



Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 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

Notturmo

Edvard Grieg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Once upon a time
a wise man offered a challenge:*

All: "What is the greatest commandment?"

*The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;
bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.*
Love the Lord your God.

*The cameras of our memories share what commands us;
children to bathe, loved ones to help,
parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.*

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

*Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;
open spaces to experience wonder,
strangers becoming friends,
devotion to that which transcends.*

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

† **HYMN #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

Royal Oak

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

*Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.
His life in behalf of others
led to persecution and death.*

He commanded his disciples to live the same way.

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

*Christ teaches us
to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.*

**It is part of our discipline
to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain
which love involves.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Love the Lord Your God

Great Commandment

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION AND SENDING OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Congratulations to DHPC's Class of 2018!

James Dusenbury, Mia Green, Callie Thweatt, and Nick Vigilante

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Timothy 6:9-10 p 210 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:17 p 66 OT

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Stop! In the Name of Joy" Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN** *The Ten Commandments* Words by Buz Wilcoxon

1. Your Law enables us to learn each day
in order that your will we may obey.
O Lord, confirm us in this knowledge true.
Urged by your Spirit may we best serve you.

2. No other gods shall ever go before,
nor idols shall we for ourselves secure.
We shall not wrongly use your name in vain,
and holy shall we keep the sabbath day.

3. To father and to mother honor be.
We shall not kill nor break fidelity.
We shall not steal. No lying witness bear,
nor covet that which is our neighbor's share.

4. You shall we love, Lord, with_ all our heart,
And too with all our soul, which you impart,
and all our strength and mind to you we give.
Love neighbors as ourselves that we may live.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir

If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another comforter;
that He may abide with you forever;
even the Spirit of truth.

† **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

Come to the Table of Love

Join in singing as we share the feast that Christ has provided.

Eat this Bread

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #720**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Echoes of Triumph

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Ten Commandments Worship Series - For four weeks, we will explore the Ten Commandments. While they also appear in Deuteronomy, we will use the version from Exodus 20. April 15 - Introduction - *Why did God offer these commandments?*, April 22 - The First Table - *Tuned into God*, April 29 - The Second Table - *Turned Toward Neighbor*, May 6 - The Desires of the Heart - *Do Not Covet*.

Today's Call to Worship is adapted from liturgy by Katherine Hawker (2002) and posted on Liturgies Outside.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Bobby Howlett, Carl Sweet, Ivey Lois Hubert, Elizabeth Mabry, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Wilma Ralls, Lisa Carter, Jessi Hudson Hubbell, J Wade

pray for our family and friends

Lyndia Dale, friend of Jane Boyd Lee; **Matthew Sweet**, son of Carl Sweet; **Bryan Fulghum**, Bob Beard's nephew; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Christopher Pope**, recent visitor; **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

For the beauty of the Earth, the Milky Way galaxy, and the unbounded Universe, we thank you Mother God, Father God.

For the thoughtful, innovative problem-solving of many of your children, working to improve the future of life on Earth, we thank you, Generous God. Engineers, farmers, fishermen, astrophysicists, and so many others are working tirelessly to create new methods of accomplishing better ways of living on Earth. Through their work we know there will be clean water, air and energy, as well as abundant food for your children. Others are exploring ways to distribute the food produced in some areas and brought to those who live in places unfriendly to the growth of plants and animals. For these amazing people and the people who do the labor of driving trucks, crewing ships, and staffing warehouses, we thank you Lord.

Brave citizens of Earth are working for peace for all of us, for without peace, other advances mean little. For those striving for peaceful solutions to the world's problems we thank you, Loving God. Amen.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 6

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Christian Education, Congregational Life, and Mission Team Meetings*

Tuesday, May 8

10:30AM – *Presbyterian Women Day Circle*

6:30PM – *Personnel Team Meeting*

7:15PM – *Presbyterian Women Night Circle*

Wednesday, May 9

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Friday, May 11

6:00PM – *OIKOS*

Sunday, May 13

9:30AM – *Bible Roundtable*

9:45AM – *Sandwich Ministry*

9:45AM – *Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth*

10:15AM – *Choir Warm-Up*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

DHPC SHIRTS FOR SALE

Through Sunday, May 13

Sport your love for this church community with a DHPC polo shirt! Handpicked pima cotton shirts in blue or green are available in men's and women's sizes for \$25. Place your order before May 13. For more information contact, Robert Welborn.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES' 6TH ANNUAL ARTS & EATS FUNDRAISER

Today, May 6, 4-7PM

ICM'S annual fundraiser to benefit homeless and hungry families and children in the 30306 and 30307 ZIP codes is coming up soon! The event features a live and silent auction, buffet dinner, open bar, door prizes, live music, and games and entertainment. This year's event will take place at Monday Night Garage. For more information or to buy tickets, <https://intowncm.org/artsandeats>.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SEEKS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Deadline: Tuesday, May 15

The DHPC Presbyterian Women are excited to once again offer DHPC students who will be enrolled in college, university, trade, or technical schools in the fall 2018 the opportunity to apply for the Bowker Lindsay PW scholarship. Interested students may learn more about the scholarship or receive an application by contacting PW Vice Chair Letia Henson.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

Saturday the Pantry served 86 families and among the volunteers were members of the DHPC Mission Team! Thank you for all your donations, including the jars of instant coffee! You made it possible for 50 people to have the popular coffee packets. All were gone by the end of the morning! Meanwhile, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, a supplier of goods to the Pantry, has not had canned meat or peanut butter available for a while. Thus, the Pantry supply is low on those items. Please keep this in mind as you do your weekly shopping. All the food you bring is a blessing for our hungry neighbors. At the end of the Pantry day, many guests leave with 2 bags of food, each double bagged, equaling 34 grocery bags! So please be sure to recycle your grocery bags by donating them to the Pantry. They are an integral part of your offering. Thanks be to God for all you do!

CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS!

A very big thank you to everyone who came this past Saturday for the clean-up day. We were able to install our safety railing around the HVAC roof unit, give our flower beds much needed TLC, and began organizing our Resource Room and Worship closet. A wonderful time of service, fellowship, and food was had by all!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING: THANK YOU

At the beginning of April, DHPC received the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. Through your generosity DHPC was able to contribute \$838 to this denominational offering, which 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, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Well done, DHPC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATE PENTECOST IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 20, 11AM

Pentecost is the celebration of Christ's mighty spirit stirring through the Christian worshipping community in Jerusalem, following Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. As Jews from across the map were in Jerusalem celebrating the Pentecost (which happens 50 days after the Passover celebration), this dynamic event served as a catalyst for the spreading of the gospel and is sometimes called the birthday of the church. Because the liturgical color representing the Holy Spirit is red, the church will be decked out in red, and we hope you will wear red to celebrate, as well. Feel free to be casual, as we will picnic on the lawn following the service.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Sunday, May 20

On Pentecost Sunday, Druid Hills will receive the second of the PC(USA)'s four special offerings, the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. A portion of the Pentecost Offering will go towards a local organization and contribute to making an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining portion is used to support national and international ministries of the Presbyterian Church that serve children, youth, and young adults. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to the work of the church.

PENTECOST BARBECUE AND POTLUCK

Sunday, May 20, 12:15PM

Following the Pentecost worship service there will be a fun and tasty barbecue lunch on the lawn. The barbecue will be catered, but contributions for potluck sides and drinks are needed. Thank you to those who have already signed up to bring a dish! For others interested, there is still a need for baked beans (3), potato salad (3), chips, lemonade, and tea. Please let Nancy Merl know what you want to bring. Above all, plan on being there to celebrate Pentecost!

ONLINE PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 24 - Thursday, June 14, 7PM

Join us for the final online Bible Study of the school year. We will explore the book of Philippians, in concert with a worship service on this letter from Paul. If you are interested but technologically nervous, please talk with Pastor Shelli. We use an easy platform called Zoom, and all you need is a computer that has a camera, microphone, and speakers. Because this class is about community as well as education, we ask that you commit to all four classes. Please sign up by Sunday, May 20, with Pastor Shelli, pastorshelli@dhpc.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.

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. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you or if you are curious to learn more.

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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