Earth Day Worship Service, 11AM; Front Lawn:** In recognition of Earth Day weekend, DHPC will gather for worship on the lawn as we give thanks for the gift of God's amazing creation and commit ourselves to protecting it. Join us as we gather in song, prayer, scripture, and action. Feel free to dress casually in blue, the color of clear, clean water, or green, the color of forests, fields, and more. (This worship service will not be streamed live, but a recording will be available later in the day.) An opportunity to do some planting will follow worship, so be prepared to play in the dirt!

## **ATTEND ONLINE ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday, April 25 - Thursday, April 27**

The Mission Team is looking for people who would be interested in attending this year's virtual Ecumenical Advocacy Days. This year's theme is Swords into Plowshares: Achieving Enough for All & Pursuing Peace. There are many great speakers and forums for participants. More information can be found at <https://advocacydays.org/2023-swords-into-plowshares/>. If you would like to attend or want more information, contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)). Scholarships are available!

## **EARTH CARE FILM, CONVERSATION, AND LUNCH**

**Sunday, April 30, 12pm - 2pm; Parlor**

The Mission Team invites you to bring a bag lunch and join us in the Parlor to watch and discuss a series of short films called Current Revolution (66 minutes), this year's featured film of Faith Climate Action Week. These films show the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an informative film, followed by rich conversation. Bonus: popcorn will be provided. Please RSVP with Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) by Wednesday, April 26.

## **THANK YOU FROM THE DRUID HILLS STAFF**

On Monday, March 20, the Personnel Ministry Team, on the congregation's behalf, hosted a lovely lunch for the staff at Truva. The staff is so grateful for this wonderful meal, lovely time of fellowship, and your generosity in the love offering! Thank you for the love you share with us and for the honor of serving God and you in this place!

## **SAVE THE DATE: EXCITING UPCOMING DHPC OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Sunday, May 21, Following Worship:** Congregational BBQ and Summer Celebration

## **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.

## 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, condiments, bottled water, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, utensil packets, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans.**

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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.

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Mission: Anne Townsley  
Personnel: Pete McGuire  
Worship: Bob Beard  
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Treasurer: Linda Davis

*Elder Emerita:*  
Cecile McRae Hooks

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