



Service of the Lord's Day, January 28, 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

Dominus Regit Me

Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Isaiah 55:8-9

*Leader: Listen and draw near to God.
Listen and you shall live.*

**All: For my thoughts are not God's thoughts.
Nor are God's ways my ways.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are God's ways higher than our ways,
God's plans higher than our plans.**

† **HYMN #401**

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of all creatures and people and places,
The world is so fractured, and we find ourselves parceled out into categories:
Republican or Democrat,
Liberal or Conservative,
NRA members and Gun Violence Prevention Advocates,
Christians and Muslims and Jews and Other and Nones.
The list goes on . . . and on.**

**Sometimes, O God, it seems impossible for us to get along, to understand
one another, or to find common ground.**

And so we wall ourselves off.

And we wonder why the world seems so fraught with conflict.

**Help us to remember that as your children, we always have you in common.
Help us remember that you were ever seeking to widen the circle of grace
and that you call those who trust in you to follow your lead**

by extending mercy,

by compromising,

by seeing the beauty in all those you created and call your own.

**Help us to remember. And then inspire us to act that the world might know
the peace that passes all understanding.** (time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Confession of Belhar*

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 both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
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, enmity and 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;

*together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;*

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.

† 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

(WE’RE ALL GOD’S) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 15:22-33

p 135 NT

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Get Your Act Together”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN #435**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

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RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Esto Les Digo
Chancel Choir

Kinley Lange

“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” - Matthew 18: 19-20

**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

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

One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

Georg Muffat

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today we continue our worship series, *Call to Action*, which will run through February 11. Last fall, we explored Old Testament call stories. This winter, we will explore the Acts of the Apostles, looking at how some major and minor characters in the early Christian church stepped into their ministries. Join us, as we learn together about Matthias, Paul, Silas, Ananias, Lydia, and Cornelius, and wonder how our own discipleship can be formed by their calls (and response) to action.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Grace Sauser, 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

Pam Sims, Renee Weese's sister; **Tom Hodges**, Bill Jackson's cousin; **Sallie Johnson**, Carol Wideman's cousin; **Joseph Vigilante**, David Vigilante's father; **Will Ellis**, son of Hannah family friend Joe James; **Nancy Hahn Bono**, Susan Hagood's sister; **Duke Daschboch**, grandchild of Anne Townsley's friends; **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; **Jenna Van Gelderen**, friend of Jane Weir's family; **Steve Campbell**, friend of Karin Dusenbury

pray for our world

To you, all caring God, we say thank you. We thank you today especially for your uplifting gift of art. Art is the cherry on the top of our ability to communicate ... to hone our senses both visually and orally ... a gift of healing body and spirit. Even those who find speaking to be difficult are able to learn to communicate through drawing and painting, dancing and singing, writing and playing a musical instrument. We pray, Lord, that no one will ever attempt to stifle these amazing possibilities, which enhance our sense of well-being and peace.

In the names of your children who share their artistic abilities with us, we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 28

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Youth Group*

Wednesday, January 31

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, February 1

7:00PM – *Online Bible Study*

Friday, February 2

6:00PM – *OIKOS*

Sunday, February 4

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

9:45AM – *Theology 101: Mysticism*

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

11:00AM – *Youth Sunday Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Christian Education
Team Meeting*

12:15PM – *Mission Team Meeting*

12:15PM – *Worship Team Meeting*

12:15PM – *Youth Group*

YOUTH GROUP YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP PLANNING

Sunday, January 28, 12:15PM

DHPC will celebrate Youth Sunday on Sunday, February 4. All 6th through 12th graders are invited to meet following worship to assist with planning the service. This will be a great opportunity to think critically about what happens in worship and to put your own unique touch on a worship service. Bring \$3 for lunch for our afternoon session. Contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

THEOLOGY 101: MYSTICISM

Sunday, February 4, 9:45AM; PARLOR

Join us for this adult Sunday school class in which 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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4; 11AM

Next Sunday during DHPC's youth-led worship service the Souper Bowl of Caring will be received. This national offering is dedicated to tackling poverty, hunger, and homelessness in local communities. This year's offering will be donated to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, which works to support local Presbyterian churches in their efforts to love God and neighbor through hunger relief programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, weekend meal initiatives for children on a free lunch program. Contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Christian Education team is sending Valentine's care packages to our college students. If you would like to assist in helping these six scholars receive a box of DHPC love, please consider contributing one of the following items: if your last name starts with A - K, please bring chocolate candy, chapstick, or individual pretzel bags; if your last name starts with L - Z, please bring hard candy, microwave popcorn packets, or individual nut packets. If you would like to provide homemade baked goods or money to assist with shipping, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org). Donations should be delivered by February 7 and can be placed in the box outside the Historical Room. Thank you for your support!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

A complete list of Pantry needs is on the bulletin board outside the Tower Room and in the newsletter. After a week of bitter cold temperatures, last Saturday our guests received special treats along with their usual good food from the Pantry. There were bags of ginger snaps, toaster pastries, cans of ginger beer, lots of cocoa mix packets, jars of jam and peanut butter, and even a large bar of chocolate candy. To offset all this sweetness, you brought them meat and tuna which they need and enjoy. In addition you donated cereal, veggies, tea, instant coffee and a gallon of Mr. Clean. (Chores have to be done regardless of the weather!) Thanks for your continued support of our hungry neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POP-UP POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, February 24, 6:30PM; Susan Rutherford and Steve Nichols' House

Join us for the first DHPC Pop-Up Potluck Supper of 2018 at Susan and Steve's house! We will gather at 6:30pm and serve dinner around 7:00pm. Please contact Susan to let her know what you're bringing and get directions. We can't wait to see you!

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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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