



Service of the Lord's Day, July 30, 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

Leader: Calling all children of the Living God: the adventure of faith is for every age and every stage.

All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who invites us in and ventures forth with us!

Let us worship together!

† HYMN #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Holy Jesus,

We want the easy way,

but you have given us the hard path.

You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies,

and to bless those who curse us.

You invite us to travel with you

toward justice, toward mercy, toward our neighbors, toward you.

And the truth is,

we lack courage and strength;

we prefer our comfort and safety;

we are fearful of the cost of following you.

So we pray once again for your forgiveness.

Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with you,

to allow ourselves at times to stumble,

to live into the hard way

so that we might fully experience and share

your love, grace and peace in this world...

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed, The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[from Acts 27](#)

p 148 NT

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

SERMON

“Acts of the Church: Adventuring”

Rev. Betsy Turner

† HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

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 to those who support our ministry to children, including those who have served as the second adult in the nursery, helped with Sunday school or other events (such as “Kids Get Crafty” this summer!), and been part of the Christian Education Ministry.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: As summer break comes to an end and students prepare to return to school, look around your home to see what unwanted office or school supplies you have sitting around that a school might be able to re-use this school year. Donate your items to a school supply drive or visit your local school to see if they can use what you have.

ANTHEM

Ain't That a Witness

Hall Johnson

Tim Harper, Tenor

Oh, Lord, what manner of man is dis? | All nations in Him are blest
All things are done by His will; | He spoke to de sea an' de sea stood still

Now ain't dat a witness for my Lord? | Mysoul is a witness for my Lord

Now dere was a man of de Pharersees | His name was Nicodemus an' 'e didn' believe

De same came to Chris' by night | Wanted to be taught out o' human sight

Nicodemus was a man desired to know | How a man kin be born when he is ol.'

Chris' tol' Nicodemus, as a frien' | "Man, you mus' be born again."

Said "Marvel not, man, ef you wanter be wise | Repent, believe an' be baptize."

Den you'll be a witness for my Lord | Soul is a witness for my Lord

You read about Samson, from his birth | Stronges' man dat ever lived on earth

'Way back yonder in ancien times | He killed ten thousan' of de Philistines

Den ol' Samson went wand'rin' about; | Samson's strenth was never found out

Till 'is wife sat upon 'is knees | She said, "Tell me where yo' strength lies, ef you please."

Now Samson's wife, She talk so fair | Samson said, "Cut off a my hair

Shave my head jes' as clean as yo' hand' | An' my strength will 'come lak a natchul man

Ol' Samson was a witness for my Lord

Da's another witness | My soul is a witness for my Lord!

† DOXOLOGY #733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

verse 3

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 #432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

Words for Worship Prayer of confession is from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell of <http://rev-o-lution.org/>. Call to worship is based on materials from Illustrated Ministry.

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 thanksgiving

Congratulations to **Nancy U. Merl** on the birth of her grandson **Edison Andrew Merl**. He was born on May 11, 2023 to Andrew Frank Merl and Amanda May Merl.

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 once again, to August 4, in person.

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.

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. She thanks everyone for their prayers and all the concerns shown for her. She had a small setback last week, but hopes to continue her recovery and be back with us soon.

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; **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; **Gwen Davies**, 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; **Tim O'Farrell and Brent Yountz.**, 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 30

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*
Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 10:00 AM – *Deacon's (Free) Garage Sale*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

Sunday, August 6

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Roundtable Adult Education Class
- 10:00 AM – *DHPC Kids Get Crafty*
Deacon's (Free) Garage Sale
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Congregational Meeting*

DHPC DEACONS' (FREE) GARAGE SALE

Sunday, 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! Potential new treasures are awaiting you 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.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE AND UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 6, following worship

As DHPC goes through the steps to call our next installed pastor, updates will be shared here.

Where we are: Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) are excited to report that they have identified a candidate! They are eager to share with you about the person whom they sense God is calling to serve DHPC as the next installed pastor! Your Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, August 6, following worship, for the purposes of 1. Receiving a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and voting on the deacon slate and 2. Receiving a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and voting on the candidate and their terms of call. Please make plans to stay for this important meeting.

What comes next and what you can do: Pending your approval on August 6, we will move forward with transition - saying our goodbyes to Betsy Turner as she will be completing her time with us as Interim Pastor, and looking forward to welcoming the new pastor a few weeks later. Thank you for your prayers throughout this process!

DHPC KIDS GET CRAFTY

Sunday, 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.

PAINT AND CHEMICALS RECYCLING DAY

Sunday, August 20, 10 - 10:55 AM, 12 - 12:15 PM

Wondering how to safely dispose of the old paint or chemicals you have around the house? The Mission Team is here to help! We'll be collecting house paint, paint thinner, wall paper stripper, sealer, wood stain, nail polish & remover, mineral spirits, pesticides, herbicides, ammonia, bleach, oven cleaner, pool chemicals, car oil, gasoline, tiki oil, brake fluid, and bug spray and delivering them to the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM). Items for recycling should be dry and not leaking. A Mission Team representative will be in the front parking lot to collect recyclables. Contact Eric Dusenbury (ericdusenbury@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.**

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.

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 has aired throughout the month of July on aibtv.com and on TV. If you missed it, don't worry - the 13-minute segment is now available online for on-demand viewing here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DHPConTV>. Don't forget to share the link as a way of spreading the good work of DHPC!

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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