



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 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

Partita on Diademata
(Mvmts. I, II, III)

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31

Leader: Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord,

**All: who listens when we cry out,
who rescues us when we call,
and who leads and guides us according to unfailing love.
You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.
Let's worship God together!**

† HYMN #394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**O Lord, we confess that we have not relied on you as our refuge.
We have not trusted you as the only right source of the peace we crave.
We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as you command us to love.
We ignore the pain of those around us,
We refuse your call to care for the poor and the marginalized.
We buy into the sinful myth that it's every person for themselves.
We confess too that we do not answer your call to steward creation.
We look upon the earth as something to consume instead of tend.
We point fingers at others instead of doing what is ours to do.
We choose comfort over responsibility.
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)
[1 Peter 2:2-10](#)

p 505-6 OT
p 237 NT

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

SERMON

“Living Stones”

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

One of the joys of May is seeing family and friends, from preschoolers to grad students, graduate! Many children, however, will never see their high school graduation or have the opportunity to attend college. This is particularly true for Black children (of all ages) who, despite there being no evidence that they exhibit higher rates of misbehavior, are almost four times more likely to be suspended and expelled for the same infractions as white students. This often leads to Black children being funneled into the “school to prison pipeline.”

The School to Prison Pipeline (STPP) is a very real outcome of laws addressing school behavior problems gone awry. Instead of getting the support and care needed when they act out, Black students receive harsher disciplinary consequences that lead to, at best, lost learning time and, at worst, an introduction to the juvenile justice system which serves as a runway to the adult correctional system.

To learn more about the STPP and on how to support better education opportunities for underprivileged children, visit www.momsrising.org or www.project2ndchancega.org.

ANTHEM

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Jesus, the very thought of Thee; With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see; And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Saviour of humankind.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be:
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity. Amen.

† 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!

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

Jesus, The Living Bread

Joy Sanford

Jesus the living bread, guiding the path we tread; Giving us hope to know you're near.
And all who love you and believe your Word is true,
May come to the table and receive the bread, Your gift of love.

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. His surgery on April 20 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; **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; and **Joe Galinaro**, friend of Anne Townsley.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 7

- 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*

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 14

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

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>

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY AND NIGHT CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

All women are invited to attend our Presbyterian Women (PW) meetings for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship, which continues to meet on Zoom. This month we will be accepting donations for the PW 2023 Birthday Offering which will go to Making Miracles Group Home in Tallahassee, FL and to the Berhane Yesus Elementary School Kindergarten School Construction in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. We also are still accepting donations to the 2022-2023 Mission Project which is Robert Gamble's foundation This Child Here. For more information on the PW, talk with Moderator Carol Wideman or Vice Moderator Coby Armstrong.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1:30 PM - 3 PM

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY AT DHPC (Please plan to volunteer at this event!)

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/>.

ICM IS NOW INTOWN CARES!

At their annual Heart and Home Gala fundraiser last weekend, 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 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 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.

CHURCH STAFF

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