



Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



seeking:
Who are you
looking for?

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

Prelude on "Easter Hymn"

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope:
Christ is risen!*

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name - we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

† **HYMN #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of resurrection,

We confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly.

We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers

to the suffering of the world, looking for comfort to our longest nights.

You meet us in the darkness before dawn, but we mistake you for the gardener.

Forgive us for seeking after worldly things.

Forgive us for forgetting to seek you.

Speak to us. Call us by name, that we might recognize you in our midst.

With hope and gratitude we pray, amen.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Sanctified Art

We believe in resurrection—

mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,

like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning—

in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus—

who calls us by name and asks,

“Who are you looking for?”

So we look— for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.

And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!” Amen.

SOLO ANTHEM

Easter Alleluia
Aja Brimm, *soprano*

J. Haydn (arr. Stephen DeCesare)

Alleluia! The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone!
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia!

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 20:1-18](#)

p 114-5 NT

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

SERMON

“Who Are You Looking For?”

Rev. Betsy Turner

† HYMN #241

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

Kingdom

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Anne Townsley

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 who support the mission of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Whether you are here every week or only every once in awhile, and whether you give a little or a lot, your participation in this community adds up to food for the hungry, ongoing advocacy around important issues, maintenance of the building and hospitality for our mission partners who share it, staff who are compensated justly for work well done, meaningful music and worship, and myriad opportunities to learn, serve, and be faithful together. Thank you!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Celebrate ecological resurrections! While it is true that there is a great deal of bleak climate news, there are also stories of ecological successes. For example, the survival of the bald eagle, American alligator, peregrine falcon, Canada goose, and humpback whale are each environmental success stories. All were once on the brink of extinction and put on the endangered species list for protection. Now they are all off the protected list. When the bad news is overwhelming and you need some motivation to keep doing the hard work, check out this regularly updated list of good climate news: <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCGreenHope>.

ANTHEM

Easter Antiphon

David Hurd

Alleluia! The Lord is risen, is risen indeed! Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

The Lord is my strength and my song; and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen, is risen indeed! Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

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

Hymn #247 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Noël Nouvelet

Hymn #250 *In the Bulb, There Is a Flower*

Promise

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall’s 148th

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace/John Head

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WORSHIP NOTES

During our Lenten series, “Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith” we have been asking questions as we explore stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking. The creators of the series offer this wisdom: “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 from a mosaic in the Resurrection Chapel of Washington National Cathedral, depicting Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus.
- **Words for worship** are adapted from resources written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed.

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). 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).

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.

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; and **Juan Romero**, brother of Santana Herrera.

WEEKLY UPDATE

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*

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

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*

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.

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!

ATTEND THE ONLINE ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAY

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). Scholarships are available!

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!

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 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) by Wednesday, April 26.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 AM and 7:15 PM; Zoom

All women are invited to attend our online Presbyterian Women (PW) Day and/or Night Circle meetings for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. We will continue our Horizons Bible Study on "Celebrating Sabbath." We will also continue accepting donations for our 2022 – 2023 mission project which is supporting This Child Here, an organization that assists children and mothers in Ukraine. For more information, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

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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