



Service of the Lord's Day, May 13, 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

Prelude on "Simple Gifts"

Fred B. Bincks

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Anne Townsley

*Leader: God of grace, we come with all we have,
bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.*

**All: We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness--
a world where love rules over all,
a world where enemies embrace,
distinctions between friend and foe
evaporating in the light of your love.**

*We dedicate this hour of worship to you and to your kingdom come.
Come, let us worship the Lord!*

† **HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, we confess before you our complicity in the sins of this world,
sins which Jesus felt in his own body and soul. Our hands are not clean.**

**We confess that we have desired power and status, and have neglected our
duty as your servants. We have allowed ourselves to become preoccupied
with things we own or want to own, freely putting on the chains of
consumerism. Open our eyes to the way our lifestyles affect and shape the
suffering of those here and far away.**

**We confess that we have turned away from the hungry and the homeless
in our own cities and towns, thinking that they were someone else's
problem.**

**Forgive us for sour faces, cold shoulders, clenched fists, and icy stares.
Forgive us for the sins we know and remember, which weigh heavily upon
us, as well as the sins which we have forgotten, which meant almost nothing
to us, but which have resulted in pain for others.**

**You called us to carry a cross, and yet we complain as soon as the way is
hard, forgetting how much we have received, and how little we have
sacrificed.**

**Take away our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of life, which beat to the
rhythm of peace, of faith, of hope, and love, always love.**

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

*God has not taken God's people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship God there and serve all humankind.*

**We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.**

*We serve humankind
by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining God in his work.
We risk disagreement and error
when we try to say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past
and his promises for the future,
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.*

**We affirm that the Lord is at work,
especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #582

Glory to God

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1 p 489 NT
Jennifer Beck

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 17:6-19 p 111 NT

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

SERMON "Handle With Care" Rev. Chad Wright Pittman

† HYMN 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* The Servant Song

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

COMMISSIONING OIKOS CAMPUS MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *Bonse Aba* Traditional Zambian Song
Chancel Choir arr. Andrew Fischer
Evan Pettigrew, solo

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

† 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 #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN 853**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are marching...

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nicaea

Rosalie Bonighton

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WORSHIP NOTES

We give thanks this morning for **guest preacher Rev. Chad Wright Pittman**. Chad grew up in Knoxville, TN. He received his BM in Music Education at Middle Tennessee State University in 2010 and worked as Youth Ministry Director at First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro (TN) during his time there. Chad spent two years with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program in Denver and then New Orleans where he gained experience in social work and chaplaincy. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an MDiv graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Chad is the City Director for the DOOR-Atlanta, a faith-based network of cities that provides opportunities for service, learning, and leadership development within the urban context. Chad and his wife Lauren live in Atlanta.

Assisting in worship this morning are Mission Ministry Team members **Anne Townsley** and **Jennifer Beck**. We are thankful for their leadership today and throughout the year with their mission team work.

Today's Unison Prayer of Brokenness is adapted from liturgy by Carol Penner (2016) posted on Leading in Worship, www.leadinginworship.com.

Bulletin Art is *Word of Life*, by Millard Sheets (1907-1989), 1964.

PRAYERS

prayers of thanksgiving

Anna Porter and **Kirk Simpson**, DHPC youth advisors, were married this Saturday, May 12, in an outdoor service. Be sure to tell them congratulations when they return from their trip to St. Lucia!

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; **Michael 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

It is, once again, time to celebrate the graduation of beloved daughters and sons from high school and college, to honor their diligence in completing their requirements, and to celebrate their moving one step closer to their dreams and goals. We are so thankful, dear Lord, that many among us have access to schools with strong administrators and caring teachers. However, we do have a wish list for education, Holy God: safety for all students and teachers; physical buildings maintained to support the work that happens within them; generous salaries for teachers who are so willing to spend not only time but their own treasure to insure that their students have all they need to be successful. We pray that our government commits to the future of education for our children. As school winds down, O God, we ask that the break be a time of safety and restoration for our nation's children and those who serve them. Give blessings to those families who will travel during this summer break, as well as those who have no hopes for a vacation.

Also, Creator God, we pray for our brothers and sisters vulnerable to the lava flowing from the Kilauea Volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii. Many have been evacuated and homes have been flattened. We pray for safety and comfort for these neighbors and for the future of the beautiful state of Hawaii.

Thank you, ever-present God, for all the love, joy, and beauty that surrounds us. Open our eyes that we may see it and celebrate it. Amen.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 13

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

Tuesday, May 15

7:00PM – *Session Meeting*

Wednesday, May 16

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Sunday, May 20

9:30AM – *Bible Roundtable*

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

10:15AM – *Choir Warm-Up*

11:00AM – *Pentecost Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

12:15PM – *Church BBQ & Potluck*

DHPC SHIRTS FOR SALE

Today, 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 by this Sunday. For more information contact, Robert Welborn.

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.

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 to OIKOS, a campus ministry for international students at Emory University. OIKOS helps students who are far away from home have a community to call their own. The remaining portion will go to support national and international ministries of the Presbyterian Church that serve children, youth, and young adults. Thank you 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 here to celebrate Pentecost!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

What wonderful gifts you gave the Pantry and their guests! All those jars of coffee, peanut butter, tuna, chicken, fruit, small cans of veggies, and cans of Vienna sausage (everyone's favorite), and other good food destined for the Pantry...it was amazing! This basic food, tasty and nutritious, will be given to people next Saturday. The wonders of the Pantry are not lost on the volunteers. A group from Western Illinois University came to volunteer at the Pantry on their spring break. A student wrote back, "I am inspired by everything food pantries like you do. It's wonderful to provide food to people who can't afford it. It's amazing that you have social workers reach out to homeless people. Thank you for all that you do." And thank you, DHPC congregation, for your continued support of the Pantry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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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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