



***Service for the Lord's Day, May 14, 2017***

## ***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**

*Matins*

Lani Smith

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

inspired by Psalm 133

*Leader: Holy God, father of us all, we gather to worship you  
and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.*

**All: With parental care, God welcomes us to our shared  
experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.**

*Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship,  
and in the witness that flows from our collaborative praise.*

**Together and individually, we will be refreshed  
by the holy winds of God's Spirit, stirring around and within us.**

*The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together,  
unified in purpose – to praise and glorify the One who made us.*

**Blessings, honor, glory and power belong to our God,  
mother of all humanity – who claims us all as beloved children.**

† **HYMN #44**

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Austin

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
(time for silent reflection)**

# POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Confession of Belhar*

*We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.*

### **We believe**

**that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

*that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;*

**that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;**

*that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:*

*in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;*

**that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**

*that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;*

*together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;*

**together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;**

*that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;*

**that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.**

## † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please greet your neighbors with signs and words of peace and reconciliation.)*

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. World with - out

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Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has  
end, with - out end. A - men. World with - out end, with - out

7



set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.  
end. A - men.

**ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD**

**(WE’RE ALL GOD’S) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 15:1-18

p 134 NT

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

**SERMON**

“Testing, Testing . . . 1, 2, 3”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN #754**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

Baronita

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)*  
Chancel Choir

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in Her house, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World, without end. Amen.

#### † DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### 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

*All communion bread is gluten free.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC #240**    *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*    Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #547**                      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*                      Ar Hyd y Nos

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                      Carlisle                                      Healey Willan

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**The Call to Worship** is adapted from © 2012 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year B, used with permission.

**Flowers this morning** are given by Bryan Gartman in honor of his mother, Ann Gartman, and in honor of all bandaid applicators, bicycle coaches, dinner cooks, carpool drivers, teachers, and caregivers, whose fierce and tender love gives us life.

## PRAYERS

### pray for our dhpc community

**Lisa Carter; Kathleen Clayton; Donna Durden; Jesse Hatton, Jr.; Bobby Howlett; Ivey Lois Hubert; Elizabeth Mabry; Bo Mays; Charles Middleton; Carl Sweet; Yolanda Tamsen.**

### pray for our family and friends

**Davis Acton**, Elizabeth Soileau Acton's son; **Ann W. Antley**, Robert Welborn's sister; **Charlise Black**, wife of former DHPC organist/choir director; **Bonnie McMillan Brown**, Tommy Hannah's close friend; **Ron DeWees**, May's husband; **Christina Georgiadou**, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families; **Jessie Hudson Hubbell**, former member; **Frannie Kidd**, Anne Townsley's daughter; **Nick Miller**, Bill Smith's great-nephew; **Birdell Odom-Hughes**, Cynthia Middleton's mother; **Caroline Ohnsman**, Helen Woodside's friend; **Pellicane family**, Jane Weir's friends; **James Penny**, Bill Armstrong's brother-in-law; **Melanie, Jimmy and Christian Rogers**, family of Helen Woodside's cousin; **Michele Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Meredith Shahpazian**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Cindy Wheatley**, Jane Martin's friend; **Bryan Wilson**, Mary Jane Hannah's brother.

### pray for our world

Come, Holy Spirit. Be with us and guide us during uncomfortable times as we try to sort out the difficulties of these days. Stand with us as we make decisions concerning the treatment of refugees and immigrants, people willing to give up all of their belongings and risk serious harm to themselves and their families in order to reach safe shores. Be with those who live in fear of deportation. Give strength to people left behind in ruined countries.

We pray that the four Americans being detained in North Korea will be returned to their families unharmed. We ask for blessings for those in Asia seeking peaceful resolutions to the aggression that continually threatens them. We also pray for the young women released from Boko Haram, that, as they return to their families, they are accepted and cared for.

We give thanks for those celebrating academic milestones. We pray for college and high school graduates. Be with each of them so that they will be safe, making healthy decisions. We pray also for those who never experience the joy of such success due to parental neglect, addiction, insufficient school resources, or learning disabilities. We pray that all young people find a meaningful path to travel.

With thankful hearts we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. **Alleluia, Amen.**

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, May 14

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:30PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

### Monday, May 15

7:00PM – *Linda Miller Book Club*

## **Tuesday, May 16**

7:00PM - *Session Meeting*

## **Wednesday, May 17**

6:15PM - *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM - *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM - *Choir Rehearsal*

## **Friday, May 19**

6:30PM - *OIKOS College Ministry*

## **Sunday, May 21**

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

9:45AM - *Children and Youth Sunday School End of the Year Celebration*

9:45AM - *Sandwich Ministry*

10:15AM - *Choir Warm Up*

10:30AM - *OIKOS College Ministry*

11:00AM - *Worship Service*

5:00PM - *Middle School Youth Group*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

### **Sunday, May 21, 9:45AM**

Children and youth are invited to a party celebrating the arrival of summer and a great Sunday school year! Join us for food, music, friends, and fun. Contact Barrett Payne ([bpayne@dhpc.org](mailto:bpayne@dhpc.org)) for more info.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

### **Sunday, May 21**

Calling all middle schoolers! Join us for our last youth group meeting for this school year. We'll kick things off at the church for conversation about who we are and then journey down the street to Ponce City Market for food and games. Join us! *Contact Barrett Payne ([bpayne@dhpc.org](mailto:bpayne@dhpc.org)) for more information about youth events.*

## **DHPC SANDWICH MINISTRY**

### **Sunday, May 21, 9:45AM**

The DHPC Sandwich Ministry allows us to support Mercy Community Church, which is dedicated to making sure food is available every day for those who are hungry in our neighborhood. There is still one opportunity left in the month of May to participate in our Sandwich Ministry: Sunday, May 21, during the Sunday School Hour, in the parlor. This is a great opportunity to serve our community while enjoying fellowship with one another. • Would your DHPC group be interested in supporting the Sandwich Ministry on a third Sunday of the month? This could be a Sunday School class, musical group, ministry team, group of friends, etc. Contact Callie Thweatt if you are interested in volunteering or learning more.

## **BURNING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE**

This summer you get to pick the sermon topics! For six weeks in July and August, Pastor Shelli will offer sermons based upon your questions of the Bible. You may submit your questions to Pastor Shelli at [pastorshelli@dhpc.org](mailto:pastorshelli@dhpc.org), or if you prefer to be anonymous, you may drop your questions into the Burning Questions About the Bible boxes that are located on tables outside the doors at either end of the sanctuary. So, what do you want to know about our scriptures? Write it down, and let's learn together!

## **SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Today, Sunday, May 14, 12:30PM**

Join us in Converse Hall after worship today for fun and fellowship at May's Second Sunday Lunch! Lunch is \$8 per person for visitors or \$10 for members without reservations (\$5/children). Join us!

### **BOOK CLUB MAY MEETING**

**Monday, May 15, 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 meeting is at Anne Townsley's house and we'll discuss *Nocturne for a Widow* by Amanda DeWees. Contact Letia with any questions.

### **INTOWN FOOD PANTRY**

*Urgent needs for the Pantry are listed outside the stairwell to Converse Hall. Please check the list.*

So much good food! You beat your record with Vienna sausage – 27 cans!!! Thanks also for the canned chicken, Compleats, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese cups, and peanut butter, all good and tasty sources of protein. There was even fruit and ready-to-eat soup! There were no coffee packets at the Pantry Saturday. Thank you for those jars of coffee! They will be made into packets for next week. Keep 'em coming! Plastic grocery bags were on the want list ("we fly through them" they say), so please continue to recycle them at the Pantry. Also needed is help delivering food to guests receiving Home Delivery every other Saturday morning at nearby Briarcliff Summit and Booth Towers. If interested in helping, see Jane Boyd Lee, or email Sally Oakes, Pantry Coordinator (sally@intowncm.org). Thanks!

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND YOUR SERVICE**

We just learned that the Rise Against Hunger meals we packaged on Sunday, March 19 have shipped. Your pledges and gifts to our weekly offering and the work of your hands allowed us to provide over 10,000 life-saving meals. The meals from DHPC's meal packaging event were shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Atlanta warehouse. The meals will be received by Alliance for Children Everywhere in Zambia, which works to address the needs of the most vulnerable children by providing school feeding programs at three schools that serve over 2500 children.

### **CLEAN UP DAY SUCCESS!**

Thank you to each and every one of you who came to the May 6th Spring Clean Up Day. We were able to get most of our items out of the Dilbeck building, filled a 20 yard dumpster, and got some much-needed dusting, polishing, and scrubbing done. Thank you!

### **SUMMER FAREWELL TO RACHEL MATHEWS**

Our Seminary Intern, Rachel Mathews, has completed her Supervised Ministry with us. Fortunately, Rachel will return next year as Director of Young Adults and Parent Nurture. But for the summer, she is taking a well deserved break. We'll get a few glimpses of Rachel as she serves in worship periodically, but look forward to her full-fledged return in August.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **JOIN IN SAYING "THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO BARRETT PAYNE"**

**Sunday, May 28, 11 AM, Worship**

Barrett, who has served as DHPC's Youth Director for the past two years graduates on May 20th. His final day with us will be Sunday, May 28. Join us, as we say goodbye and pray for the coming adventure for the Payne Family.

### **PENTECOST – SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE AND CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH**

**Sunday, June 4, beginning at 11 AM**

Join us in celebrating the first sightings of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. Our Music Ministry will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The Vivaldi *Gloria* is one of the most beloved

works in choral/orchestral repertoire due to its rhythmic vitality, harmonic creativity, and stunning vocal writing. This choral/orchestral masterwork will feature the Druid Hills Chancel Choir, staff soloists, and a professional orchestra. • And make plans to stick around for BBQ on the front lawn. The Sweet Auburn BBQ food truck will be out front, serving up some tasty lunch. Gather on the lawn or under the tents with your friends from DHPC, play lawn games, and take in the live acoustic tunes of our own Susan Rutherford's band, "False-Hearted Lovers." Lunch is free, but pre-registration is required for us to know how many to prepare for. RSVP via the sign-up sheet in May 28's bulletin or by emailing Elizabeth Adams.

## **INTERGENERATIONAL N.C. MISSION TRIP**

### **Week of June 4**

Last fall Hurricane Matthew hit the southeastern part of the U.S. bringing strong winds and rising waters that resulted in extensive flooding. DHPC members and friends ages 14 and up, will travel to Kinston, NC to help area families who were impacted by these floods. Trip participants will remove damaged walls, ceilings, and floors; prepare homes for reconstruction; and assist in other reconstruction projects. Please prayerfully consider joining this team. Pricing information TBA. Scholarship funds are available. All are welcome! Contact Barrett Payne ([bpayne@dhpc.org](mailto:bpayne@dhpc.org)) for more information.

## **SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN'S CONNECTION RETREAT**

### **August 11-13, Montreat Conference Center**

This year's Montreat women's conference, featuring speaker Rachel Held Evans, will encourage participants to find grace through reflection, rest, and community. DHPC women of all ages are encouraged to sign up! We will grow closer to one another and to God through fellowship, worship, and creative activities. More details TBA. Please contact Rachel Mathews ([rmathews@dhpc.org](mailto:rmathews@dhpc.org)) in person or by email if you are interested in attending.



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### *Elders Emeriti:*

*Cecile McRae Hooks, Charles C. Knox,  
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