



***Service of the Lord's Day, August 13, 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

Based on Acts 4:32-37

*Leader: According to the book of Acts, the early followers of Jesus gathered for fellowship and worship, praying and singing and reading the scriptures...*

**All: So we gather this morning  
to do those very things, to be that kind of faithful community.**

*The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,  
holding all things in common,  
ensuring that no one among them was needy*

**So we gather this morning,  
with minds open to hear God's gracious word,  
hands open to share what we have,  
and hearts ready to share who we are.**

*God's grace was present with them,  
powerfully at work within them all.*

**So we gather, trusting that God is with us too,  
that there is a grace at work,  
mightily transforming us and our world, even here, even now.**

*Come, O Church, and worship God!*

## † HYMN #305

*Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

Darwall's 148th

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Loving God,  
you call us into community,  
teach us your ways,  
and bless us with abundant life.**

**Yet we turn aside to follow other paths  
We take the easy way out.  
We listen to the world's noise rather than your still, small voice.  
We quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us.  
We cherish our resentments and jealousies.  
We live selfishly, thinking we deserve more than we have.**

**Forgive us when we wander from your love,  
draw us into true community with each other,  
and grant us a full measure of your grace  
that we may grow in faithfulness  
and work together in peace.**

(time for silent reflection)

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

### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**

**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls people of all genders to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

[Acts 4:32 - 5:11](#)

p 122 NT

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

### **SERMON**

"Acts of the Church: Being Church"

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 both the Congregational Nominating Committee (Pete McGuire, Gigi Muirheid, Letia Henson) and the Pastor Nominating Committee (Bob Beard, Karin Dusenbury, Vivian Hodo, Betty McIntosh) for their reports at last week at the congregational meeting and their diligent work on finding those who are called to serve in various capacities here at DHPC. And thank you to the congregation for your support and prayers!  
(See announcement for details about the transition plans.)

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Participate in DHPC's upcoming community recycling day! The Mission Team will be receiving donations of paints and chemicals to take the CHaRM. This is a great way to clean out your garage in an environmentally friendly way. Also, tell your friends to swing by and drop off their items. (Details in announcement below.)

### ANTHEM

*God is My Shepherd*  
Olivia Adams, *soprano*

Anton Dvorák

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows;  
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth He restore;  
And guideth me in the ways of peace to glorify His Name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,  
My spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still;  
Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

### † DOXOLOGY #394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
v 1, 4

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, | Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, | binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, | and our confidence alone.

Laud and honor to the Father, | laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, | ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory | while unending ages run!

### 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 #727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

The Servant Song

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's bulletin art** is the back of a 4th century ivory box or reliquary known as the Brescia Casket. This 8x13x9 inch box, now housed in the Museo di Santa Giulia in Brescia, Italy, contains complex and much-disputed iconography of some 36 scenes from the Bible. Many are familiar figures and tales, but interestingly the middle panel on the back includes the accusation of Sapphira and the carrying away of Ananias.

**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

### DHPC Prayer List for August 13, 2023

*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 of condolence

**Jennifer Middleton**, sister-in-law of **Charles and Cynthia Middleton**, died this week. Prayers are requested for her granddaughter Amanda and all of her family.

#### prayers for our DHPC community

**Jon Houghton's** difficulties with a neighbor have been resolved favorably! He is relieved, and wishes to extend thanks to the congregation for all the support and prayers throughout this prolonged legal process.

**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.

**Nancy Merl's** three-month-old grandson, **Edison Andrew Merl**, will have a blockage in his kidney cleared on August 16, 2023 at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Please keep him in your prayers and thanks.

### 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; **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; **Connie Finn**, sister of Cliff Frierson; and **Peyton Kirby**, nephew of Robert Welborn.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### **Sunday, August 13**

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Serving Lunch at Mercy*

### **Sunday, August 20**

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 10:00 AM – *Community Recycling Day - Paints and Chemicals*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *Farewell Reception for Rev. Betsy Turner*

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE: NEW PASTOR ON THE WAY!**

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

Where we are: Last week at the congregational meeting, DHPC unanimously agreed to call Rev. Dr. Renee A. Meyer as the new Pastor and Head of Staff. We look forward to welcoming her to the office on September 11, and to the pulpit on September 17. Be praying for her and her husband as they say goodbye to her current congregation and move to the Atlanta area! Betsy's last Sunday as our Interim Pastor will be August 20.

## **LET'S CELEBRATE BETSY!**

### **Sunday, August 20, Following Worship**

As Betsy's time as interim pastor of DHPC comes to a close, we want to make sure she leaves knowing how grateful DHPC is for her work with and among us. Plan to stay after church for a reception and celebration of Betsy's ministry. Additional information about Betsy's sending was sent to the congregation via email. If you did not receive this email, see Elizabeth Acton.

## **SERVING LUNCH AT MERCY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **Today, After Worship**

DHPC volunteers will be preparing and serving 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)).

## **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](mailto: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).

## **THE RETURN OF SINGING AND RINGING**

### **Wednesday, September 6, 6:15 PM for Bells, 7:30 PM for Choir**

Weekly choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 pm. Bell Ensemble will rehearse beforehand at 6:15 pm. Please join and invite a family and/or friend to sing with us. You do not have to be a member of DHPC to sing in the choir, just willing to make joyful noise! All are welcome!

## **SAVE THE DATE: FALL KICKOFF TAILGATE PARTY**

### **DATE CHANGE! Sunday, September 17**

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](mailto:katies.nana@hotmail.com)) know.

## 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, 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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Susan Hagood, Marlene Slavich, Anne Soileau

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

*Elder Emerita:*  
Cecile McRae Hooks

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