



***Service for the Lord's Day, March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent***

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.*

We want to know you've worshipped with us! Please sign the blue Fellowship Pad, located in the rack at the end of each pew, and pass it down the row.

GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

PRELUDE

Solemn Prelude

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 134

Leader: All you servants of the Lord: let us bless the Lord right now!

All you ministers in the Lord's house: bless God!

**All: We lift our hands in the sanctuary and praise our God,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

† **HYMN #697**

Take My Life

Hendon

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

p 71 NT

SILENT REFLECTION

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version
Questions 49-51

What is the mission of the church?

**The mission of the church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in
Jesus Christ.**

What forms does this mission take?

The church's mission takes a wide variety of forms, including evangelism, work for social justice, and ministries of care. Yet the center is always the same: Jesus Christ. In every case the church extends mercy and forgiveness to the needy in a way that points finally to him.

Who are the needy?

The hungry need bread, the homeless need a roof, the oppressed need justice, and the lonely need fellowship. At the same time — on another and deeper level — the hopeless need hope, sinners need forgiveness, and the world needs the gospel. On this level no one is excluded, and all the needy are one. Our mission as the church is to bring hope to a desperate world by declaring God's undying love — as one beggar tells another where to find bread.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO BE FED AND TO FEED

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 AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

You are invited to come forward for the Lord's Supper. Please bring your belongings with you. In response to God's grace, you are invited to place your offering in the plates after taking communion.

Then continue from the sanctuary to the parlor, where we will join together in serving God by packaging 10,000 meals for our more vulnerable neighbors in the developing world.

God be the love to search and keep me,
God be the prayer to move my voice,
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears who hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD WE HAVE SHARED AND WILL SHARE (PARLOR)

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

MUSIC FOR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

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WORSHIP NOTES

Lent marks the 40 days of preparation for Easter. It is time set aside for prayer, reflection, and recommitment to God, honoring the sacrifice of Jesus' crucifixion and the redemption won in Christ's resurrection. Our Lenten theme, *Core Strength: 40 Days of Spiritual Fitness*, offers practical tools for fortifying your spiritual discipline. In worship and practices throughout the week, we will explore the spiritual practices of *Fasting* (March 5), *Sabbath* (March 12), *Service* (March 19), *Prayer* (March 26), *Silence & Solitude* (April 2). We hope you'll join us as together we strengthen our core.

All **communion bread** is gluten free.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Lisa Carter; Kathleen Clayton; Nancy Edenfield; Jesse Hatton, Jr.; Bobby Howlett; Ivey Lois Hubert; Elizabeth Mabry; Bo Mays; Charles Middleton; Carl Sweet; Yolanda Tamsen; J. Wade.

pray for our family and friends

Ann W. Antley, Robert Welborn's sister; **Éamon Martin Beaudette and family**, infant son of Katie Vigilante's friends; **Bonnie McMillan Brown**, Tommy Hannah's close friend; **Mandy DeWees**, May's daughter; **Ron DeWees**, May's husband; **Christina Georgiadou**, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families; **Nick Miller**, Bill Smith's great-nephew; **Birdell Odom-Hughes**, Cynthia Middleton's mother; **Mary-Lib Pennock**, Cliff Frierson's cousin; **Melanie, Jimmy and Christian Rogers**, family of Helen Woodside's cousin; **Michele Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Ruby Sermeño**, Miriam Herrera's sister; **Meredith Shahpazian**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis; **Joan Davis Smith**, sister of Betty and Linda Davis; **Leonard Terry**, Adam Rall's uncle; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Mimi Williams**, Coby Armstrong's mother; **Bryan Wilson**, Mary Jane Hannah's brother.

pray for our world

Loving God, we pray in thanksgiving for all who give us so much, leaving their special touch on our lives: the strong men and women who fought diligently for the rights of all citizens to have the privilege of voting in free elections; the scientists and engineers, ever searching for ways to make our lives healthier and safer; those who put their lives on the line, fighting for our freedom in far corners of the world; the first responders, always there to save us from danger: nurses, doctors, firefighters and police; and the teachers whose lives are spent sacrificing in order to provide the best education for future generations.

And, Mother/Father Lord, we pray for all whose lives are impacted by health or mental health issues which most of us cannot imagine. Addiction is rampant in the world today, taking so many lives. We ask you for blessings for those struggling with drugs and alcohol addiction and for their families, touched in unimaginable ways. Let us be the balm their lives need to heal and make their way through life.

We pray also, Lord, for all people facing severe storms in this very late winter. We pray for our planet. Give us the courage to make the hard decisions required to care for it so it may sustain life, both human and non-human.

For these things and more, we pray this day, in the name of your only Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 19

11:00AM - *Worship Service & Rise Against Hunger*

2:00PM - *Phoenix Flies Tour*

Monday, March 20

7:00PM - *Linda Miller Book Club*

Tuesday, March 21

7:00PM - *Session Meeting*

Wednesday, March 22

6:15PM - *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM - *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM - *Choir Rehearsal*

Friday, March 24

6:30PM - *OIKOS College Ministry*

Sunday, March 26

9:30AM - *Bible Roundtable Adult Sunday School Class*

9:45AM - *Sunday School Classes*

10:30AM - *OIKOS College Ministry*

11:00AM - *Worship Service*

2:00PM - *Phoenix Flies Tour*

LINDA MILLER BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 20, 7pm

All who love to read interesting, challenging, and fun books are encouraged to join the monthly meeting of the Linda Miller Book Club. This month's book is *Commonwealth* by Anne Patchett. This month's meeting is at Karin Dusenbury's house. All are welcome. Please contact Letia with any questions or for directions. See you there! (Next month's book is *Fences*.)

IN-HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Palm Sunday, April 9, 12:30pm

By taking communion to and visiting with DHPC's homebound members we extend the Lord's table and mysteriously encounter the source of our grace and hope during the reorienting experience of Lent. In-home communion visits are a powerful reminder that homebound are not alone and that God's grace and hope is calling out to us all. Teams of two will stop at the home of one homebound member, spend some time visiting, and read a short worship service which will be provided. Elders and volunteers are needed to fill these two-person teams. Please email Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org) to sign up!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Contact Barrett Payne, Youth Director, (bpayne@dhpc.org) for more information about youth events.

Sunday, March 26, 9:45AM: Bible Study, Worship w/NDSC, and MLK Center Visit

This will be an exciting day for DHPC youth. Following Sunday School, the youth will travel downtown and worship with National Divine Spiritual Church, which is across the street from the MLK Center. After worship will be a tour of the neighborhood with Rev. Bobby Graham and a visit to the MLK Center. Join us for this day of studying, worshiping and exploring together.

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM SURVEY

There have been a lot of recent changes in the ministries of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. We have seen the ending of the Six Star Refugee program and the closing of the Journey Men's Shelter. During this same period, we have also hosted two successful forums on race and seen an increase in services provided by Intown Collaborative Ministries. • The Mission Team would like to use this time of transition to evaluate how we can best use the gifts of our congregation to serve others in our community and in the world. The Mission Team has created a survey to allow us to hear from the congregation to better discern where our members feel called to serve. Copies of the survey will be available from ushers and can be returned in the Tower Room. The survey is also available online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZJHBD9>. It should only take five minutes to fill out the survey and you will provide valuable feedback. Thanks!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

Urgent needs for the Pantry are listed outside the stairwell to Converse Hall. Please check the list.
You covered all the bases again – from soup (literally) to nuts (if you count peanut butter) and everything in between! The Pantry appreciates the variety of foods you bring. The guests like your coffee as well as the tea and cocoa mix. They also enjoy drink mixes such as Crystal Light. They have their own containers which they fill with water and pour in a single serve packet of a mix. Lo and behold, an instant drink! Thank you, as always!

EGG CARTONS NO LONGER NEEDED

The Intown Food Cooperatives at Briarcliff Summit and William Booth Towers were created to serve the residents by promoting dignity, a sense of community, and address the problem of food insecurity. Food for the co-ops comes from the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Initially the co-ops received fresh eggs on large flats; however, the Food Bank no longer has fresh eggs. Thus, egg cartons are no longer needed. Thank you for your past contributions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THEOLOGY 101

Sunday, April 2, 9:45 AM, Parlor

Theology 101 is a monthly primer about what Presbyterians profess to believe. The class will break down theological concepts into bite-size chunks so that we can hear more about the specifics of our faith. This month's class is *Resurrection: What Did it Do?* Join us for this special Lenten conversation.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT DHPC

Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary during worship. Being present in worship is how children learn to worship, so we welcome their wiggles and whispers. Children's worship bags are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. During the Sunday School hour, we offer a supervised nursery for all infants and toddlers. Older small children are welcome in the nursery, Room 115, during worship.



MAKE YOUR OFFERING DONATION FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response code reader, and you'll be taken to DHPC's secure giving portal, where you can make a one-time or recurring gift using your credit or debit card or checking or savings account. Payments or gifts for special offerings should be labeled as such in the "Optional Memo" line.

Core Strength: 40 Days of Spiritual Fitness

This Lent, you are invited to *strengthen your core* with 40 Days of Spiritual Fitness. Together, we will explore different Spiritual practices. We will learn and practice, and be sent home and into the world to practice some more. They're not called Spiritual Disciplines for nothing.

Sunday, March 26 - Spiritual Discipline: Prayer

Sunday School - *Prayer Stations*, Parlor (9:45 AM)

Worship - *Prayer*, Sanctuary (11 AM)

Sunday, April 2 - Spiritual Discipline: Silence and Solitude

Theology 101 - *Resurrection: What Did it Do?*, Parlor (9:45 AM)

Worship - *Silence and Solitude*, Sanctuary (11 AM)

Sunday, April 9 - Palm & Passion Sunday

Worship - *Palm Sunday & Stations of the Cross*, Sanctuary (11 AM)

Second Sunday Lunch - *Congregational Luncheon*, Converse Hall (12:15 PM)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Dinner - Potluck, Parlor (6:30 PM)

Worship - Taize Maundy Thursday Service, Parlor (7:30 PM)

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

Urban Way of the Cross - Worship & Lunch with Mercy Community Church (Time TBA)

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

Worship - Easter Garden Service, Gertrude's Garden (9:15 AM)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Egg Hunt, Stories, Games, Snacks, Parlor (10 AM)

Worship - Easter Worship, Sanctuary (11 AM)

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