



Service of the Lord's Day, July 9, 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

Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

**All: We will listen to Jesus' words,
"Don't be afraid!"**

In a world that wants us to hate the other...

**We will live Jesus' call to,
"Love God.**

Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."

In a world that radicalizes...

We, too, will be radical.

Radical with our hospitality.

Radical with our hope.

Radical with our love.

*Then come to this place,
ready to be who we are called to be.*

**Let us gather together
and worship God.**

† **HYMN #265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Most mysterious and loving God, we come before you,
not as those who are perfect practitioners of Christ's method,
but as those who have sincerely admired him,
yearned to be like him,
yet have only applied his truth in fragmentary ways.**

**We admit to each other and to you, God:
We have grabbed at life and hoarded it for ourselves,
rather than sharing and losing it in the cause of the Gospel.**

**We have sought the shabby glory of this world's praise
and have badly compromised our faith in this mad pursuit.**

**We have tried to nullify our anxieties
by surrounding ourselves with possessions,
but have reaped only deep discontents.**

**We have trodden over the lives of others
in our hurry to get what and where we want,
but have ended up missing out on much love.**

**Every now and then we have dared to be bold
in faith, hope and love,
and have briefly tasted the nobler joy of Christ,
only to slip back again into a no-risk policy of self preservation.**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness...

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Book of Order, F-1.030

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Acts 17:1-14, 19:23-31](#)

p 137, 140 NT

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

SERMON

“Acts of the Church: Turning the World Upside Down” 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 to those who faithfully help each week with making sandwiches. This ongoing mission project, which usually we do on the 4th Sunday of the month, is one of the most simple, immediate, and satisfying ways that you put your worship into action. Those sandwiches go from our [clean and gloved!] hands in our worship space directly to neighbors who are hungry right here and right now. Thank you to Anne Townsley, the faithful organizer of the project, and to those who show up to make sandwiches.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Meditate or pray outside. In the morning, before it has gotten too hot, find a comfy place to sit on your porch, in a park, or wherever you feel peaceful in nature. As you pray, focus on your breathing. Oxygen is a gift from the plankton and plants of the seas and oceans. Give thanks to God for the interconnectedness of creation and humanity.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Michelle Jarrell, *soprano*

Jacqueline B. Hairston

This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around this world, I'm gon' let it shine...

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gon' let it shine...

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

† 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 #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Notes

- **Bulletin cover art** is the woodcut frontispiece of "The World Turned Upside Down," an English ballad published in 1646 to protest the policies of Parliament relating to the celebration of Christmas. According to American legend (and portrayed in the musical *Hamilton*), the British army band played this tune as they surrendered after the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. The phrase itself is from today's Acts 17 passage.
- **Call to worship** was written by Richard Bott and prayer of confession was written by Bruce Prewer.

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 appreciates 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 had a successful pacemaker surgery and is hoping to be able to have his back surgery by the end of the summer.

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; **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 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*

Monday, July 10

- 10:00 AM – *Deacon Work Day and Meeting*

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*

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 commitment to earth care / sustainability. The episode premiered last Tuesday at 8 PM, and 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!

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. 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

Interim Pastor: Rev. Betsy Turner, bturner@dhpc.org
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Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau

THE SESSION MINISTRY TEAMS AND CHAIRS

Christian Education: Gigi Muirheid
Finance: Betty McIntosh
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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