



Service of the Lord's Day, July 16, 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

from Psalm 119

*Leader: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.*

**All: Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

*I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.*

**give me life, O LORD, according to your word;
hold my life in your hand continually,**

*Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.*

† HYMN #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God who delivers and redeems,
we come to you in need of grace.**

For we know we fall short of your intentions:

We choose the path of least resistance.

We count the cost.

We offer the bare minimum.

We hold back from the kind of boldness you require.

**And because we so often choose that smoother path,
that more comfortable and distorted version of faith,**

we have walked by neighbors in need,

ignoring the hungry and sick in our world;

we have failed to speak up for justice,

too cowardly to enter the troubled waters;

and we have caused harm to planet and people,

by our actions and by our inaction.

So we ask for your grace once again:

grace beyond measure

grace we do not deserve

grace abundant

grace enough for today.

grace that will empower us to choose a bolder, more faithful way.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 (inclusive version)

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ
embraces the whole of human life:
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.
It includes the natural environment
as exploited and despoiled by sin.
It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life
shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ
and all evil be banished from creation.**

**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people
and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

[Matthew 5-7](#)
pp 4-7 NT

Preacher: Jesus Christ

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

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. A huge thank you to our Deacons, Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, and Anne Soileau, who have been working tirelessly to clean up the Parlor kitchen and organize the kitchen closet and the Converse Hall bays. Though this work has been behind the scenes, it has been priceless as we now know what we have, what we need, and that DHPC will not need to buy paper napkins again this century. Thank you, Deacons!

Earth Stewardship Invitation...from Your Deacons: Paper waste is a big problem that requires big solutions. Every day, more than 200 million trees are cut down to support the paper industry. Also, paper takes up a significant amount of space in landfills—even more than plastic! It's up to all of us to do what we can to cut back on the consumption of single-use items. To that end, as you may have noticed, DHPC is phasing out single-use food and drink items and transitioning to the use of stainless steel cups, mugs, china, and silverware..

The deacons ask you to partner with them in this commitment to single-use item reduction by not buying any such items for the church or donating any of these items to the church. If you are looking for a place to donate your extras, Mercy Community Church can almost always use them!

ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul
Olivia Adams, *soprano*

arr. Brenda Crofts Reef

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come; Let this blest assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight; the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

† DOXOLOGY #733

We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
verse 1

Now let us be united | and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel | for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; | we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united | by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Assam

I have decided to follow Jesus, | I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus— | no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, | the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me— | no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, | though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow, | no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? | Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? | No turning back, no turning back.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

The bulletin image is *Sermon on the Mount*, part of the Vie de Jesus Mafa (“The Life of Jesus Mafa”) project, an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to dramatically interpret biblical scenes, and then convert those dramatizations into an enormous catalog of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48284> [retrieved January 31, 2023]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

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 expressed to **Katie and David Vigilante** following the death of Katie's mother, **Maureen O'Harra**, on July 9. There will be a memorial service in the fall.

Rob Sims, brother-in-law of **Renée Weese and Tina McCormick** died on July 7 after an extended illness. Prayers are requested for his wife, Pam, and his sons, Drew and Bryan.

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. The hearing has been rescheduled again, to July 26.

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 hernia surgery went well. She came home on June 28 and is in good spirits.

Adam Ralls is awaiting surgery for spinal stenosis.

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 has moved to rehab following a fall and a broken hip. The plan is for her to be in rehab for 2-3 weeks.

Gigi Muirheid is continuing to recover well from hip replacement surgery.

Jane Weir reports that her recovery from hip replacement surgery continues to move along very well. She is grateful for the great care and support she has received from her DHPC friends.

Helen Woodside had surgery on June 15 and is at home doing well.

Isaree Patterson had surgery and hopes to be back with us soon. She thanks everyone for their prayers and all the concerns shown for her.

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; **Olivia Carlisle, Carlin and Tony La Spisa**, friends of May DeWees; **Adella and Chuck Harter and their daughter Heather**, May DeWees' sister and her family; **Tracy and her mother, Charlotte**, friends of Susan Hagood; **Indira Parekh**, friend of Anne Townsley; **Alison Scheuerman**, niece of Carol Wideman; **Margaret Boulware**, friend of Vivian Hodo; **Madelyn Magruder**, friend of Jane Martin; **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; **Meghan Harter and newborn Joseph**, friends of Susan Hagood; **Anne Dukes**, mother-in-law of Jane Weir's son; and **Connie Finn**, sister of Cliff Frierson.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, July 16

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:15 PM – *Session Stated Meeting*

Sunday, July 23

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship
Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 10:0 AM – *DHPC Kids Get Crafty*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sunday, July 23, 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 KIDS GET CRAFTY

Sundays, July 23rd and August 6th; 10AM

Come join the fun at DHPC this summer for some craft making! Nicole Escobar will lead the children in making handcrafted creations. We will meet in the children's Sunday school classroom. Children of all ages are invited.

DHPC DEACONS' (FREE) GARAGE SALE

Sundays, July 30 and August 6; 10 - 11 AM

You are invited to peruse the Deacons' garage sale featuring items from the church kitchens and storage bays. All items are available to you completely free! Tables will be set up in the hallway outside of the Parlor. Any items not taken by August 6 will be donated to area nonprofits. Contact Deacon Chair Anne Soileau (katies.nana@hotmail.com) with any questions.

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Sunday, July 30; During Worship (11 AM)

Holy smokes! It's back to school time already! All students, teachers, and school employees are encouraged to join us in worship to receive a special back to school blessing and a small gift to remind you that God's love goes with you each and every day. (Note: Backpacks are not needed.) If you are unable to join us, let Pastor Elizabeth know and she'll get your gift to you! DHPC hopes you have a wonderful school year!

DHPC TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW DATE: Saturday, August 26, 11 AM - 2 PM (RSVP by August 9)

The Mission Team invites you to participate in the rescheduled trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. This wonderful museum 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 (65 and up: \$18). **If you would like to join us, RSVP to Pastor Elizabeth by August 9.**

TV TIME! AT THE TABLE ON AIB

Our own interim pastor, Betsy Turner, was recently interviewed for the program *At the Table* on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting (AIB), discussing our new solar panels and DHPC's faithful commitment to earth care and sustainability. The episode will replay throughout the month of July on aibtv.com and on TV; see weekly email for times and cable channels. The segment is now available online for on-demand viewing here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DHPConTV>.

SAVE THE DATE: FALL KICKOFF TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, September 10

What better way to kick off our fall programs than with a tailgate party? But we can't do it without you! Do you have a truck tailgate or a grill you can bring? Are you a master griller who would be willing to show off your skills? If you are able to help, please let Anne Soileau (katies.nana@hotmail.com) know.

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 narrowing down the search by conducting interviews, listening to sermons, and checking references. Thank you to the congregation for your patience, prayers, and respect for the confidentiality of the process!

What comes next and what you can do: Once the PNC identifies their candidate, we'll hold a congregational meeting where you will hear about the search process and the person, and vote on calling them as your pastor. Until then, keep praying!

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 & pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, condiments, bottled water, tuna packets, canned pop-top 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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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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