



Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 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

Come, Holy Spirit

arr: C. Frierson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**All: The Lord has set us down here,
though our bones are tired.**

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!

The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

† **HYMN #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

inspired by Joel 2:28-29 & Acts 2:17-18

Our youth offer prophesy of challenge and judgement,

We nod politely with clenched teeth and closed eyes.

Invited to dream dreams,

We prefer the familiarity of the past.

Winds of vision swirl around us,

We close the windows and bolt the doors.

Even on us,

Even here,

The Spirit will pour forth.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.

**By the Spirit, God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel.
By the Spirit, Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered.
By the Spirit, the risen Christ is present with his church.**

**We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life,
the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people,
the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #582

Glory to God



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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

p 806 NT

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Catch Our Breath”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN #292**

As the Wind Song

Wairua Tapu

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PENTECOST OFFERING

Callie Thweatt

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Pentecost

Medieval Carol

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

arr. Mark Schweizer

Come O Spirit of Fire; To all people inspire; Holy wind, holy fire;
Rushing down in glory; Tell the ancient story.

Rushing wind; Tongues of flame; Who will tell the story?

Come O Spirit of Flame; To your people proclaim; God in Spirit became;
For us to inherit; Father, Son, and Spirit.

Come O Spirit of Light; Pentecost is your might; Seven gifts sent aright;
To your congregation; Blessing every nation.

Father, Son, Spirit blest; Ever our welcomed guest; Be all honor addressed;
Endless praise be given; To the Lord in heaven.

Come, O Spirit of Love; From the Father above; Come, O heavenly dove;
Shine in all your glory; Tell the ancient story.

Rushing wind; Tongues of flame; Who will tell the story?
We will tell the story!

† **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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Michael R. Keller
Handbell Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Spirit

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE O For a Thousand Tongues Don Phillips

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Pentecost

According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty ruach (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it ruach YHWH, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28-29) the ruach is to open everybody to God's future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost's new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. ...

Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

*Without the gift of the Spirit, Christ's church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its mission as God's new people. *The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ – the church.**

As the Pentecost Offering raises up PCUSA ministries for children, youth, and young adults, our **Young Adults join in leading worship today**, reminding us that when God pours out God's Spirit on all people, our sons and daughters will prophesy. Our young will see visions. Our elders will dream dreams. (Acts 2:17) Thank you to Kathryn Cotton, Nicole and Chris Escobar, Lauren Huff Merceron, and Mary Alice Shreve for their leadership, this morning.

Call to Worship is by Amy Loving, from The Worship Closet website. **Prayer of Brokenness** is from liturgy by Katherine Hawker on her Liturgy Outside the Box website.

PRAYERS

prayers of thanksgiving

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for DHPC's Director of Young Adult Ministry and Parent Nurture, **Rachel Mathews**, who graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity this Saturday. We give thanks for Rachel's hard work over the last three years, for her ministry at DHPC, and for the wonderful plans that God has in store for her future ministry.

pray for our dhpc community

Bryan Gartman, 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

Meg and Wilt Straley, friends of Linda Davis; **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; **Charles Pruitt**, friend 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

Most Holy Spirit, be with us as we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday ... a joyous occasion for a barbecue on the church lawn. While we would love to have beautiful weather for the day, we will happily celebrate in our lovely fellowship hall. No matter where we gather, we give thanks for the blessing of shelter, food, and your movement in our lives.

Your goodness, Lord, outshines the sun, magnifying all the beauty in our world, both near and far. □ We give thanks for the joy so many of our brothers and sisters on both sides of the "pond" are receiving as they look forward to a royal wedding. We pray for the long and happy life of Prince Harry and his bride, Meghan Markle. Though this wedding will surely receive the most attention, we know many unions are celebrating their formal starts this weekend. May they all be filled with peace, laughter, and love.

Sadly, O God, the shininess and goodwill of the royal wedding is not replicated in all our global events. We pray for a return to civility among the world leaders. May diplomacy and negotiation, not rockets, change the trajectory of the negative behavior we are hearing and seeing play out daily. Respect for one another must return so that diplomacy has a chance. For a more positive and hopeful world, we pray, in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 20

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:00PM – *Sandwich Ministry*

12:15PM – *Church BBQ & Potluck*

Monday, May 21

7:00PM – *Linda Miller Book Club*

Wednesday, May 23

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, May 24

7:00PM – *Online Bible Study*

Sunday, May 27

9:30AM – *Bible Roundtable*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

PENTECOST OFFERING

Today, 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.

SANDWICHES FOR MERCY

Sunday, May 20, 12PM (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 can 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.

PENTECOST BARBECUE AND POTLUCK

Today, Sunday, May 20, 12:15PM

Following the Pentecost worship service and Mercy sandwich-making there will be a fun and tasty barbecue lunch on the lawn (weather permitting). There will be music, games, and good company. Make plans to join us in this Pentecost celebration!

LAST DAY TO ORDER DHPC SHIRTS FOR SALE

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.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR ENDS/THANK YOU TEACHERS!

This morning was the last day of youth and children's Sunday school. It has been a wonderful year that we could not have achieved without our fabulous teachers. Thank you to Nicole Escobar and Neely Stansell Simpson (Nursery Class), Paula Thweatt (Elementary Class), Tina McCormick (Youth Class), and to super subs Jennifer Beck and Gigi Muirheid.

BOOK CLUB MAY MEETING

Monday, May 21, 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 *Black and Blue* by Anna Quindlen and the group will be meeting at Margaret Ross' home. All are welcome. Please contact Letia Henson (850 209 5445) with any questions or for directions. See you there!

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE TO 10 AM - BEGINS JUNE 10

Sundays, June 10 - August 12, 10AM

This summer worship moves to 10AM. For ten weeks, we will scale back on our Sunday programming and settle into a new Sabbath rhythm. This allows time for our dedicated volunteers to catch their breaths. There will be no education hour during these weeks. But don't worry, we will have time for fellowship, enjoy a book study together, and participate in rich and creative worship opportunities. Join us in the sanctuary:

- 9:30 AM - Coffee, Conversation and Puzzling
- 10 AM - Worship

TAKE-OUT CHURCH SUMMER WORSHIP AND EDUCATION BOXES

Our Christian Education team has prepared a great opportunity for DHPC members and friends to stay connected with the church and engaged in worship over the summer: Take-Out Church boxes. These boxes, which are available in the rear of the sanctuary, provide activities, from coloring pages to prayer books, for participants to learn more about your friends and family, serve your neighbor, worship God, and engage in prayer and Bible study on the days or weeks you are away from church. Be sure to pick up a box and discover new ways to live into your faith!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is more than just a way for people to have food who can't otherwise afford it. It's a place where people feel safe, where Pantry folks care about them as individuals. Sally Oaks, the Pantry director, wrote the following in her weekly report to the volunteers: "Please lift prayers and good thoughts for our pantry guests who are either in the hospital or in rehab. Not to mention the many folks who take one day at a time to stay clean and sober --- and especially for those who aren't yet at that place. All this to say - what we do matters to many dear people." The food you bring on Sunday mornings indicates that you, too, care about those who are living on the margins. Their urgent food needs are chicken and other meats. The Pantry is dependent on donations for those foods since the Food Bank can't help with these items right now. Thank you for your contributions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 3, 11AM

The Druid Hills Presbyterian Chancel Choir will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Missa Brevis in B b*, KV 275. Using liturgical texts, Mozart creates an exuberant joyfulness while simultaneously expressing the mystery and solemnity of the Christian faith. The piece will feature guest instrumentalists and soloists from the choir. Please join us as we celebrate the end of another choir year with this beautiful and uplifting music.

MINISTRY ARCHITECTS INFO SESSION

Sunday, June 10, 11 AM, Sanctuary

The Session is excited to announce that following our March consultation with Ministry Architects, the leaders of the church have decided to partner with them on what will be a 3+ year time of action, discernment, and strategic planning. Many were able to attend the briefing by our Congregational Consultant, Melissa Rau, in March, but the Session hopes to expand that number and clarify the upcoming journey by a follow-up visit. Please stick around following worship, to hear the report and next steps, as well as to hear from Session members why they are enthusiastic about this upcoming time of discernment.

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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.



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