



***Day of Pentecost, May 28, 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**

In Memoriam

Lani Smith

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Like the disciples, we gather in this space,  
united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.*

**All: We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

*Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,*

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.**

*Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit into the disciples,*

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.**

*As the life-giving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,*

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the body of Christ.**

**Enlivened by Spirit, let us worship God!**

### † HYMN #407

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

Nun Danket All'  
Und Bringet Ehr'

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Almighty God,

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,**

**speak the good news of your love,**

**or live as a people made one in Christ**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,**

**and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,**

**doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(time for silent reflection)

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

### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

p 119 NT

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

### **SERMON**

"A Different Kind of Birthday Party"

Rev. Betsy Turner

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## MINUTE FOR MISSION: PENTECOST OFFERING

Eric Dusenbury

**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 made last weekend a success! Thank you PorchFest volunteers - from set up to clean up, and greeting literally hundreds of our neighbors at the VaHi PorchFest Kids' Corner. And to our deacons and others whose hard work made for a lovely congregational BBQ lunch on Sunday. What a great weekend it was!

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Reduce your shower time! Conserving water is crucial and we cannot continue to mindlessly waste it. The simple act of reducing shower time by only 2 minutes will save about 4 gallons of water, resulting in as many as 1,460 gallons of water per year. In addition to helping the earth, you'll save money. Fulton County's Board of Commissioners approved a series of 5% increases in combined water and sewer rates, effective January 1 with additional increases on January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

## ANTHEM

*Ev'ry Time I Feel De Spirit*  
Michelle Jarrell, *soprano*

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit movin' in ma heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit movin' in ma heart, I will pray.

Upon de mountun ma Lord spoke; Out o' His mouth came fire an' smoke.  
Jerdan Ribber chilly an' col'; chill de body but not de soul.

All aroun' me looked so shine; ask me Lord if all was mine.  
Ain't but one train runs dis track; it runs to Heaven an' runs right back.

O, ev'ry time I feel de Spirit movin' in ma heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit movin' in ma heart, I will pray.

## † DOXOLOGY #610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing our dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of our God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

## 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 #280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Ebenezer

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

*Postlude on AZMON*

arr. Don Phillips

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**Bulletin art** "Pentecost" is used with permission of the artist, Heather Thum-Gerber of Seeking Truth Designs.

**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 of condolence**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Santana and Miriam Herrera** following the death of Santana's brother, **Juan Romero**, on May 20. Services were held in Sumpango Sacatepéquez, Guatemala on May 22.

### **prayers of thanksgiving**

Congratulations to **Nancy U. Merl** on the birth of her grandson Edison Andrew Merl. He was born on May 11, 2023 to Andrew Frank Merl and Amanda May Merl.

### **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.

**GiGi Muirheid** is having hip replacement surgery on June 12.

**Jane Weir** is having hip replacement surgery on June 15. She requests prayers for surgery and recovery.

### **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 Scheurman**, 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; **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; **Chelsea Walker**, daughter of Letia Henson; **Joe Galinaro**, friend of Anne Townsley; **Maggie and Phil Gasior**, friends of Anne Soileau; **Tom Stocks and Tim O'Farrell**, friends of Donna Durden; **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn; and **Ann Mertens**, friend of Carol and Ken Wideman.

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Sunday, May 28**

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

### **Monday, May 29**

All Day – *Church Office Closed for Memorial Day*

### **Sunday, June 4: Wear Orange Day**

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Summer Bash Volunteer Lunch*
- 1:30 PM – *Splish Splash Summer Bash*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPLISH SPLASH SUMMER BASH**

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

The Session is excited to invite you to volunteer at the upcoming Splish Splash Summer Bash 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 quick pizza lunch between worship and the event will be provided for volunteers. Please email Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) if you can help.

## **SPLISH SPLASHERS NEED TOWELS!**

**Drop-off by Saturday, June 3**

The centerpiece of our upcoming Splish Splash Summer Bash is a 15' inflatable water slide. (Woo hoo!) We know that some kids will show up unprepared for water fun and we don't want the lack of a towel to prevent them from participating. Please donate any towels you are ready to say goodbye to on or before Saturday, June 3. Towels can be left outside the Historical Room. Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) with any questions.

## **DHPC TO PARTICIPATE IN "WEAR ORANGE" DAY**

**Sunday, June 4; In Worship**

Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement, as orange is the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wearing orange on June 4 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, which will focus on hope-filled movements for peace and our faithful acts of resistance. 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/>.

## **SECURITY UPDATE**

As a best practice to maintain security on campus, we will soon be resetting the church door keycards and codes that have been issued over the years to members of the church community. So, what does this mean for you?

1. If you have a key code and/or card, be aware that those will soon stop working.
2. Please turn in physical keycards ASAP to one of the pastors, to Mike Williams, or in one of the offering boxes.
3. After this security reset, we encourage church members to get back to accessing the church during office hours (ordinarily 9-1, Monday-Thursday) or by appointment with a staff person or other card/code holder. If you feel you will need a card or code for access at other times, please contact one of the pastors to discuss.

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

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

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

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 (formerly Intown Collaborative Ministries) 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](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.

## CHURCH STAFF

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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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