



***Service of the Lord's Day, January 7, 2018***

***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**

Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clay Boyles

*Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;*

**All: *sing to the Lord, all the earth.***

*Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:*

***and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.***

*Let us worship God.*

† **HYMN #1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Nicaea

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Rev. Shannon Ball

**UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

**Holy God, we confess that we too often fail to hear your call on our lives and instead find ourselves lured by the siren calls of the world. Thinking we know better, we journey on the paths that promise us success and wealth, paths that ultimately only bring disappointment and discouragement.**

**Forgive us our foolish ways, our missteps and wrong turns. Open our eyes and ears so that we may hear your voice in both the quiet whispers of a winter morning and the boisterous laughter of a gaggle of children. Direct our lives so we may live in the joy that comes from doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God.**

(time for silent reflection)

**POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

† **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.***

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.***



## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

Rev. Shelli Latham

**1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 29

p 504 OT  
Hiram Pérez-Cordero

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lindsey Wade

**2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 1:4-13

p 34 NT

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

**SERMON**

"The Voice"

Rev. Wade

† **HYMN #410**

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

W Zlobie Lezy

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**ORDINATION**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 27

*There are varieties of gifts,  
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.*  
**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*  
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**

*Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.*

**STATEMENT ON ORDINATION**

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Rev. Latham and Anne Townsley

*Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*

*Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?*

*Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those Confessions as you lead the people of God?*

*Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?*

*Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?*

*Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?*

*Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?*

*Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?*

*Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?*

*Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people?*

*Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION

## DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

## WELCOME

## CHARGE TO REV. ELIZABETH ACTON

Rev. Morgan Hay

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Paula Thweatt

## PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

(verses 1, 4, and 5)

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Elliott Adams

**ANTHEM**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*  
Chancel Choir

Ken Lowenberg

Christ, when for us You were baptized, God's Spirit on You came,  
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you "My Beloved Son," the suffering servant true,  
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death You then obeyed God's call,  
Freely as Son to serve and give Your life for all.

Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord, You cross on us be signed,  
That, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

† **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.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

**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**

*Ave Verum Corpus*  
Chancel Choir

W. A. Mozart

*Ave verum Corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine:  
Vere passum immolatum  
In cruce pro homine:*

Hail, true Body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who has truly suffered,  
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals.

*Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.*

Whose side was pierced,  
whence flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shannon Dodd

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

† **HYMN #697**

*Take My Life*

Hendon

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Festive Recessional*

Paul Bryan

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## A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH

On the morning of my ordination, an event that I have been anticipating for almost 13 years, I offer my sincere gratitude to the congregation of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Slightly more than two years ago I was asked to serve a four-month stint as your communications director. Though my interaction with the congregation was largely e-mail based, I so enjoyed getting to know some of you and seeing the wonderful work that was happening in this place. In August you extended me the offer to transition from the communications director to the pastoral staff. It has been such a joy getting to know you in this new, important way and I am honored and excited to begin my ordained ministry with you. DHPC has a storied past and I am confident that God is continuing to run rampant in this place. I look forward to discovering with you and Pastor Shelli all the surprising places God will show up!

I also give great thanks to those who are serving on my ordination commission and as the worship leadership this morning. Each one of these amazing people surely brings a smile to God's face through all that they do to further the kingdom of God. Thanks be to God for the following people:

**Elliott Adams**, a delightful member of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church's youth group, even when he is sending me on wild goose chases for candy that doesn't exist;

**Rev. Shannon Edgerton Ball**, a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, a seminary classmate, and a dear friend of mine whose lunch date conversations surely keep me sane;

**Clay Boyles**, an elder member of Northminster Presbyterian Church (Roswell, GA) and an entertaining and kind friend of my husband Andy;

**Shannon Dodd**, an elder member of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church (Duluth, GA), movie connoisseur, and a great person with whom to share a laugh;

**Rev. Morgan Morse Hay**, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church (Peachtree City, GA), a college friend, Godmother to my son Davis, and the person who introduced my husband to me;

**Rev. Shelli Latham**, senior pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA), a seminary friend, and a model for how to do all things requiring courage and tenacity;

**Hiram Pérez-Cordero**, an elder member of Rock Spring Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA), a seminary friend, and a great sounding board for youth ministry planning;

**Paula Thweatt**, an elder member of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA) and a tireless supporter and cheerleader of the children of DHPC and children everywhere;

**Anne Townsley**, an elder member of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA), a member of the associate pastor search committee, and the kind and patient chair of the DHPC Mission Ministry Team who has taught me so much already;

**Rev. Lindsey Wade**, transitional minister of Montevallo Presbyterian Church (Montevallo, AL), seminary friend, Godmother to my daughter Katie, and the person who shows me what integrity, intelligence, and wit look like.

Finally, I give thanks to those who stood with me as I travelled this journey to ordination. The Presbytery of South Louisiana's Committee on Preparation for Ministry showed me infinite patience and encouragement and never kicked me to the curb. I am thankful especially for the women on that committee, Mary Mikell and Rev. Judy Roeling, who never let me quit. I am thankful also for my family, of course, without whom I would surely not be here. For those of you who have travelled from Washington, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama, thank you. Your presence here this morning makes this day even more special. For my mom, who has cheered me on from day one and bathed me in love, I can never offer enough words of gratitude, so I will simply say thank you. Finally, for Andy, Katie, and Davis, thank you for the hugs, the laughter, the commiseration, the guidance, and the joy. You are God's greatest gifts to me.

With gratitude and joy,  
Elizabeth Soileau Acton

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The flowers this morning** are given by Andy, Elizabeth, Katie, and Davis Acton in memory of Elizabeth's father, Rick Soileau, and Elizabeth's maternal grandparents, Miles and Anne Smith. The Acton family gives thanks to God for the role these saints played in shaping Elizabeth's faith and for the joy and love they showed her throughout their lives.

## PRAYERS

### pray for our dhpc community

**Dr. Stan Foster, Bobby Howlett, Ivey Lois Hubert, Elizabeth Mabry, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Bo Mays, David Vigilante, Wilma Ralls, Yolanda Tamsen, Bill Armstrong, Lisa Carter**

### pray for our family and friends

**Kay Beard**, Bob Beard's mother; **Joseph Vigilante**, David Vigilante's father; **Eugene Powell**, Judy Powell's husband; **Will Ellis**, son of Hannah family friend Joe James; **Elizabeth Cortez**, Cliff Frierson's sister; **Lucy Corkran**, friend of Anne Townsley; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Nancy Hahn Bono**, Susan Hagood's sister; **Duke Daschboch**, grandchild of Anne Townsley's friends; **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

Loving God, in the infancy of this new year, we pray that you will help us become more happy and healthy ... more able to see the future in a positive way. Be with us as we reach out to those in need ... our neighbors and others in need of our help. Let this be a year of making changes ... for the good of all. For these prayers and those so personal that they can only be seen by you, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, January 7

- 11:00AM – *Worship and Ordination Service*
- 12:15PM – *Rev. Elizabeth Acton's Ordination Reception*
- 12:30PM – *Christian Education Team Meeting*
- 12:30PM – *Congregational Life Team Meeting*
- 12:30PM – *Mission Team Meeting*
- 12:30PM – *Worship Team Meeting*

### Tuesday, January 9

- 10:30AM – *Presbyterian Women Meeting*
- 6:30PM – *Personnel Ministry Team Meeting*
- 7:15PM – *Presbyterian Women Meeting*

**Wednesday, January 10**

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

**Friday, January 12**

6:00PM - *OIKOS*

**Saturday, January 13**

10:00AM – *Youth Group Trip to My Sister's House*

**Sunday, January 14**

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

9:45AM – *Sunday School Classes for All Ages*

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:30PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

**Monday, January 15**

All Day – *Office Closed*

**ADVENT DRIVE FOR MY SISTER'S HOUSE: THANK YOU**

As part of this year's Advent and Christmas celebration the Mission Team sponsored an Advent goods drive to provide items needed for babies who visit My Sister's House, a day shelter for mothers and their children. Your contributions were overwhelming. The congregation donated 3,654 diapers; 3,124 wipes; 431 ounces of formula; 379 Pull-Ups; 33 sippy cups; 24 bottles of Pediasure; and 9 bottles! Wow! The Mission Team can't wait to bring the congregation's donation to these families in need. Thank you!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN****Tuesday, January 9, 10:30AM/7:15PM**

Presbyterian Women meets the second Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to come to either the day or night circle for a time of prayer, Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Participants are reminded to bring facial tissues (Kleenex) to the meeting to contribute to the Child Development Center. This gift is sure to be appreciated! Please contact Helen Woodside with any questions.

**GOD CALLS (In the New Testament) - ONLINE BIBLE STUDY****Thursdays, January 11 - February 8, 7-8 PM**

*Are you interested in exploring the Bible but the Sunday School hour doesn't quite work for you? Would you like to get to know a group of DHPCCers through a consistent gathering which studies, checks in with each other, and prays together? And would you like to do that from the comfort of your own home, in your PJs, and with a cup of cocoa?* For five weeks in the New Year, we would love to have you join our second online Bible Study, which will continue to explore the dynamic call stories of some of our most well-known Bible characters while wrestling with what that has to do with our own lives. A strong sense of connection was formed among the participants of our first Bible Study. We look forward to the ways this second study will also form new relationships and strengthen old ones. You will need access to a computer with camera, microphone, and audio output. To participate, please contact Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org) who will provide further information.

## **INTOWN FOOD PANTRY**

*A complete list of Pantry needs is on the bulletin board outside the Tower Room and in the newsletter.*

There was joy at the Pantry the last week of December! The crowd was small for the Pantry's chili lunch on December 27th, but this meant second servings for all plus to-go bags for the guests. On Christmas Eve DHPC created care packages to help the folks at Mercy Community Church make it through the week Mercy was closed. You even ended the year by bringing donations to worship on December 31st to help the Pantry start off 2018 well stocked. There is indeed joy in giving at Druid Hills! Thank you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **YOUTH GROUP LUNCH AND TRIP TO MY SISTER'S HOUSE**

**Saturday, January 13, 10AM - 12:15PM**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join in on a trip My Sister's House to deliver the items collected during the Advent Baby Supplies Drive. We'll meet at church at 10AM, visit My Sister's House for a tour, and then head to lunch. Bring money for lunch. Contact Elizabeth Acton with any questions (eacton@dhpc.org).

### **SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Sunday, January 14, 12:30PM**

Join church friends and family for fun and fellowship at January's Second Sunday Lunch! Lunch will be served in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. The cost for lunch is \$8 per person for visitors and members with reservations or \$10 for members without reservations (\$5/children). Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 10, at 8pm, by dropping the signup sheet into the offering plate, calling the church office, or signing up online. Online payment is also available. Make plans to join us!

### **SANDWICH MINISTRY RETURNS**

**Sunday, January 21, 12:15PM; Sanctuary**

Following worship on January 21, the DHPC Sandwich Ministry returns! All are welcome and encouraged to join the Mission Team in the rear of the sanctuary to assist in assembling sandwiches for Mercy Community Church, our neighbors who are homeless and/or hungry. Each month we will make 120 sandwiches. With your help we can accomplish this in less than 30 minutes, so please plan to stay a bit longer each third Sunday of the month. We are excited about this effort to feed our brothers and sisters on the streets and hope you are too! Contact Anne Townsley with any questions.

### **PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA ADVOCACY TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, January 23, 6PM; Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Do you long for a Georgia that cares better for its most vulnerable citizens? Are you ready to be part of a powerful, faithful movement for change? If you said YES to any of these questions, then be sure to join Presbyterians for Better GA for their annual training workshop, an inspirational and educational event. Cost is \$8 and includes a soup and salad dinner. Register at [www.p4bg.org](http://www.p4bg.org).

## **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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Property and Administration: Bryan Gartman  
Worship: Suzette Stewart

Clerk of the Session: Kenneth Wideman  
Treasurer: Linda Davis

#### *Elders Emeriti:*

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