



Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 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, 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

Ave Maria

J. S. Bach/Gounod

Denise Willingham Huewitt, *flute*
Paula Grissom Broughton, *piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66

Leader: *Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!*

All: Sing praises to the glory of God's name!

Come and see God's deeds;

Say to God: "How awesome are your works!

All the earth worships you,

sings praises to you,

sings praises to your name!"

Let us worship God.

† HYMN #242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

In Dir Ist Freude

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Center us now, O God,
on your presence in this place among your people,
as we lift up our hearts desires,
our soul's deep needs,
our hungers, fears, and failures.**

**As we have often failed to be obedient to your will in our lives
as individual disciples and as church,
we pray that you will forgive us and enliven us
to be and to do the gospel of Christ.
Open us to your Spirit's urgings,
and awaken us to live faithfully as your people
in a changing, often hurting world.**

**God of life, make us your instruments
of healing, peace and redemption.
Renew our faith and vitality,
that we may be empowered to serve your world,
and so give glory to you.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God,
God's just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.
We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.
The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.
We believe God works beyond our imagining
throughout the universe.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 66:8-20](#)
[1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

p 528-9 OT
p 234 NT

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

SERMON

“Accounting for Our Hope”

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 the Pastor Nominating Committee for their continued hard work on seeking the next installed pastor for Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Their work happens confidentially and behind the scenes, but they are progressing faithfully, and we are thankful for their diligence and discernment.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: The third Friday in May of each year (5/19, this year) is National Endangered Species Day. This is an annual celebration to learn about endangered and threatened species and what we can do to help them. To learn more about this day, activities observing the day, and what you can do to help protect endangered animals, visit www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art
DHPC Bell Choir
Denise Willingham Huewitt, Director

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

† **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 #462**

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

Blessed Assurance

arr. Fred Bock

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WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer of confession is adapted from Life In Liturgy (lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com), a site that resources the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia and is edited/curated by David Chafin.

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. His court date on May 3 resulted in the court granting a continuance and the hearing has been rescheduled for June 21.

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; **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; **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; **students and faculty of New College of Florida**, alma mater of Susan Rutherford; **Robin Kirkpatrick**, friend of Susan Rutherford, **Shannon Dodd and family**; friends of the Soileau Acton family; **Dale Harney, Kristian Williford, Rex Williford, ChelseaWalker, and Jessica Perkins**, friends and family of Letia Henson; the family of **Rocky Beaudry**, the husband of Letia Henson's cousin; **Joe Galinaro**, friend of Anne Townsley; and **Maggie and Phil Gasior**, friends of Anne Soileau.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 14

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

Wednesday, May 17

- 7:30 PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Saturday, May 20

- 10:00 AM – *Virginia-Highland's Porchfest Kids' Corner Sponsored by DHPC*

Sunday, May 21

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 10:00 AM – *Preschool and Elementary Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship with Special Music - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *BBQ and Summer Kickoff Celebration*
- 12:45 PM – *Session Standing Meeting*

DHPC SPONSORED VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND'S PORCHFEST KIDS' CORNER

Saturday, May 20, 10am - 4pm; John Howell Park

The Session is so excited to share with you that DHPC is the presenting sponsor of this year's Porchfest Kids Corner. The Kids Corner, which will be located at John Howell Park (corner of Barnett St. and Virginia Ave.) will feature arts and crafts, games, bounce houses, music, face painting, and more. *(DHPC volunteers are not responsible for running these activities!)* This is an amazing opportunity for DHPCers to reach out to our neighbors to share the good news about our fantastic church that is doing such great work in the VaHi community and beyond. Volunteers are needed to staff the DHPC table. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCVaHiFest>

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 21, 11 AM

Join us next Sunday for a special service of music and readings, featuring our chancel and bell choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists. During this service displaying the talents of DHPC's volunteer musicians, we will take a moment in worship to celebrate all of you who give of your time to make DHPC the wonderful, sacred place it is! Come prepared to worship God with a joyful noise and to applaud one another with a hearty round of applause!

CONGREGATIONAL BBQ AND SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 21, Following Worship

Join us in celebrating the approaching arrival of summer with a BBQ on the front lawn. The Deacons have been working hard planning this congregational fellowship event and hope you will gather under the tents to enjoy your DHPC friends, tasty food, lawn games, door prizes, and more! The cost of the meal is \$15 with a \$30 family maximum. (All are invited to join us, whether you are able to pay or not!) Lunch registration and online payment is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/DHPCBBQ>. You may also sign up using the registration form in your bulletin and pay the day of the lunch. Contact Anne Soileau (katies.nana@hotmail.com), Chair of the Deacon Board, with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY AT DHPC

Sunday, June 4, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

The Session is excited to invite you to volunteer at the upcoming Family Fun Day that DHPC is hosting for our neighbors. This event will include bounce houses (one of them a waterslide!), sprinkler fun, yard games, crafts, and snacks! This is another wonderful opportunity to share the good news about God's great work at DHPC and help bring new people into our vibrant community! This event cannot be done without your help! We need volunteers to help with set-up, greet visitors, staff the different stations, and help with clean-up. A pizza lunch between worship and the event start will be provided for volunteers. Please email Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) if you can help.

DHPC TO PARTICIPATE IN "WEAR ORANGE" DAY

Sunday, June 4; In Worship

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, she was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Hadiya's childhood friends decided to commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement and wearing it this Sunday as part of the National Gun Violence Awareness weekend will honor the more than 120 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day. To participate in this act of advocacy and resistance, please wear any orange colored shirt to worship on June 4. If you are interested in learning more about Wear Orange or to purchase an official Wear Orange shirt that helps support the gun violence prevention work they do, visit <https://wearorange.org/>.

MERCY CHURCH NEEDS YOUR PANTS!

Mercy Community Church is down to just one pair of pants in their clothing closet! The closet is open every Wednesday morning for anyone who needs a clean change of clothes. If you have any men's pants you're ready to part with or are able to buy a couple pairs at the thrift store, Mercy would be so grateful to have them! Donations, labeled "Mercy Pants," can be left outside of the historical room. Thank you!

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 28, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the congregation is invited to assist in making sandwiches for our hungry neighbors who receive care at Intown Collaborative Ministries and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Many hands make light work, so make plans to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help make sandwiches. Contact Anne Townsley (anne.townsley314@gmail.com) with any questions.

ICM IS NOW INTOWN CARES!

At their annual Heart and Home Gala fundraiser this spring, Intown Collaborative Ministries revealed a new name: Intown Cares! While their work is not changing, they say that with the new identity and logo, they will be "more relatable, consistent, refined, easily distinguishable, and recognizable." We are excited for their change and are glad to have them as partners of DHPC. Please visit their website <https://intowncares.org/> to learn more and find ways to join in their good work of solving "the complexity of homelessness and hunger in Intown Atlanta."

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

As DHPC goes through the steps to call our next installed pastor, updates will be shared here.

Where we are: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been prayerfully reviewing candidates and narrowing down by conducting interviews, listening to sermons, and checking references. You, the congregation, have been doing an excellent job of praying for them and respecting the confidentiality of the process - thank you!

What comes next and what you can do: Once the PNC identifies their candidate, they will ask the Session to call a congregational meeting for you to receive their report, hear about the person, and vote on calling them as your pastor. Until then, keep praying for the PNC and all candidates, including the one who will be your new pastor.

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 at the grocery, especially this week: **Ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, condiments, bottled water, cereal, 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. 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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