



Service of the Lord's Day, February 11, 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

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

Joyce Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me,

to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

† **HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of new stories and endless grace,

Forgive us when we are blinded, by our egos and preconceptions, from seeing that our plans may be out of line with your plans. Forgive us when our piety results in harm of others. Forgive us when our imagination about your grace and love is too small.

Open our eyes, that we might see ourselves as agents of your grace. Help us to see others as worthy of being heard. Show us Jesus, right here in our midst.

And give us the courage to follow where he leads, even if it is somewhere we never imagined.

(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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

p 127 NT

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

SERMON

“Call Forwarding”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN #706**

Commit Your Way to God the Lord
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

Guilsborough

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in 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 ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Congregational Questions:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Bill, Adam, Suzette, and David, as ruling elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
We do.

PRAYER FOR ELDERS

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Chancel Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions sisterly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

† **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

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

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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.

Today we celebrate the the **installation of Bill Armstrong, Adam Ralls, Suzette Stewart, and David Vigilante** as Ruling Elders of the church, celebrating God's call and their commitment to serve on the Session of DHPC.

PRAYERS

pray with celebration

We celebrate with **John and Andrea Morgan** on the birth of their son **John Benjamin** on January 30th. He joins big sister Cora Ann. John is a prior Associate Pastor of Druid Hills.

pray for our dhpc community

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

pray for our family and friends

Robin Kirkpatrick, friend of Susan Rutherford; **Linda Robinson**, Bill Smith's sister; **Marilyn & Charles Pruitt**, friends of the Middletons; **Helen O Green**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **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 Daschbach**, 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

Loving God, we greet you today anticipating the upcoming Olympic games. This is a time that brings enjoyment as we watch athletes from all over the world compete in winter sports. This year the competitions will take place in a dangerous corner of the world, and so, we pray for the safety and security of all athletes and spectators. We pray for each athlete, doing her or his very best, playing honestly, with no trickery or enhancements. May the judges rule in a fair and unbiased way.

The Olympics bring people together in a way that should improve global relationships, relationships between and among all of your children. We know that these relationships are important to you and ask you to be present to all during this special time. May this year's Olympic games contribute in some way to the peace we all desire for our home, your beautiful Earth.

We pray these things in the name of your grace-filled Son, Jesus. Amen

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 11

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:30PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

Tuesday, February 13

10:30AM – *Presbyterian Women Meeting*

6:30PM – *Personnel Team Meeting*

7:15PM – *Presbyterian Women Meeting*

Wednesday, February 14

12:00PM – *Online Bible Study*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:00PM – *Ash Wednesday Service @ St. John's Lutheran Church*

Thursday, February 15

7:00PM – *Online Bible Study*

Friday, February 16

6:00PM – *OIKOS*

Sunday, February 18

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

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

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*

10:30AM – *Children's Choir Practice*

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Congregational Meeting*

12:30PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

12:30PM – *Youth Group*

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

Today Sunday, February 11, 12:30PM

Join church friends and family for fun and fellowship at today's Second Sunday Lunch, which 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). Today's lunch will also include brief table conversations led by the members of mission team at the beginning of the meal. The mission team looks forward to hearing your thoughts about how DHPC is called to serve the larger community and where you would like to get plugged in! Join us even if you haven't RSVPed. All are welcome!

ONLINE LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at Noon, or Thursdays at 7 PM, February 14-March 22

Our Online Bible Study is growing and will now offer two groups that you may choose from. As part of our Lenten Series, *Embodied: Psalms for Every Part of Us*, we will explore the Psalms, learning in a discussion-based format about different types of Psalms, their history, poetry, and purpose. To take part, you will need internet access and a tablet or computer with camera and speakers. To sign up for the Wednesday study, contact Pastor Shelli (pastorshelli@dhpc.org), and for Thursday, contact Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, February 13, 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. Please contact Helen Woodside with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 7PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1410 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta

Members and friends of area churches will mark the beginning of Lent with a service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion. Our choir will join with choirs from our neighborhood churches. The service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. Participating churches are DHPC, Church at Ponce and Highland, Mercy Community Church, Neighborhood Church, and St. John's Lutheran. The offering which is received will benefit Intown Collaborative Ministries.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 18, 12:15PM

The Session has called the annual congregational meeting during which the Session will present the 2017 annual report, present the 2018 budget, recommend the pastor's 2018 terms of call, and recommend the 2018 nominating committee.

SANDWICHES FOR MERCY

Sunday, February 18, 12:30PM; Sanctuary

Each third Sunday of the month, the mission team invites the congregation to gather in the rear of the sanctuary to assist in assembling sandwiches for Mercy Community Church. Mercy Church, a congregation housed in the basement of DHPC, cares for our neighbors who are homeless and/or hungry. With your help we can make 120 sandwiches in less than 30 minutes and provide a tasty meal for those in need. 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.

YOUNG ADULTS VOLUNTEER AT ICM FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, February 17, 10:00-1:00; Druid Hills Parking Lot

Intown Collaborative Ministries' Food Pantry provides several dozen people each week with a large grocery load of food. They need volunteers to set up, distribute food, and offer hospitality to all who come seeking help and shelter. Please join us as we seek to serve, develop relationships, and understand our community better. Hope to see you there! Any questions before then? Email Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org).

YOUTH GROUP FEELS THE LOVE

Sunday, February 18, 12:30-2PM

DHPC 6th - 12th graders and their friends are invited to gather in the youth room following worship on the 18th. Together we will celebrate Valentine's Day and explore the unexpected places love shows up in our lives and in the Bible. Please bring \$3 for lunch. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

"We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God." Your contributions to the Food Pantry were exactly on target for this winter weather. All those cans of soup were perfect for our guests, especially people living on the street. They can find access to a microwave or to a source of hot water if needed. Heat and eat! Chili came in a close second to the soup, as did Vienna sausages and Spam. The many cans of tuna or salmon as well as jars of peanut butter will be especially appreciated. Having your food makes a big difference in the life of the guests. Thank you for enriching their lives.

WHAT'S IN A NAME(TAG)?

As visitors begin to feel at home in our sanctuary on Sundays, worshipping among people who are becoming their church family, they will receive a nametag all their own. You may have had your own nametag for years or even decades, but maybe have fallen out of the habit of wearing it each week. As an act of hospitality to those who are new to our family, let us all commit to wearing our nametags every Sunday. This way there is no distinction between those who are new to DHPC and those who have been around for a while. Also nametag wearing will allow new and seasoned DHPers an equal chance to learn each other's names. Druid Hills is committed to being a church of hospitality and welcome. Wearing our nametags is an easy step we can take to live in to that commitment. Questions? Email rmathews@dhpc.org.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the college care packages! We had a nice assortment of goodies to send our students, including two sets of homemade cookies. The UPS Store employees were both impressed and jealous when Pastor Elizabeth took the packages to be shipped. Thank you!

ATLANTA WOMEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS *Rewind, The First Five Years*

Saturday, February 17, 2PM & 8PM, DHPC Sanctuary

The concert will celebrate AWC's 5th anniversary with audience and singer favorites! To purchase tickets, please visit www.awchorus.org

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!

BOOK CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

Monday, February 26, 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 book is *God's Joyful Surprise* by Sue Monk Kidd. This month's meeting is at Liz Bock's house. All are welcome. Please contact Letia Henson with any questions or for directions. See you there!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 4, 11AM; Sanctuary

Once again DHPC is joining together to fight hunger through a meal packaging event organized Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Last year, in a remarkably fun and successful event, DHPC members and friends joined together to package slightly more than 10,000 meals! We hope you will make plans to join us for this year's event and bring a friend to join you! Remember, registration is required. In-person paper registration will be available February 25 and March 4. Online registration is available now at <http://events.stophungernow.org/DruidHillsPresbyterian2018>.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WITH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS

Sunday-Tuesday, March 11-13, 2018

The Session is committed to building sustainable ministries in our church that are going to have deep impact. That's why we are developing a whole church game plan together. We have invited Ministry Architects (www.ministryarchitects.com) to visit us March 11-13. Ministry Architects will spend the majority of their time hearing from a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of congregation members. We want your insights, your frustrations, and your dreams to be heard.

After spending 2 days in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the Ministry Architects team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with us what they've heard about all the programs of our church – including assets, challenges, and how we compare to churches around the country – and where it seems that God might be taking us next.

Listening Groups: Ministry Teams - Sunday, March 11 - *Session* (12:30-1:45 PM), *Personnel, Property & Administration, and Finance* (3:40-4:45 PM), *Christian Education & Worship* (5-6:15 PM); Monday, March 12 - *Congregational Life* (8:30-9:45 AM), *Mission* (10-11:15 AM)

Listening Groups: Friends and Members at Large - Sunday, March 11 - 6:30-7:45 PM or Monday, March 12, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM. To sign up, contact Pastor Shelli at pastorshelli@dhpc.org.

Presentation of Report, Tuesday, March 13, 7 PM - Join us in the Parlor for the presentation of the report from Ministry Architects. All are welcome, and the report will be available via email following the meeting.

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