



***The Story of Jonah:
A Service of Story and Song
June 11, 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.

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Begin our Story and Open with Prayer

**Creative and cunning Spirit,
move in this place.
Come upon us like the waves on the ocean.
Move our hearts and minds
through the story of your prophet Jonah and the whale.
Open our eyes to see your presence,
unstop our ears that they might hear your call on our lives,
as your prophets for today.
Spirit, breathe in this place like the wind
and fill the sails of this ship
as we come to your word, once again. Amen.**

† **HYMN #720**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

Act 1, Scene 1: The Story of a Call from God

[Jonah 1:1-6](#) (p 860 OT)

Donna Durden

† **HYMN #8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Act 1, Scene 2: Truth and Consequences:

[Jonah 1:7-17](#) (p 860 OT)

Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

CALL TO CONFESSION

Act 2: A Song of Confession

[Jonah 2:1-10](#) (p 860 OT)

Jack McFarland

† **SONG OF CONFESSION #28** *You Are Before Me, Lord*

Sursum Corda

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

One: Jonah ran to the sea, as far away from the landlocked town of Nineveh as he could get, and yet even there he could not escape God's presence.

All: Sometimes we run, but we know there is no place we can escape God's presence.

But here is the good news: God's presence is, first and foremost, a presence of mercy and grace, love and compassion. After all, God forgave Jonah.

We give thanks to God! In Jesus Christ, we too are forgiven!

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE #623** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Peace Like a River

Act 3, Scene 1: Nineveh Hears God, and Listens

[Jonah 3:1-10](#) (p 860-1 OT)

Merceron Family

† **HYMN #435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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.

Act 3, Scene 2: Jonah Talks Back to God

[Jonah 4:1-6](#) (p 861 OT)

Bob Battaglin

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.

Thank you to all who made last weekend a success! Thank you for wearing orange for Gun Violence Awareness. And thank you to all the volunteers who made the Splish Splash Summer Bash such a success. We asked for “all hands on deck” and we got it - you turned out mightily to make that event happen and extend a wonderful welcome to many neighbors. Special gratitude to Elizabeth Soileau Acton for dreaming up the Bash and all her tireless logistical work on every detail, big and small. What a terrific day it was for DHPC!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Rivers are critical to the health of our planet and the people who live on it. Show some love back to these bodies of water by limiting your pesticide use. Chemical sprays are typically water soluble. When you use these death-dealing substances on your garden or lawn, the runoff can seep into the ground and spoil aquifers or nearby rivers. Water treatment plants may stop these substances from doing harm to people, but the rivers and their inhabitants aren't so lucky.

ANTHEM

Bridge Over Troubled Water

P. Simon & A. Garfunkel

When you're weary, feeling small; When tears are in your eyes, I'll dry them all.

I'm on your side. Oh, when times get rough and friends just can't be found.

Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down.

When you're down and out, when you're on the street; When evening falls so hard, I will comfort you.

I'll take your part. Oh, when darkness comes and pain is all around.

Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down.

Sail on silver girl, sail on by; Your time has come to shine all your dreams are on their way.

See how they shine. Oh, if you need a friend, I'm sailing right behind.

Like a bridge over troubled water I will ease your mind.

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Old Hundredth

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

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Good and loving God, we give you thanks for the many good things you have given us. For the blessings both large and small. Help us to be a grateful and thoughtful people. Use these gifts we have returned to you, that they might bless our neighbors and the world around us and bring a little bit of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Act 3, Scene 3: Jonah Learns that All Good Things Come from God

[Jonah 4:7-11](#) (p 861 OT)

Jan Murphy

† **HYMN #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I've Got Peace Like A River

Charles Callahan

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WORSHIP NOTES

Bulletin art is “Jonah” by Herb Mandel.

Words for Worship This service, The Story of Jonah: A Service of Story and Song, was created by Rev. Kelly Boubel Shriver, an ordained PC(USA) minister who has served in churches in New Jersey, Michigan, and Oregon, and as a hospital chaplain. Thank you to all our readers today and Worship Chair Bob Beard for recruiting them.

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 is now under hospice care at home.

Betty Davis is doing great. One more chemo to go. She is thankful for all of your prayers!

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 & recovery.

Maureen O'Harra, mother of **Katie Vigilante**, fell the week before Pentecost but is now back in memory care at Holbrook.

Helen Woodside will be having surgery at Piedmont Rockdale in Conyers on June 15.

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; **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; **Maggie and Phil Gasiar**, friends of Anne Soileau; **Tom Stocks and Tim O'Farrell**, friends of Donna Durden; **Barbara Bybee**, cousin of Robert Welborn; **Ann Mertens**, friend of Carol and Ken Wideman; and **Meghan Harter and newborn Joseph**, friends of Susan Hagood.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, June 11

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

Tuesday, June 13

- 12:30 PM – *PW Day and Night Circle Joint In-Person Lunch Meeting*

Sunday, June 18

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

Monday, June 19

- All Day – *Church Office Closed for Juneteenth Holiday*

PENTECOST OFFERING: THANK YOU!

DHPCers once again generously supported the work of our denomination by giving to the Pentecost Offering. We received **\$393**, all of which will go to support the church's work to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the work of the larger church.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Today, Following Worship (Back of Sanctuary)

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DAY & NIGHT CIRCLE JOINT IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 12:30 PM

All women are invited to attend our Presbyterian Women (PW) Day and Night Circle joint meeting for a potluck/salad lunch, fellowship, and the installation of our 2023-2024 PW Officers by Betsy Turner. We will be meeting in person in the DHPC Parlor; however, we plan to also livestream the meeting on Zoom for those who are out of town and/or cannot attend in person.

DHPC TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Saturday, June 24, 11 AM - 2 PM

The Mission Team invites you to participate in a trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. This wonderful museum, located right in our backyard, features iconic exhibitions sharing the papers and artifacts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the history of the civil rights movement in the United States; and stories from the struggle for human rights around the world today. Following exploration of the museum, participants are invited for optional lunch and conversation. The cost of the museum ticket is \$20 (\$18 for those 65 and up). If you would like to join us, RSVP to Pastor Elizabeth by June 16.

JUNETEENTH OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, June 19

The church office will be closed on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth, a federal holiday known as America's second Independence Day, that commemorates the emancipation of African-American slaves. It is celebrated on June 19 because, though the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1865, the word of freedom did not reach Galveston, Texas, one of the furthest outposts of the former confederacy, until June 19, 1865 - over 6 months later. The 2021 proclamation finally declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday calls it a "day of profound weight and power," and calls all Americans to use this day to "remember the moral stain and terrible toll of slavery on our country," reflect on "our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve," and "recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice."

SECURITY UPDATE

As a best practice to maintain campus security, we will soon reset the church door keycards and codes that have been issued over the years to members of the church community. What this means is: 1. If you have a key code and/or card, those will soon stop working. 2. Please turn in physical keycards ASAP to a pastor, 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 staff or other card/code holder. If you feel you will need a card/code for access at other times, please contact a pastor 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 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 sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, condiments, bottled water, tuna packets, canned poptop veggies, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, utensil packets, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans, canned soup (not condensed), cereal.**

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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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