



Service of the Lord's Day, November 19, 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

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Gerald Peterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

inspired by Matthew 3:16-17, 4:18-22, 28:18-20

Leader: See the line where the sky meets the sea?

All: I've been standing at the edge of the water.

When Jesus was baptized, as he was coming out of the water, heaven opened and a voice from heaven said, "This is my child, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

I've been standing at the edge of the water.

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

I've been standing at the edge of the water.

Jesus called to the disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

See the line where the sky meets the sea? It calls me.

† **HYMN #475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**You call us
and we ignore your whisper,
listening to the voices of this world.**

**You call us
and we choose a different path,
following our own devices.**

**You call us
to be your voice in this world,
to be your hands in this world,
to be your feet in this world,
to proclaim your peace,
your comfort,
forgiveness,
healing,
love
and grace.**

**Forgive us,
open our ears,
call us again,
and use us.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #582

Glory to God

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



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



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 2:1-18, 3:1-5, 13-15,
4:1-17, 5:1-14, 7:1-10

beginning on p 445 OT

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

(WE'RE ALL GOD'S) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

**We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,
cleansing us from sin,
and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people and joins us to all
other believers by a powerful bond.
In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance
to be the Lord's.
For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder
that God loves us long before we can love him.
For both, God's grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life.**

ANTHEM

“How Far I’ll Go” from *Moana*
Nicole Escobar | Children’s Choir

Lin-Manuel Miranda

I've been standing at the edge of the water | 'Long as I can remember, never really knowing why
I wish I could be the perfect daughter | But I come back to the water, no matter how hard I try
Every turn I take, every trail I track | Every path I make, every road leads back
To the place I know, where I can not go, though I long to be

See the line where the sky meets the sea? It calls me | And no one knows, how far it goes
If the wind on my sail on the sea stays behind me
One day I'll know, if I go there's just no telling how far I'll go

I know everybody on this island, seems so happy on this island | Everything is by design
I know everybody on this island has a role on this island | So maybe I can roll with mine
I can lead with pride, I can make us strong | I'll be satisfied if I play along

But the voice inside sings a different song | What is wrong with me?
See the light as it shines on the sea? It's blinding | But no one knows, how deep it goes
And it seems like it's calling out to me, so come find me
And let me know, what's beyond that line, will I cross that line?
See the line where the sky meets the sea? It calls me | And no one knows, how far it goes
If the wind on my sail in the sea stays behind me

And the call isn't out there at all | It's inside me
It's like the tide | Always falling and rising
I will carry you here in my heart | You'll remind me
That come what may
I know the way

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A CALL STORY

Carl Sweet

INVITATION TO ANSWER THE CALL

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God
Handbell Choir

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

† 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

Lord of All, To Thee
Chancel Choir

Charles Knox

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, | For the love which from our birth
around us lies, | For the wonder of each hour, hill and vale, and tree and flower, | Lord of all to
Thee we raise these words of joy and grateful praise.

For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child, | Friends on earth, and friends above,
and all thoughts mild, | For the love which from His birth Christ made known through all the
earth, | Lord of all to Thee we raise these words of joy and grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, | For mystic harmony of sense and
sound and sight, | For the day and for the night, sun and moon and stars of light, | Lord of all to
Thee we raise these words of joy and grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, | Offering on every shore her sacrifice
of love, | For the church of Druid Hills and the hearts and needs it fills, | Lord of all to thee we
raise these words of joy and grateful praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #697

Take My Life

Hendon

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Plow the Fields

Richard Lloyd

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to our **readers** for helping to make the story of Esther come to life this morning: **Elizabeth Adams, Vivian Hodo, Rachel Mathews, Nancy Merl, Gigi Muirheid, Lisa Sims, Callie Thweatt, and Paula Thweatt.**

Fall Worship Series: God crafts each of us with great purpose and for a purpose as well. Our lives are an ongoing search to discern that purpose, or calling. At one point in our lives, we might be called to listening and learning. At another, we may be called to share or speak or spend in ways that show God's goodness and glory in the world. Today marks the conclusion of our five-week worship series, ***A Generous Calling***, exploring call narratives in the Old Testament. May this time of call exploration be an opportunity for us to search our hearts for what God may be calling us to do and be as a church and as individuals, right this moment.

Today's Call to Worship was written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship, www.faithandworship.com.

PRAYERS

pray for celebration

We celebrate with **Elizabeth Soileau Acton** on her receiving approval from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Elizabeth will be ordained during Druid Hills' 11am worship service on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

pray for our dhpc community

Dr. Stan Foster, Bobby Howlett, Ivey Lois Hubert, Elizabeth Mabry, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Bo Mays, David Vigilante

pray for our family and friends

Jerry Black, former DHPC organist/choir director; **Nancy Hahn Bono**, Susan Hagood's sister; **Ashlee Hall**, friend of Danielle Wilson; **Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Christina Georgiadou**, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families; **Pellicane family**, Jane Weir's friends; **Meredith Shahpazian**, friend of Betty and Linda Davis; **Martha Wily**, friend of Linda and Betty Davis; **Jenna Van Gelderen**, friend of Jane Weir's family; **Matthew Sweet**, grandson of Carl Sweet; **Steve Campbell**, friend of Karin Dusenbury

pray for our world

Dear God, we were pleasantly surprised by a fun dose of creativity in our worship service last Sunday. No one expected to play Bingo, nor did we imagine that a Bingo game would help us begin the process of getting to know those who are new in our midst. This is a reminder of just how important conversation is to human relationships. For this we thank you; and, for the creativity and imagination coming to us on a regular basis.

We pray, Lord of All, we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Sutherland Springs, Texas, whose experience in worship almost two weeks ago ended in tragedy. The extreme loss they suffered did bring remaining congregants closer together, but what a painful way for that to have happened. We ask you to shower them and all those who suffer from the legacy of gun violence with your love.

We also send prayers for the people on the border of Iran and Iraq, who have sustained devastation as the result of a recent earthquake. May we continue to be your "body-doubles" here on Earth, doing for your family the things that you are not here to do. And, for these things, we pray in the name of your Grace-filled Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, November 19

11:00AM – *Stewardship Sunday Worship Service*

12:45PM – *Session Meeting*

4:00PM – *Youth Group*

Monday, November 20

7:00PM – *Linda Miller Book Club*

Wednesday, November 22

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

Thursday, November 23

All Day – *Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)*

Friday, November 24

All Day – *Office Closed*

Sunday, November 26

9:45AM – *Children and Youth Combined Sunday School*

10:00AM – *Choir Warm Up*

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

YOUTH GROUP

Today, Sunday, November 19, 4PM

All DHPC 6th-12th graders and their friends are encouraged to come to today's youth group! We'll spend time thinking about what it means to be thankful and also make some plans for our Christmas activities. Come! It's not the same without you! Contact Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with questions.

BOOK CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

Monday, November 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. All are welcome. Please contact Letia with any questions or for directions. See you there!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, November 26, 9:45AM; Parlor

Kindergartners through 12th graders will meet as one group for Sunday school next week. Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and food!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save..." We are the Lord's hands and feet here on Ponce de Leon Ave. You responded to the Lord's call by providing a full menu for them from cereal to fruit, meat and vegetables with cocoa mix as a treat.

"Here I am, Lord, I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." Keep up the good work and keep those donations coming. Canned meats, veggies, and fruits are always needed!

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, December 10 - *Mysticism*

SAVE THE DATE:

ALL-AGES ADVENT EVENT AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, December 3, 5-7pm

As we move towards Advent we hope you will make plans to join your DHPC friends for an hour of greens hanging and children's and youth activities followed by a tasty potluck dinner. So that we can be sure a variety of dishes are represented, please let Nancy Merl know what you're bringing. See you there!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND LUNCH

Saturday, December 9, 9am

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 17, 11am

Children preschool through high school age are encouraged to join us for Sunday School on December 3, 10, and 17 as we prepare for the pageant on the 17th. All are welcome for this fun time of recreating the story of the birth of Christ. Contact Elizabeth Acton (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

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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. *(Please return used bags to the basket near where bags were picked up.)* During the Sunday School hour, a class featuring Bible stories, music, and art is available for all infants and toddlers. Additionally, parents of small children are invited to drop off their children in our nursery, Room 115, while they attend worship. 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.



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