



Service of the Lord's Day, April 7, 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

Christ Hath Burst His Prison!

Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors.

All: Come, Almighty God.

When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

Come, Holy Spirit.

For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

Come Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

† **HYMN #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

O Lord our God,

We think our best should happen when we are in control.

Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious,

content to lock the doors of your house for

fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls

and not in the world you so love and into which we are sent.

Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places

but never in places of brokenness, crisis, and defeat.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

repair what we are,

And by the power of Christ's resurrection,

raise us up to serve others for

the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Study Catechism

What do you affirm when you say that he was “crucified, dead, and buried”?

That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

What do you affirm when you say that ‘on the third day he rose again from the dead’?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

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

“When in Doubt”

Rev. Julie Ferguson

† HYMN #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap’s Creek

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 Julie 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. Staff members Nate Baughman and Mike Williams contributed in countless ways. And, of course, thank you to all of you! Whether you served breakfast, hid eggs, handed out bulletins, or joyfully attended and celebrated Easter at DHPC, you made the festive day possible!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: This week's invitation is a reminder of some of the simple things you can be doing to help care for creation: Switch to energy-saving light bulbs; Use reusable bags instead of plastic; Wash laundry in cold water; Drive the speed limit; Unplug appliances not in use; Use cloth napkins and kitchen towels.

ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, Praise God forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise God forever.
Sing of God's righteousness, Praise God forever.

So let us all praise God and Sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Old Hundredth

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

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Celebration

James Mansfield

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin image is *My Lord and My God* by Ralph Hofknecht as part of his Hands of Christ series. He says of this piece, "This scene shows the hand of the doubting Thomas touching the living Christ's hand with the scar of crucifixion. Upon seeing the risen Jesus, Thomas responds by exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" By faith we can say the same." Prints of his paintings can be found at <https://handsofchristart.com/>

Today's liturgy was written by Chris Currie for the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

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 one of our pastors. They'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

Betty Davis is now happily home and grateful for continued prayers.

prayers for our family and friends

Richard Odom, Cynthia Middleton's brother; **Sara Torres**, friend of Adam Ralls; **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs; **Sue Morgan**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis recently diagnosed with lung cancer; **Joan Gravely**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Shannon Dodd and family**, friends of the Soileau Acton family; **Chelsea Walker**, daughter of Letia Henson; **Tim O'Farrell**, friend of Donna Durden; **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn; **Cindy Woodside**, daughter-in-law of Helen Woodside; and **Kathy Davis**, friend of Susan Hagood.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, April 7

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
- 10:00 AM – *Faith & The Front Page Sunday School Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

Tuesday, April 9

- 10:30 AM – *Presbyterian Women - Day Circle*
- 7:15 PM – *Presbyterian Women - Evening Circle*

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:15 PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*
- 7:30 PM – *Choir Practice*

Saturday, April 13

- 7:00 PM – *DHPC Organ Concert featuring Katherin Jolliff*

Sunday, April 14

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship*
- 12:00 PM – *Art Installation Dedication*

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Today, Sunday, April 7, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

On the first Sunday of each month, the congregation is invited to assist in making sandwiches for our hungry neighbors who receive care at Intown Cares and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Please plan to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help. Contact Anne Townsley with any questions.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING

Last Sunday DHPC received the PC(USA)'s special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, which 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. If you were unable to contribute last week, you may still do so by writing a check and putting "OGHS" in the memo line. You may contribute online at www.dhpc.org 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM; Zoom

All women are invited to attend our Presbyterian Women (PW) Day and/or Night Circle meetings for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. At this time, we are continuing to meet virtually on Zoom. For more information, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

DHPC ORGAN CONCERT FEATURING KATHERINE JOLLIFF

Saturday, April 13; 7:00 PM

DHPC is excited to host the third concert of the 2023 - 2024 organ concert series, featuring Katherine Jolliff. Ms. Jolliff was named one of *The Diapason's* Top 20 Under 30 in their 2023 list of brightest young talents in the fields of organ and harpsichord performance and church music. Her program will include Aaron David Miller's *Fireflies*; Jeanne Demessieux's *Te Deum*; Marcel Dupre's *2nd Esquisse in Bb Minor*, among many other wonderful pieces. A reception will follow in the church parlor. Join us!

DHPC'S PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION DEDICATION

Sunday, April 14, Following Worship

The DHPC Art Task Force is excited to invite members and friends of the DHPC community to the dedication of *Assembly*, the temporary public art installation on the church's front lawn. The artist, Gregor Turk, will be present to speak about the installation and answer any questions you may have. Please join us as we celebrate this creative community outreach endeavor.

EARTH DAY WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 21

Alternative Commute Day: Find a way to church that creates a smaller carbon footprint than your usual method. 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 - 10:50 AM; 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 Day Worship Service with Guest Preacher Jay Horton, 11AM; In recognition of Earth Day weekend, DHPC will gather for worship and we give thanks for the gift of God's amazing creation and commit ourselves to protecting it. Jay Horton, M.Div, Communications Director at Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, will be our guest preacher. Join us as we gather in song, prayer, scripture, and action.

DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee is currently reviewing applications from several candidates. We appreciate your continued prayers as we discern God's call for our designated pastor. Please contact any of the committee members (Susan Rutherford, Vivian Hodo, Chris Escobar) with any questions.

INTOWN CARES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

The Intown Cares 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, especially this week: **Ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta & pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, bottled water, utensil packets, tuna packets, canned poptop veggies, instant coffee, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup (not condensed), cereal. Plastic grocery bags are also needed.**

SAVE THE DATE:

VaHi Porchfest Kids' Corner sponsored by DHPC; Saturday, May 18

Fall Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC; November 8 - 10

Celebrating Creation Trip: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge; January 17 -20, 2025

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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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