



Service of the Lord's Day, November 26, 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

Preludium

Francois Dandrieu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN #336

We Gather Together

Kremser

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 68:3-5

*Leader: Let the righteous be glad and celebrate before God.
Let them rejoice with gladness!*

All: Sing to God! Sing praises to God's name!

Exalt the one who rides the clouds!

Celebrate before the Lord!

*Celebrate the father of the fatherless,
the mother of orphans,
the protector of widows.*

Celebrate God in the sanctuary, in God's own house!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

† HYMN #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(verses 1-3)

Restoration

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open
to the rhythms of life you offer to us.

We let ourselves be put off your pace
and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs.

Too often the melodies of the world confuse us.

We have led ourselves and others to paths
that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses.

Make our dancing faithful;

help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead.

Pull us back into your rhythms.

Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet

that we might know and share your blessings. (time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

**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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE # 643** *Now Thank We All Our God* *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 96

p 550 OT

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

† **HYMN #26**

Earth and All Stars!

Earth and All Stars

HYMNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† **HYMN #36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hyd Y Nos

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Dundee

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power, and awful purity!

No earthly father loves like thee; no mother e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

† 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 *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Rendez a Dieu

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead;
Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
So may your feast become the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Ron Barnett

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin cover comes from The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Photography Collection, The New York Public Library. "Thanksgiving at the Home for the Friendless. New York." *The New York Public Library Digital Collections*. The Home for the Friendless was constructed by the American Female Guardian Society in 1847. It took in orphaned and homeless girls and boys under the age of 11 (called "inmates"), with the mission to "to protect, befriend, and train to virtue and usefulness those to whom no one seemed to have thought or pity."

The **Unison Prayer of Brokenness** was written by the Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood. From *God Inspired Joy: Service Prayers for Pentecost Seven*. Posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* website.

PRAYERS

pray with celebration

We welcome **Elijah James Ettner** into God's beautiful world. He was born November 15 to Allyne and Zach Ettner. Elijah's proud first-time grandparents are **Missie and Bruce Grawert**.

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

Nancy Hahn Bono, Susan Hagood's sister; **Duke Daschboch**, grandchild of Anne Townsley's friends; **Jerry Black**, former DHPC organist/choir director; **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 Betty and Linda 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

Loving God, we thank you for family, the human family and our personal family. What a dynamic organism the family is, with its many generations and personalities! We can learn so much from each member of our own family, as well as your family if only we use our amazing ability to observe and learn from our observations. We can gain new insight into the whats, whys, and hows of our world and how we might best navigate it.

We give thanks for those who have shared a special recipe or taught us to change a tire or the oil in our car. Never let us take our precious family for granted. May we keep the special ones no longer with us in our hearts and minds, always. For those whose families were not places of comfort and love, give them peace and may they find new joy in being members of family of God.

During this holiday season, we pray that as we move from a season of thanksgiving to a time of preparation and waiting, you will keep us safe and remind us that you are the ultimate gift in our lives. It is in Christ's most holy name that we pray. Amen

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, November 26

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

Wednesday, November 29

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Friday, December 1

6:00PM – *OIKOS*

Sunday, December 3

9:30AM – *Adult Roundtable Class*

9:45AM – *Sunday School for All Ages and Pageant Prep*

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*
10:30AM – *Children's Choir Practice*
10:30AM – *OIKOS*
11:00AM – *Advent Worship Service*
12:15PM – *Mission Team Meeting*
5:00PM – *All Ages Advent Event*

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, Chrismon tree decorating, 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!

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO YOUR GENEROUS CALLING

Thank you for the many people who shared their gifts in worship and told their stories over the course of our *A Generous Calling* series. Last Sunday, we celebrated Stewardship Dedication with the presentation of our offering of time and treasure and our pledges of support for 2018. It was a beautiful morning with signs of promise and commitment. If you have not turned in a pledge card, you may find them at the entrances to the sanctuary or on the church website. Your pre-designation of your gifts helps us to thoughtfully prepare for how we'll live into God's call for DHPC.

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR STAFF

The Personnel Ministry team invites you to consider making a gift in honor of our staff, which will be given to them as a Christmas thank you. Personnel is grateful for their dedication and the love and extra energy our staff members put into their work to help DHPC offer a glimpse of God's kingdom, and we imagine you may share our thanksgiving. To make a gift, you may write a check, place cash in an offering envelope, or give online, with the memo "Staff Thank You". Please feel free to address any questions to Renée Weese, chair of Personnel. And thank you for your consideration – The Personnel Ministry Team (Renee Weese, Pete McGuire, Letia Henson, and Bob Beard)

EXTENDED TABLE COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, December 10th, 12:30PM

Volunteers, both elders and non elders, are needed to assist with Extended Table, during which the sacrament of communion celebrated during the 11am worship service is extended into the homes of DHPC members who can not attend church due to health or age. This is an important witness to our homebound members, confirming that they are part of our congregation's worship. Extended Table also reminds those of us able to be present in worship that the community of DHPC extends beyond the company of those present in the sanctuary. If you would like to take part in this meaningful opportunity, please contact Elizabeth Adams.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DHPC is hopping! We're hosting movies, receptions, lunches, and more. This is wonderful, fun work, but work that requires lots of helping hands! The Congregational Life Team is looking for volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments after worship one or two Sundays per month. If you are interested in learning more about serving our congregation manner in this way, contact Leita Henson or Elizabeth Adams.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

Pantry volunteers last Saturday morning were busy! They served 75 families, many more guests than expected. In addition, some volunteers fixed cheese grits for those hungry Pantry guests. Others, using the food you brought, made snack packs for the Outreach Team's social workers to use when they meet with the homeless. Some volunteers made up hygiene kits from the items you'd contributed. Everything you brought was given to our vulnerable neighbors. What a great Thanksgiving you made for them! Thank you for your continued support of hungry neighbors!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT: RETURN TO WONDER • December 3 - 24

Advent is the four-week season of preparation for the coming of Christ, as we remember Christ's first coming to earth as a baby, born in Bethlehem. It is a fantastical story – God being born in a lump of hay, to a poor girl in a rinky-dink town. It is a whimsical story, with stardust and the flutter of angel's wings and enough magic electrifying the air that magi in the East mounted their camels and traveled with sparkly gifts for a king. This Advent, we invite you to Return to Wonder. Returning is an action and a reorientation. We invite you to reorient from the craze of the commercial holiday season, to get back to the fantastical, whimsical, magical story that changed everything. Join us for worship, which will reclaim ancient chants, propel us to wonder together what God becoming flesh really means for the world, and revel in the mysteries and beauty of the one who made and was born to save us.

ADVENT DRIVE FOR MY SISTER'S HOUSE • December 3 - 25

As part of this year's Advent and Christmas celebration the Mission Team is sponsoring an Advent goods drive to provide items needed for babies who visit My Sisters' House, a day shelter for mothers and their children. We are asking for diapers of all sizes, Pull-Ups, baby formula, and sippy cups. Donations may be placed in collection boxes located in the narthex, Tower Room, and in the coffee area. (Make sure to admire the boxes, lovingly decorated by the children of DHPC. We think Jesus would like having children help with an event that helps other children.) Please watch for the boxes and add something to your shopping list for this beautiful Advent drive. Questions? Contact Anne Townsley or Callie Thweatt.

THEOLOGY 101: MYSTICISM

Sunday, December 10, 9:45AM; PARLOR

As part of our Return to Wonder series, we will explore Mysticism, learn, about ancient Christian Mystics, and the practices related to the transformative presence of God. We welcome back Rose Deighton, the Emory University Phd student who so capably led us in our exploration of Islam in October.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND LUNCH

Saturday, December 9, 10am

All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to grab a friend as we join in the craziness that is holiday shopping. We have the honor of shopping for community families who are unable to afford Christmas gifts for their children. Come join in on the fun of being Santa's helper! (P.S. Bring money for lunch, which might just be Five Guys.)

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.

BACK TO THE BARN – PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDES

December 17, 12:30PM

Following worship, we will open our front lawn to the community (and our own DHPC kiddos) to Return to Wonder in the barnyard. What a joy to make Christ's birth story accessible through snuggles with sheep, goats, pigs, bunnies, and more. There will even be pony rides to Bethlehem. This event is free, so please invite your friends, family, and neighbors. In order to provide this glimpse into the story, we'll need cider servers, direction givers, costume hander-outers, story tellers, and pony ride liner-uppers. If you are willing to help support this endeavor, please let Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org) know.



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December 3 - 24

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ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent Season-wide

Baby Supplies Drive: The mission team invites you celebrate the anticipation of the birth of Christ by bringing donations diapers, Pull-Ups, baby formula, and sippy cups for babies in need born in our community.

Sunday, December 3

11 AM – *Advent Worship*

5 PM – *Advent Event with Hanging of the Greens, Children & Youth Activities, and Potluck Dinner*

Saturday, December 9

10AM– *Youth Christmas Shopping for ICM and Lunch*

Sunday, December 10

9:45 AM – *Adult Education: Mysticism, with Guest Teacher Rose Deighton*

11 AM – *Advent Worship*

Thursday, December 14

7 PM – *Congregational Christmas Party at Pastor Shelli's House*

Sunday, December 17

11 AM – *Advent Worship: Special Music & Children's Pageant*

12:30 PM – *Back to the Barn - Community Petting Zoo with Pony Rides*

6 PM – *Youth Christmas Party at the Adams House*

Sunday, December 24

10 AM – *Advent Worship: Pajama Breakfast and Worship in the Parlor*

5 PM – *Christmas Carols and Choral Music*

5:30 PM – *Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight and Communion*

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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.



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.

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