



***Service of the Lord's Day, April 8, 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 High Delight, Let Us Unite*

Charles Callahan

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Although we have not seen Christ,*

**All: We love Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Even though we do not see Christ now,*

**We believe in Jesus and rejoice with an indescribable joy.**

*We have been given a new birth into a living hope,*

**Through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead.**

*Come, worship the living Christ,*

**Whom we haven't seen, but we have come to believe. Amen.**

### † HYMN #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

Judas Maccabeus

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of the empty tomb,**

**We confess that at times our doubts and fears  
override our hope and faith.**

**Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love  
and instead fall into despair and gloom.**

**Lift up our spirits, Lord,**

**and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now,  
not just the hope of resurrection for the future.**

**We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**who continues to offer us new life,**

**who continues to turn us around and upside down,**

**who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.**

**Forgive us, restore us and renew us. Amen.**

(time for silent reflection)

## POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good**

**and makes everyone equally in God's image,**

**male and female, of every race and people,**

**to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments.**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth,**

**exploit neighbor and nature,**

**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people**

**to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me    Glory to God

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

p 115 NT

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Enquiring Minds Want to Know”

Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

#### † HYMN #39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*Incline Thine Ear*  
Evan Pettigrew, tenor

Ernest Charles

Incline thine ear and come unto me.  
Hear and thy soul shall live.  
Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,  
And he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat.

#### † 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

*Seek Ye the Lord*

J. Varley Roberts

Evan Pettigrew, tenor

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,

call ye upon Him while He is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts,  
and return unto the Lord.

He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Darwall's 148th

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Charles Callahan

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### WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Unison Prayer of Brokenness is from the blog Rev-o-Lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org>, and is written by Rev. Mindi.

## PRAYERS

### pray for our dhpc community

Ivey Lois Hubert, Elizabeth Mabry, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Wilma Ralls, Lisa Carter

### pray for our family and friends

**Mimi Williams**, Coby Armstrong's mother; **Tony Davis**, friends of Tommy and Mary Jane Hannah; **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; **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

### pray for our world

Loving God, how can we have enough faith? Faith to believe the sometimes unbelievable stories told in our Bible of the life of your Son, Jesus. We have read that even one of his disciples, Thomas, the Twin, did not believe the resurrection story until he actually touched the places where the nails had been driven into Jesus' hands, as well as the hole in his side. The surprise in this story is that Jesus reacted as though he had expected Thomas to have doubts about what he had been told.

We have no chance to touch Jesus and yet our faith allows us to believe that your Son was truly alive and living among your children. We thank you for the important lessons he brought us; modeling by the way he lived his life, loving everyone and caring for those in need. Once again, we have experienced, vicariously, the crucifixion and resurrection, bringing to life the feelings we have every year and strengthening our faith. For this renewal, we thank you.

We pray these things in the name of those we can and must personally minister to. Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, April 8

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

12:15PM – *Worship Team Meeting*

12:15PM – *Christian Education Meeting*

12:15PM – *Finance Team Meeting*

7:00PM – *Presbyterian 101 Online Class*

### Tuesday, April 10

10:30AM – *Presbyterian Women Day Circle*

7:15PM – *Presbyterian Women Night Circle*

### Friday, April 13

6:00PM – *OIKOS*

### Sunday, April 15

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

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

### Wednesday, April 11

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

10:30AM – *OIKOS*

10:30PM – *Youth Group Serve at Mercy*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

### Thursday, April 12

12:15PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

## **PRESBYTERIAN 101 – ONLINE STUDY**

**Thursdays, April 5 and 12, 7 PM**

Have you ever wondered: What do Presbyterians believe anyway? Or how are Presbyterians different than Baptists or Catholics or . . . ? Or How is the PCUSA different from other flavors of Presbyterians? If you want to learn more, sign up for both or either of these stand-alone classes. You just need a computer with a microphone, speakers, and a camera. Contact Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org) or Pastor Shelli (pastorshelli@dhpc.org) to register and get sign-up information.

- April 5 offers a dash through church history, tracing our lineage, and the unique beauty of Presbyterianism's government and structure.
- April 12 focuses on how Presbyterians come together as a worshipping community. What do our order of worship, liturgy, and sacraments say about what we believe?

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Tuesday, April 10, 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.

## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

We are so grateful for the visitors (old and new) who add to our community each week. If you have visited the church and are interested in learning more about what it would look like to join, it's really easy; just talk with Pastor Shelli (pastorshelli@dhpc.org) or Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org). They'll answer questions you may have about DHPC or Presbyterianism, and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. We'll work with you to find a time when you'll be in worship. If you are feeling extra ready to roll, there's an opportunity to join with a group on April 15th. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you or if you are curious to learn more.

## **SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Sunday, April 8, 12:15PM**

Join church friends and family for a tasty meal, fun, and fellowship at April's Second Sunday Lunch following worship today! Lunch will be served in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. The cost for lunch is now \$10 per adult and \$5/child. Please note that cost should never preclude anyone from participating in any church activity. All are welcome and RSVPs are no longer necessary. Join us!

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT**

The Presbyterian Women's major mission project for this year is the annual scholarship for a high school graduate from DHPC in college or tech school. PW is hoping to raise a significant amount of money for the scholarship fund. The mission offering will be received at the circle meetings on Tuesday, April 10th. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated by the PW coordinating team and the congregation as a whole.

## **SANDWICHES FOR MERCY**

**Sunday, April 15, 12:15PM (Sanctuary)**

Twice a month the congregation is invited to assist in making 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 will gather in the rear of the sanctuary and make 120 sandwiches in less than 30 minutes and provide a tasty meal for those in need. 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: MERCY WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

**Sunday, April 15, 10:30AM - 2PM**

All DHPC 6th - 12th graders and their friends are invited to participate in a service opportunity with Mercy Community Church. We will gather for worship and then prepare and serve a meal. This will be a great opportunity to practice the art of hospitality...and make new friends with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) with any questions. All are welcome!

### **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS NEEDED**

**Deadline: Sunday, April 22**

The Christian Education Team and Young Adult Group is organizing final exam care packages for 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](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)). Donations should be delivered by April 22 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.*

Sally Oakes, food pantry coordinator, said they fed over 90 families last week. "Each week I'm amazed at what we are able to do for people in need! It's very unusual, but we're running low on vegetables!! We try to give 2 cans per person in the family, but now we're only giving 1... and could run out without some donations." It would be hard to stretch one can of veggies for a whole week. Jesus said, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!" Matthew 25:40. Thank for your continued support to the Pantry!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

**Saturday, April 28, 9AM**

The first DHPC campus clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 9am - 2pm. There are several campus projects available and something for folks of all abilities to help with! Additionally, each ministry team is encouraged to clean, organize, and declutter their individual spaces. Please bring gloves, a reusable personal water bottle, gardening tools, knee pads, protective eyewear, and anything else you think may be helpful! Feel free to bring a family member or friend with you. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP on the signup sheet that will be passed around during worship on April 15 and 22, or you can email Danielle Wilson ([dwilson@dhpc.org](mailto:dwilson@dhpc.org)). Thank you!

## **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](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](mailto: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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Property and Administration: Bill Armstrong  
Worship: Suzette Stewart  
  
Clerk of the Session: Kenneth Wideman  
Treasurer: Linda Davis

#### *Elders Emeriti:*

Cecile McRae Hooks, Charles C. Knox,  
Belle Miller McMaster, Frank Harkins Merl

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