



Wear Orange Sunday, June 4, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:4, Isaiah 52:7

*Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news.*

**All: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings,
who publish salvation, and proclaim, “God reigns!”
*God will judge among many peoples,***

**and they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and nation shall not lift up sword against nation:
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and justice.

† HYMN

If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

O Waly Waly

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers | And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death, | Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be | And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways, | Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good | And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain, | Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs | Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —
That works for peace and justice, too. | Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**O God of all people,
we know that you are as near as our next breath-
wherever we go, you are already there.
Thank you for creating us in your image, and claiming us as your children.**

**O Lord, we confess that we have forgotten who we are;
that each of us belongs to you.
We confess that we have forsaken your peaceable kingdom,
and allowed gun violence to shatter our communities.**

**Forgive us O God.
Remind us that your love is more powerful than any gun
and that your Spirit will sustain us as nothing else can.
Let us desire, as you desire, forgiveness rather than revenge,
reconciliation rather than retribution.**

**Give us the courage to live not by the gun but by your Spirit.
Open our hearts to you so that we also may open them to each other.
Guide us on the path of peace.**

In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray...

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Companion Litany to our Social Creed, UMC

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ calls us by grace
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.**

*Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.*

**Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity, transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.**

*Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.*

**Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.**

*Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.*

**Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Micah 4:1-5, 6:6-8](#)

p 864-6 OT

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

SERMON

“Plowshares and Peace”

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

June 1 marked the beginning of Black Lives Matter Month, which is intended to celebrate the resilience and strength of the Black community. It also represents an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to join in. Several ways that non-Black allies can participate and show support include:

- Support organizations that are working for the cause of racial justice. For example, the Equal Justice Initiative, www.museumandmemorial.eji.org
- Attend events that celebrate BLM, such as Juneteenth events on June 19
- Support Black-owned businesses. A great local resource is www.secretatlanta.co/black-owned-businesses-atlanta.
- Educate yourself about the history of racism. For example, watch the PBS/Atlanta History Center documentary “Monument: The Untold Story of Stone Mountain” at www.atlantahistorycenter.com/monument.

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Miller

Cynthia Harris, *mezzo soprano*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family. Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment with peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

† DOXOLOGY #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

May God forever be our peace; | may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; | sing praise to God the three-in-one!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, 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 #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Merle's Tune

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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WORSHIP NOTES

Words for worship:

"If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers" was written after the 2017 church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Author Carolyn Winfrey Gillette offers this hymn note to accompany the piece: *"We are called to pay attention to what is going on in the world around us and to lift up concerns and tragedies in our prayers to God. Yet we can never let the words, 'They are in our thoughts and prayers,' be a substitute for seeking laws and policies that bring us a more just and peaceful world. As Christians, we are called to follow the way of Jesus and to work for peace, justice, nonviolence, better mental health care in our communities, and sensible gun laws, such as ones that restrict the availability of military weapons to civilians."* The author has given permission to use this hymn in groups committed to ending gun violence.

Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Rachel R. Smith and was published in the God Not Guns Sabbath Worship Guide, a project of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence (bradyunited.org).

Affirmation of Faith is *A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed* from the United Methodist Church. *Our Social Creed* was the first social creed, born of the church's early 20th century desire to express social principles related to the faith - at that time, the primary issue was working and living conditions of factory laborers. Since its 1908 adoption, it has been altered at various times toward current concerns, commended to the church for study and reflection, and this companion liturgy was developed for use in worship services.

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 of condolence

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

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 had to be admitted to Emory Clifton May 26 with a viral infection that aggravated his heart. Cynthia says prayer is working and he is much better—more like his usual self.

Betty Davis is undergoing further treatment.

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.

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

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 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 daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and family; **Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees; **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley; **Jack Hausmann**, father of Peter Hausmann; **Margaret Boulware**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Alison Scheuerman**, niece of Carol Wideman; **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 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; **Ann Mertens**, friend of the Widemans; **Meghan Harter and newborn Joseph**, friends of Susan Hagood.

WEEKLY UPDATE

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 – *Splish Splash Summer Bash Volunteer Lunch*
- 1:30 PM – *Splish Splash Summer Bash Community Event*

Monday, June 5

- 12:30 PM – *Online Deacon Meeting*

Tuesday, June 6

- 4:00 PM – *Online P&A Meeting*

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*

JOIN US FOR THE SPLISH SPLASH SUMMER BASH!

After Worship Today, 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!

SPECIAL PARKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR TODAY

Please help us roll out the red carpet for our community guests this Sunday by parking in the back parking lot accessible via St. Charles side, if possible. Signage and cones will mark off spots for our event and/or Mercy Church. Limited handicap parking will be available in the front lot. If you are currently parked in the front parking lot and are able, please move your car to the back lot following worship or to the far side of the front lot.

PENTECOST OFFERING: SUPPORTING MINISTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Last Sunday Druid Hills received the second of the PC(USA)'s four special offerings, the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. If you want to contribute, you may do so by placing a check with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line in the offering boxes in the sanctuary or making your gift online at www.dhpc.org (choose "Special Offering" as the Fund). Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the work of the church.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Next Sunday, June 11, 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.

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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