



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based upon Psalm 31

*Leader: Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of unfailing love;
and who, for the sake of God's name, leads us and guides us.*

**All: In you, O Lord, we put our trust.
You are our God, and our lives are in your hands.**

Love the Lord, all you his saints.

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.**

† **HYMN #653**

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

Morning Song

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**All loving God, we are quick to forget your mercy.
We are swift to move on to our needs and our wants,
with a short attention span for remembering your great acts of love,
from your first generous inklings of the world,
to the sacrifice of your own child for our salvation,
to you placing your stamp of your image right upon us
and calling us *beloved*.**

Forgive our short term memory.

Free us for gratitude given out of love.

Stir our hearts to remember when our minds fail us.

And hear our heartfelt thank yous,

even when they come too slowly sometimes.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

† **PSALM OF PREPARATION #473**

Shepherd Me. O God

Shepherd Me

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

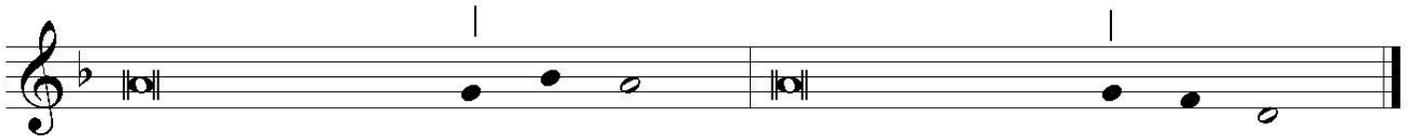
(choir)

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸**They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death’s door.**

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰**You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.**

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.

²²**Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.**

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

SERMON

“Embodied: Heart”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† HYMN #462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Lamb of God
Chancel Choir

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

† 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

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 #602 *Holy Lamb of God*

Ya Hamalallah

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. | Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. | Grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Solemn Postlude

Charles Callahan

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WORSHIP NOTES

Lenten Worship Series - *Embodied: Psalms for Every Part of Us*

Lent is the 40 days of preparation to encounter the risen Christ on Easter. This Lent we are invited to bring all of who we are to God and to seek to live more fully a faith that engages all of who we are - mind, body, heart and soul. The Psalms will be our guidebook, and each week we will reflect through them how we might be more present to God. Reminded that Psalms are poetry, we will learn to sing them together. And deeper exploration of the Psalms is offered during Roundtable Sunday School and a Thursday Online Bible Study. Join us as we engage our minds, spirits, hearts and hands.

Today's Bulletin Art comes from the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Photography Collection, The New York Public Library. "A modern cell in Sing Sing Prison." Digital Collections. 1860-1920.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Stan Foster, Ivey Lois Hubert, Elizabeth Mabry, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Wilma Ralls, Lisa Carter, Jessi Hudson Hubbell

pray for our family and friends

Fide de Sermeno, Miriam Herrera's mother; **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; **Ann Campbell**, friend of Karin Dusenbury

pray for our world

Loving God, we pray this day for return to a quiet, simple life. Our world has become entangled in many issues, both confusing and frightening. It is sometimes difficult to sort out the truly important from the frivolous. For peace on Earth, we pray.

We ask you to bless all who live in the Northeastern U.S. They have received back-to-back blows from heavy winter storms. Please comfort and protect them from the dangers of downed power lines, loss of electricity, and extensive damage to personal property. We implore you to be with your children of South Africa during this dreadful, life altering drought. We pray for all who are experiencing difficult winter weather.

For the beauty of the Earth in Spring, we thank you, Lord. The birds are singing and busily building nests for future families. Tiny, new plant friends are returning, bringing hope for a new season of blue skies and warm afternoons. For the good health of our lovely, blue orb, circling our sun, we pray.

We ask your blessing for all immigrants, that they may find the life they desire for their families. For all members of your family, we fervently pray. Amen

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 11

11:00AM – *Lenten Worship Service*

12:30PM – *Beans and Rice Mission Sponsored Second Sunday Lunch*

12:30PM – *Listening Group with Session*

12:30PM – *Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting*

2:00PM – *Ministry Architects Listening Group with Members at Large*

5:00PM – *Listening Group with Personnel, Property & Administration, and Finance Teams*

6:30PM – *Listening Group with the Christian Education and Worship Teams*

Monday, March 12

8:30AM – *Listening Group with Congregational Life Ministry Team*

10:00AM – *Listening Group with Mission Ministry Team*

11:30AM – *Listening Group with Members at Large*

Tuesday, March 13

10:30AM – *Presbyterian Women Day Circle*

7:00PM – *Presentation of Ministry Architects' Report*

7:15PM – *Presbyterian Women Night Circle*

Wednesday, March 14

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, March 15

7:00PM – *Online Bible Study*

Friday, March 16

2:00PM – Phoenix Flies Tour

6:00PM – OIKOS

Sunday, March 18

9:30AM – *Bible Roundtable Class for Adults*

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

10:30AM – *Children's Choir Practice*

10:30AM – OIKOS

11:00AM – *Lenten Worship Service*

12:15PM - *Sandwich Ministry for Mercy Church*

1:00PM - *Youth Group to A Wrinkle in Time*

3:00PM – *Phoenix Flies Tour*

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. ****Note, these times have been updated.****

Listening Groups times are listed above. You may still attend your Ministry Team listening group, even if you did not pre-register. There is space in today's listening group at 2 PM for any members who want to stick around following Second Sunday Lunch to share their reflections and hopes with our consultant. Maybe take a walk around the block or walk down the street to grab a cup of coffee with a friend to pass the time in between.

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.

BEANS AND RICE SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

Today, Sunday, March 11, Following Worship

This Lent we are pondering how we bring all of who we are to God and how we can more fully live a faith that engages every part of us - mind, body, heart, and soul. Our Lenten Second Sunday Lunch will allow us to consider the bodies and lives of the hungry around the world by eating what makes up the daily meals for many of our global brothers and sisters. The congregational life and mission ministry teams are serving a meal of beans and rice, connecting us with the hungry in our backyard and the hungry around the world. Lunch will be served as usual in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. However, there is no set price for this meal. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food and janitorial expenses. Make plans to join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, March 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.

SANDWICHES FOR MERCY

Sunday, March 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 lower level 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.

YOUTH GROUP: LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Sunday, March 18, Time: 1:00PM

All DHPC 6th - 12th graders and their friends are invited to join the youth group on their trip to see *A Wrinkle in Time*. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of your ticket and money for any snacks you may want. We will go to the 1:30 screening at Midtown Art Cinema. Finances should not prohibit anyone from participating, so please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) for scholarship information or with any other questions.

POST-WORSHIP RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to make punch? Can you push a cart? Think there's no such thing as too many Veggie Straws? If you answered yes to even just one of these questions, then you're the person the Congregational Life Ministry Team is looking for! Volunteers are needed to make punch and set-up the post-worship reception just once a month. Interested? Contact Elizabeth Adams for more information.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

The Pantry had a slow day last Saturday which was good since the week before the number of guests topped 100! Now the cupboard is looking bare. It is low on almost everything: canned fruit, vegetables, dried beans, rice, Vienna sausage, spam, coffee, individual boxes of raisins, etc. There's also a need for Ziploc bags. Know that whatever you bring will be a big help! Thank you for responding to the needs of our neighbors!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATLANTA MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday, March 18, 7AM (start time)

Make sure to plan extra travel time to worship on March 18. The Publix Atlanta Marathon will cause road closures in the area surrounding DHPC. For a map of road closures, please visit the Atlanta Track Club's website.

BOOK CLUB MARCH MEETING

Monday, March 19, 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 *Georgia's Remarkable Women: Daughters, Wives, Sisters, and Mothers Who Shaped History* by Sarah Hines Martin and the meeting will be at May DeWees' home. All are welcome. Please contact Letia Henson with any questions or for directions. See you there!

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

Saturday, March 24, Time 11AM

In the wake of the seventeen lives brutally cut short in Parkland, Florida, supporters of March for Our Lives will take to the streets of Atlanta to demand that the lives and safety of Americans, especially students, become a priority. March for Our Lives believes the time to demand that a comprehensive and effective federal bill addressing our country's rampant gun violence is now. Change is coming. And it starts now, inspired by and led by the kids who are our hope for the future. Their young voices will be heard and the Mission Team of DHPC invites you to support them by marching with a DHPC group on March 24. The march begins at the Center for Civil and Human Rights and ends at the Capitol. Join us in putting feet to your prayers and sign-up using the insert in your bulletin for up to date information on group preparation, meetup, etc.. For more information, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to further support the students working to raise awareness for sensible gun legislation, sign-up to be a peace marshals for the March for Our Lives event. Peace marshals play a critical role in helping marchers safely navigate their way along the route on the day of the march. For more information, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) or visit the March for Our Lives-Atlanta Facebook page.

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK SUPPER AND WORSHIP

Thursday, March 29, 6:30PM; Parlor

Prior to the Maundy Thursday worship service, the congregation will gather together to share a meal. In order to be sure we have a diverse array of offerings, please e-mail Nancy Merl the name of the dish you plan to bring. Even if you are unable to provide a dish, please make plans to join us for supper and worship. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY GUIDED MEDITATION

March 30, 7AM - 11AM and 2PM -7pm

The DHPC sanctuary will be open to the community for a time of personal self-guided meditation on Good Friday. You are invited to walk the labyrinth, light a candle, and to pray accompanied by music as you reflect on Christ's suffering on the cross. Between 11am and 2pm you are encouraged to join Mercy Church for their Urban Stations of the Cross in Freedom Park.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING

Easter Sunday, April 1, 9:15/11AM

Once again, on Easter Sunday, DHPC will be receiving the PC(USA)'s special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. You may contribute to this offering in person on Easter Sunday or by visiting <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>. Thank you for your generous gifts to help those in our own country and around the world in need.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Potluck and Worship

Good Friday, March 30

7AM – 11AM - Individual Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary

11 AM - Urban Stations of the Cross (Hosted by Mercy Community Church, Freedom Park)

2PM – 7PM - Individual Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1

9:15 AM – Easter Garden Service

10 AM – Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship, and Mission Opportunity

11 AM – Easter Worship Service with Brass

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: DO YOU KNOW MY STORY?

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30PM; First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and Church Women United in Atlanta present “Becoming the Beloved Community,” a pathway to healing race relations in our country and world. This event is the first in a series that seeks to build relationships and foster transformation through storytelling. Visit http://www.atlpcusa.org/digital_faith/events/3177244 to register.

“PRESBYTERIANS GOT TALENT” FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SHALOM MINISTRIES

Saturday, April 28, 7PM; Morningside Presbyterian Church

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, poets, bands, and more! Morningside Presbyterian needs you! MPC is hosting a talent show featuring acts from around greater Atlanta to raise funds for Shalom International Ministries. Shalom is a cross-cultural ministry whose congregation includes many African refugees and immigrants which offers, among other ministries, a bi-monthly Saturday children's program, a vibrant youth group, the Inspire middle school after-school tutoring program, and adult Bible studies. To sign-up to be an act, contact Rev. Catherine Foster (cfoster@shallowford.org). Make sure to plan to attend this great event that raises funds for a wonderful ministry!

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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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