



Palm and Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023



seeking:
Where are
you headed?

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

Toccata on All Glory, Laud and Honor

Michael Burkhard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips.
We will travel through betrayal and death, with tears in our eyes.
We will strive to cradle hope deep in our hearts.
*Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.*
We wave our branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.
*Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.*
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

† **HYMN #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the savior we expect.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to have.
Your wisdom makes no sense to us.**

**We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week:
into the temple courts to overturn tables,
into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane,
to the high priest's house, to the assembly of elders,
to Pilate, to Herod,
to the place of The Skull,
to the foot of the cross.**

**Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing:
Hosanna, hosanna.
Save us, we beseech you!**

**Give us clear vision, courageous hearts, and persistent steps, that we may
experience your story afresh,
embrace your unexpected power and wisdom, and**

embody the foolishness of your love and grace.

Hosanna, hosanna!

Save us, we beseech you!

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Sanctified Art

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,
who lights a candle in the darkest night,**

who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,

who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,

cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

We believe in a God who is always carrying us

from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

That is where God is headed, so that is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus; Ride on the conquering king!

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on; No man no can-a hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides a milk white hoarse; The river of Jordan he did cross.

He's the king, lord of all; No man can-a hinder thee.

Jesus is the first and he's the last; Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.

Jesus is the prince, prince of peace; No man no can-a hinder thee!

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

p 23 NT

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

SERMON

“Where Are You Headed?”

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

Gun violence is a racial justice issue. Gun homicides (mass shootings, so-called “everyday” violence, and police-involved shootings) are a universal American threat. But Black Americans are 10 times more likely than white Americans to die from gun violence. And Black youth fare even worse. Black children and teens are 14 times

more likely to die from gun homicide than their white counterparts. And yet, the U.S. largely ignores the external, systemic factors driving inequality and violence in Black neighborhoods. We must consider how these factors plus public policy have made it so that Black people are more likely to face conditions that facilitate gun violence. To learn more about the racial injustice inherent in gun violence and to work for a reduction in gun violence for all people, visit <https://www.bradyunited.org/issue/gun-violence-is-a-racial-justice-issue>.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

† 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)

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

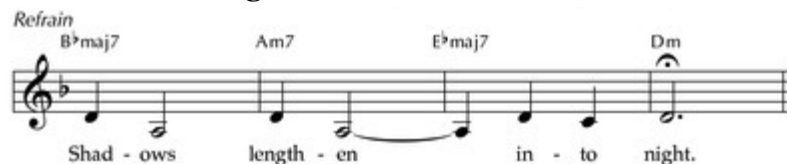
All communion bread is gluten free

COMMUNION MUSIC

#207

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

Tenebrae



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #228

Were You There?

Were You There

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

The Babe, the Son of Mary

William C. Frierson

We depart in silence.

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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 “Power Play” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity. This silk painting with digital drawing and collage is a “meditation on these opposing processions [of Jesus and Pilate] and the embodiment of power.”
- **Call to worship** is adapted from the work of Thom Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/.
- **Prayer of Confession** is by Rev. Joanna Harader, of SpaciousFaith.com.
- **Other words for worship** are adapted from resources written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.

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

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.

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. 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; **Rob Sims**, brother-in-law of Renée Weese and Tina McCormick; **Mark Pierce** and **Kate Pierce**, siblings of Marlene Slavich; and **Devon Corbett and his mother, Melinda Corbett**, friends of Robert Welborn.

WEEKLY UPDATE

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*

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

- 4:00 PM – *P&A Team Meeting*

Wednesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6

- 12:00 PM – *Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship*

Friday, April 7

- All Day – *Good Friday Online Recorded Meditation*
- 11:30 AM – *Mercy Community Church Good Friday Lunch and Worship*

Sunday, April 9

- 9:15 AM – *Easter Garden Service in Gertrude's Garden*
- 10:00 AM – *Easter Morning Fellowship and Egg Hunt on the Front Lawn*
- 11:00 AM – *Easter Worship with Special Music - In-Person and Livestream*

Monday, April 10

- All Day – *Church Office Closed for Easter Monday*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP, MISSION, STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship; Thursday, April 6, 12 PM

Maundy Thursday marks the day of the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest prior to his trial and crucifixion. Join us in the Parlor for a simple sandwich lunch at noon. All those interested are invited to bring a dessert to share. Lunch will be followed by a worship service with communion. The meal and worship will both take place in the Parlor. In addition, the Sanctuary will be open for approximately 1 hour following Maundy Thursday service for those wanting time for silent prayer and personal reflection.

Good Friday Recorded Meditation; Friday, April 7, Available Online All Day

You are invited to worship in your own space and time, via our special recorded meditation posted at www.dhpc.org. This worship experience includes scripture, prayers, and reflection to center your heart on the sacrifice of our savior.

Good Friday Lunch and Worship with Mercy Community Church

Friday, April 7, 11:30 AM, Meet at Mercy

Mercy Community Church invites the DHPC community to an urban Good Friday Way of the Cross. Participants will read the passion narrative and journey together through the streets, connecting moments from Jesus' passion with the suffering of our homeless sisters and brothers. There will be a soup lunch at 11:30am followed by the walk at noon.

Easter Garden Service, 9:15 AM, Gertrude's Garden

Brief service of worship, including music, resurrection reflection, and communion.

Easter Morning Fellowship, 10:00 AM, Front Lawn

Join us for tasty treats, an Easter egg hunt and kids crafts,, a mission project for ICM, and more! Please bring flowers or greenery to help with the flowering of the cross.

Easter Worship, 11 AM, Sanctuary and streaming

Worship witnessing to hope in Christ's resurrection, including special music and communion.

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 OFFERING: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Easter DHPC is receiving the PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. You may contribute to this offering in person by writing a check and putting "OGHS" in the memo line. You may contribute online at <https://www.druidhillspresbyterian.org/giveonline> and select One Great Hour as the fund. Thank you for your generous gifts to help those in our own country and around the world in need.

EARTH CARE FILM, CONVERSATION, AND LUNCH

Sunday, April 16, 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) by Wednesday, April 12.

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!

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, 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.

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