



## ***Service of the Lord's Day, July 2, 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

Dr. Joyce F. Johnson  
*Organist of Spelman College*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

*Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.*

**All: All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.**

*For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.*

**Teach me your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.*

**You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

## † HYMN #331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

National Hymn

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven;  
we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity;  
we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power...**

**But we have forgotten you, O God.**

**We have forgotten your gracious hand which preserved us in peace  
and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us,  
and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts,  
that all these blessings were produced  
by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.**

**Intoxicated with unbroken success,**

**we have become too self-sufficient**

**to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace,  
too proud to pray to you, the God that made us.**

**It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power,**

**to confess our personal, communal, and national sins,  
and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.**

(time for silent reflection)

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

### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** [Acts 1:16-17, 21-26; 6:1-6; 18:24-28; 13:1-3](#)  
*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

p 118, 123, 139, 131 NT

## 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

The founders of our American democracy crafted the Declaration of Independence proclaiming the “self-evident truth” “that all men are created equal, ...endowed with certain unalienable Rights...” Even so, the document did not specify who would be eligible to vote when elections were held. That decision was left to the states. Presumably, “all men” would be included, but by the first presidential election in 1789, states had enacted restrictions that included requirements based on property ownership, religion, gender, and race. Almost all voters who qualified in that first election were white Protestant male landowners.

Voting rights in our country have a long, contentious history. Every group not initially included as eligible has had to fight long and hard for their right to vote. While voter eligibility is of course much more inclusive today, evidence exists in some jurisdictions that efforts to discourage voters or create barriers to voting access still remain, especially in historically racially diverse areas. As we celebrate our democracy and the many freedoms we enjoy this Fourth of July, let us also pledge to listen for truths in our history and in the current experiences of our neighbors. Let us vow to use our own right to vote to assure that justice for all remains the goal.

### ANTHEM

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*  
Meredith Starks, *mezzo soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord I pour at Thy feet, its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

### † 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.

## 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

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #296

*Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

Wondrous Light

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Dr. Joyce F. Johnson

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## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Notes:

- **Welcome** and thank you to guest organist Dr. Joyce F. Johnson. Dr. Johnson is Professor Emerita of Music at Spelman College, where she has also held the position of college organist since 1955. She has had an active career as a college teacher, music department chair, and as a performing artist giving solo recitals, accompanying a variety of distinguished artists, playing chamber music concerts, and performing piano concertos with various symphony orchestras. We are so thankful to have Dr. Johnson with us today.
- **Opening Hymn** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" was written by Daniel Crane Roberts for a rural parish in Brandon, Vermont, in honor of a centennial celebration in 1876. It was originally set to the tune RUSSIAN HYMN, until 1894 when George Warren, organist of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York, was commissioned to write a new tune, NATIONAL HYMN, which helped popularize the hymn.
- **Unison prayer of brokenness** is adapted from Abraham Lincoln's March 30, 1863 Proclamation Appointing a Day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer.

- **Affirmation of Faith** is the Nicene Creed. Shared by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and most Protestant churches, it is the most ecumenical of our creeds, a sign of the church's unity in Christ.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

**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.

**Adam Ralls** is having pacemaker surgery.

**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** is also continuing to recover well from hip replacement surgery.

**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 on June 15 and is at home doing well.

**Isaree Patterson** had surgery and is at home doing well. 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; **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; **Meghan Harter and newborn Joseph**, friends of Susan Hagood; and **Anne Dukes**, mother-in-law of Jane Weir's son.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, July 2

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

### Monday, July 3

- All Day – *Church Office Closed for Independence Day*

### Tuesday, July 4

- All Day – *Church Office Closed for Independence Day*

### Sunday, July 9

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

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th

The church office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday. On this long weekend, as always, we pray to the God of all nations for our own country as well as for peace around the world.

### TV TIME! AT THE TABLE ON AIB

#### Tuesday, July 4, 8:00 PM

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 commitment to earth care / sustainability. The episode will premiere Tuesday, July 4th at 8 PM, on AIB, which can be viewed on channel 295 on Comcast and channel 6 on AT&T U-verse, as well as at their website [www.aibtv.com/aibeverywhere](http://www.aibtv.com/aibeverywhere)). It will replay throughout the month of July: Tuesdays at 8PM, Wednesdays at 9:30AM & 7:30PM, Thursdays at 12PM & 6:30PM, Fridays at 2PM, Saturdays at 10PM, and Sundays at 10AM. The segment will also be on AIB's Facebook page shortly after its premiere (<https://www.facebook.com/watchaibtv>) Check it out!

### PREPARING LUNCH FOR MERCY COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### Sunday, July 9, 12 PM

DHPC volunteers will be preparing lunch for our neighbors at Mercy Community Church on Sunday, July 9. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/servingmercy>. If you have any questions, contact Eric Dusenbury (678.613.2886, [eric.dusenbury@gmail.com](mailto:eric.dusenbury@gmail.com)).

## SECURITY UPDATE

As a best practice to maintain campus security, we have reset the church door keycards and codes given out to members. If you have a physical key card, please dig it up and return to the church (to a staff member or in the offering boxes). From now on, plan to access the church during office hours (ordinarily 9-1 Monday-Thursday) or by appointment with staff or other card/code holder.

## 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 & 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](https://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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## DEACONS

Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau

## THE SESSION MINISTRY TEAMS AND CHAIRS

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Mission: Anne Townsley  
Personnel: Pete McGuire  
Worship: Bob Beard  
Property and Administration: Betty Davis  
Clerk of the Session: Eric Dusenbury  
Treasurer: Linda Davis

*Elder Emerita:*  
Cecile McRae Hooks

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