



Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 18, 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Portia Hawkins, *piano*

Runyon/Bober

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9

Leader: We will thank you, Lord, with all our heart;
All: We will talk about all your wonderful acts.
We will celebrate and rejoice in you;
We will sing praises to your name, Most High.

† HYMN #401

Gather Us In

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God, it is not that we don't know what you want from us.
It's not that we are unaware of the call to make a more loving and just world.
It's not that we don't see our neighbors or hear the call to love them.
It's not that we don't know your claim on our lives.**

**It's just that it's hard,
and your promises are so big,
so we hold back from the fullness of the our calling
because of what it demands from us.**

**You come to our city... and we hide in the crowd.
You show up in our midst... and we remain unchanged.
You call... and we hesitate.
You send us forth... and we are reluctant.
You lead us... but we are afraid to follow.**

**So we ask forgiveness, O God...
And even more than that, we ask for boldness:
the boldness to say yes to being your disciples.**
(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**The Risen Christ lives today,
present to us and the source of our hope.
In response to who Jesus was
and to all he did and taught,
to his life, death, and resurrection,
and to his continuing presence with us through the Spirit,
we celebrate him as
the Word made flesh,
the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined,
the transformation of our lives,
the Christ.**

**We sing of a church
seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.
We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place.**

**Our ancestors in faith
bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living;
upon their lives our lives are built.
Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints,
experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign
even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 9:35 - 10:8](#)

p 9-10 NT

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

SERMON

“Called from Crowd to Community”

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 all for the faithful prayers of this community! There have been an unusual number of medical concerns in the congregation this week (check the prayer list for more info), and all of the folks involved have expressed gratitude for the loving support of the DHPC family! Your prayers, calls, and kindness provided comfort and expressed God's love as they faced injury, surgery, treatment, and more. Keep up the good work!

Earth Stewardship Invitation: This Thursday, June 22, is World Rainforest Day. This day celebrates the importance of healthy, standing rainforests for climate, biodiversity, culture, and livelihoods. Check out <https://worldrainforestday.org> to see how you can help spark action and drive resilient forest protection.

ANTHEM

Ain't a That Good News
Timothy Harper, tenor

arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
Got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
Oh, I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

I got news to tell you, ain't that good news!
I got news to tell you, I got good news!
Yes, He woke me up this morning, and He started me on my way.
I got news to tell you, I got good news!

I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
Got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!
Oh, I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross.
I'm gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!
Good news, good news, my Lord! Ain't a that good news!

† DOXOLOGY #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, | ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; | let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, | let us march on, till victory is won.

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 #761** *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Gesangbuch/Bober
Portia Hawkins, piano

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WORSHIP NOTES

Affirmation of Faith is from The United Church of Canada's *A Song of Faith*, a confession adopted by this sister denomination in 2006. It "seeks to provide a verbal picture of what The United Church of Canada understands its faith to be in the historical, political, social, and theological context of the early 21st century. It is also a means of ongoing reflection and an invitation for the church to live out its convictions in relation to the world in which we live."

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. Cards and letters can be sent to him at 609 Sibley Cir., McDonough, GA 30253-7483

Betty Davis fell and had surgery for a broken hip. She requests prayers for pain control and healing.

Gigi Muirheid's hip replacement surgery on June 12 went very well.

Jane Weir had hip replacement surgery on June 15.

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

Helen Woodside had surgery at Piedmont Rockdale in Conyers on June 15.

Letia Henson requests prayers for recovery after a minor car accident.

Isaree Patterson had outpatient surgery on June 14.

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 Gasior**, 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 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*

Saturday, June 24

1:00 PM – *Trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights*

All Day – *DHPC's 140th Birthday!*

Sunday, June 25

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*

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, commemorating the emancipation of African-American slaves. It is celebrated on June 19 because, although the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect much earlier, the word of freedom did not reach Galveston, Texas, one of the furthest outposts of the former confederacy, until much later, on June 19, 1865. The 2021 proclamation finally declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday called it a "day of profound weight and power," and called 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."

PENTECOST OFFERING: THANK YOU!

DHPCers once again generously supported the work of our denomination by giving to the PC(USA) 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

Sunday, June 25, 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 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.

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.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

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Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau

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Personnel: Pete McGuire
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Treasurer: Linda Davis

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Cecile McRae Hooks

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