



***Service of the Lord's Day, August 20, 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:* *This is the day that the Lord has made;*

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.**

### † HYMN #664

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(time for silent reflection)

## POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### A TIME OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

**JOHN 1: 1-14**

Bill Armstrong

**ANTHEM**

*His Name So Sweet*  
Timothy Harper, *tenor*

arr. Hall Johnson

**MATTHEW 25: 31 - 48**

Tina McCormick

**HYMN 301**

*All Are Welcome*

Two Oaks

**1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12 - 27**

Susan Rutherford

**HYMN 761**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Beecher

**PSALM 121**

**ANTHEM**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Timothy Harper, *tenor*

arr. Margaret Bonds

**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.

**PIANO MEDITATION**

*Just As I Am*

arr. Fred Bock

† **DOXOLOGY #607**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**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 #649**

*Amazing Grace*

New Britain

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**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.

### 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](http://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.

## 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

**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.

**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** continues in rehab following a fall and a broken hip.

**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 U. Merl's** three-month-old grandson, **Edison Andrew Merl**, had a stent put in on August 16 at CHOA. The procedure went well, but further surgery may be required in the next year. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **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; **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; **family of Phil Gasier**, friend 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 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 with Communion*

### **Saturday, August 26**

- 11:00 AM – *Day Trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights*

### **Sunday, August 27**

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship with Ordination and Installation of Deacons*  
*with Guest Preacher Rev. Joy Fisher*
- 12:00 PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

### **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!

### **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 family and/or friends 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!

## **HAWAI'I WILDFIRE: HOW TO HELP**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with the Presbytery of the Pacific following the deadly fires in Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui. In addition to providing financial support to aid the meeting of immediate needs, PDA is responding to the Red Cross' request that PDA be on standby to provide a team of spiritual care providers who could be embedded with the Red Cross for their ongoing response on Maui. Thanks to your generous support of the mission budget, the Mission Team has already sent a gift of \$500 to PDA for this effort. To add your support to this work, visit [pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires](http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires).

## **SANDWICH MINISTRY**

### **Sunday, August 27, 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. Please plan to gather after worship in the rear of the sanctuary to help. Contact Anne Townsley ([anne.townsley314@gmail.com](mailto:anne.townsley314@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## **RESTORED ORGAN INSTALLATION PROGRESS**

Installation continues behind the gold façade pipes. Much foundational work is underway, including replacing original (1940) electrical wiring connecting the blower in the basement with the reservoirs in the two chambers, providing power to the eventual components, adding work lighting to the chambers, and reinstalling the winding lines (similar to the HVAC ductwork, but more heavy duty). We appreciate your patience as the technicians perform this work precise and painstaking work - done correctly, it will not need to be redone in our lifetime!

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

### **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, canned meats, peanut butter & jelly, canned soup (not condensed), cereal.**



#### CHURCH STAFF

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*Elder Emerita:*  
Cecile McRae Hooks

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