



Service of the Lord's Day, June 17, 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

Meditation on "Land of Rest"

David Hagarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Zephaniah 3:16-18

Leader: The Lord, our God, is in our midst

**All: God will rejoice over us with gladness,
God will renew us in divine love,
God will exult over us with loud singing**

The Lord, our God, is in our midst

**God will remove disaster from us,
God will deal with those who oppress others,
God will save the downtrodden and gather the outcast**

The Lord, our God, is in our midst

**Do not fear, may not our hands grow weak
The Lord, our God, is in our midst
Let us worship God!**

† **HYMN #336**

We Gather Together

Kremser

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Gracious God, truly your grace and love are unending, too great for us to imagine. We are given every breath, the beauty of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of being productive and of resting only by your grace. Forgive us when we are burdened by the gracious gifts we have been given. We confess we often feel guilty about neglecting our health, annoyed by loved ones, stressed over caretaking for your creation, and resentful toward the work we are given to do. Help us to find joy in the mystery, complicatedness, and beauty of our lives, this world, and the work we have to do. Forgive us when we forget how completely loved we are by you. Help us to find both the freedom to love all other people and the peace to rest and relent control that come when we remember that we are always loved completely by you.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of man?

A. Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy God forever.

† 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

p 198 NT

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rejoice in the Lord!”

Rachel Mathews

† HYMN #837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Showalter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

My Jesus I Love Thee
Lisa Sims, alto

arr. Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansion of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

† 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lani Smith

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to **Lisa Sims** for offering her music this morning in worship. We are grateful that you have shared your gifts with us.

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Elizabeth Reinhardt Mabry (1921-2018) and to the glory of God by John and Betsy Mabry.

PRAYERS

pray in condolence

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **John and Betsy Mabry** and their extended family and friends following the death of John's mother, **Elizabeth Mabry**, a longtime member of DHPC. Elizabeth passed away Wednesday, June 6. A memorial service will be held today, Sunday, June 17, at DHPC at 2PM.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Louise (Enloe) Stearns White**, longtime member of DHPC. Louise passed away on June 3. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time.

pray for our dhpc community

Bryan Gartman, Carl Sweet, Ivey Lois Hubert, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Lisa Carter

pray for our family and friends

Lara Mason, daughter-in-law of Anne Townsley; **Collin & Tyler Szymczak and Frannie Kidd**, grandsons and daughter of Anne Townsley; **Linda Singer**, friend of Robert Welborn; **Kells Weatherby and family**, **Jane Weir's nephew**, **Meg and Wilt Straley**, friends of Linda Davis; **Michael Sweet**, son of Carl Sweet; **Lyndia Dale**, friend of Jane Boyd Lee; **Charles Pruitt**, friend of the Middletons; **Helen O Green**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Pam Sims**, Renee Weese's sister; **Joseph Vigilante**, David Vigilante's father; **Will Ellis**, son of Hannah family friend Joe James; **Nancy Hahn Bono**, Susan Hagood'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

Gracious and loving Mother God, Father God, our hearts are heavy for all whose lives are being impacted by depression and, especially, suicide. The importance of treatment for mental illness has been brought to our attention, once again, by recent celebrity deaths. We pray that you will open our hearts and minds to family, friends and others around us who are suffering; to the need for frank conversation and stigma reduction. For so long, denial has been the approach to this painful subject for many families ... we know that denial is not the answer to this widespread problem. We pray for the courage to confront this issue so that we may be able to mitigate the damage done to parents, children, siblings and friends, left to mourn the terrible loss while trying to understand WHY. The why is not for us to understand. Bring peace to all who are hurting in body or mind.

Once again, we implore you to help us achieve the world peace we so greatly desire and need. Guide world leaders in their understanding of what it takes to "keep calm and carry on"; to reduce the level of chaos and argument that has become the "new normal." Many of your children around the world are looking to American leaders for rescue from the brutality making their lives untenable. We pray that your unconditional love will envelope those who feel so much pain and uncertainty for their future.

These prayers come to you straight from our hearts, bringing with them other personal prayers from the depths of our souls. We pray in the names of all of your precious children. Amen.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, June 17

10:00AM – *Worship Service*

11:00AM – *DHPC Volunteers Worship & Meal with Mercy Community Church*

11:15AM – *Sandwich Ministry*

Monday, June 18

7:00PM – *Linda Miller Book Club*

Wednesday, June 20

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

Sunday, June 24

9:00AM – *Faith Talk*

9:30AM – *Coffee Half-Hour*

10:00AM – *Worship Service*

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE TO 10 AM

Sundays through August 12, 10AM

This summer, worship moves to 10AM. For ten weeks, we will scale back our Sunday programming and settle into a new Sabbath rhythm. This allows our dedicated volunteers to catch their breath.

FAITH TALK

Sundays, June 10-August 12, 9-9:30AM, Room 216

Gather with us for a brief devotional reading, from *My Utmost for His Highest*. We'll reflect together on the reading and pray together. Following our time together, we will head to the sanctuary for Coffee Half-Hour.

COFFEE HALF-HOUR

Sundays, June 17-August 12, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Join us in the back of the sanctuary for coffee, conversation, and a chance to piece together a congregational puzzle. Then stick around for worship. (This Sunday, instead of the puzzle, we invite you to join in making sandwiches for Mercy Community Church.)

DON'T FORGET: FLAT JESUS/SUMMER BLESSING BALLS

At the end of May the Christian Education ministry team offered Take-Out Church worship boxes to the congregation. Among other items, there were two items we specifically hope you are using: the Blessing Balls and Flat Jesus. We have received a few pictures of Flat Jesus at the beach, at Montreat, and kayaking. We'd love to see what other activities Flat Jesus is participating in! Submit your pictures to Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org)! Also, remember to take a moment every few days to write why you are grateful to God on the beach balls that were in the box. We'll bring these back to church on August 19. Let Pastor Elizabeth know if you need a beach ball or a copy of Flat Jesus!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY AT MERCY CHURCH

Sunday, June 17, 11AM - 2PM

A small group of 5 to 7 volunteers is needed to prepare a meal for Mercy Community Church. In addition to preparing the meal, volunteers will have the opportunity to worship and eat lunch with the community. The Mission Ministry Team will reimburse volunteers for all expenses incurred in their meal preparation. If you are interested in this mission opportunity, but are unavailable on the 17th, save the date for October 14th when DHPC will spend another morning at Mercy. If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Anne Townsley or Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

SANDWICHES FOR MERCY CHURCH

Today, Sunday, June 17, 11:15AM; 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.

LINDA MILLER BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 18, 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 *The Covenant Child* by Teri Blackstock and the group will be meeting at Anne Townsley's home. All are welcome. Please contact Letia Henson with any questions or for directions. See you there!

SEEKING LEADERS FOR CHURCH TRANSFORMATION TEAMS

DHPC's Session is excited to partner with Ministry Architects as we spend the next 24-36 months discerning our vision, strengthening our infrastructure, and developing leadership to build the church God is dreaming for us. All members and friends of DHPC have a part to play in listening to the Spirit and sharing our hopes, but three particular teams will play an important part in shaping our transformation. We are seeking recommendations and self-referrals for leadership on the following teams. Please send names to nominating@dhpc.org or give them to Pastor Shelli or Robert Welborn of the Nominating committee.

- Prayer Team will pray regularly for the work of the church and for the Spirit's guidance.
- Strategic Planning Team will work with Ministry Architects and as a guide to the congregation and session to drive the strategic plan.
- Equipping Team will help to develop an infrastructure to support and equip volunteers through development of job descriptions, recruiting practices, training, etc.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

A regular Pantry guest, who struggles with mental illness and homelessness, told Sally the guests enjoy having a book of word-search puzzles! They always need food, socks, etc., but they also want to occupy their minds. Inexpensive paperback puzzle books with a pencil or pen (the hook kind which clips onto their puzzle book) are very welcome. Large print ones are best because many guests need glasses but can't afford them. Lots are good readers so having the nearby Fulton County library helps. Of course, the need for food continues. Canned meat tops the list followed by vegetables and fruit. Please remember the whole person of these neighbors: mind, body, and spirit. Thank you!

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

DHPC ministry partner, Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM), is nearing the end of their fiscal year and has the opportunity to win a \$25,000 grant if they can raise another \$25,000 by June 30. ICM is doing tremendous work in the city assisting those who are food insecure or are chronically homeless. Your support of Intown gives the folks living on the margins a spark of faith and hope that life can be better. To learn more or donate, visit the ICM website: <https://intowncm.org/donate/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SABBATH SUNDAY: GOD, COUNTRY, AND WORLD

Sunday, July 1, 10AM

On Sunday, July 1, worship will take the form of worship stations which allow for us to contemplate and pray for Christ's Good News for our country and our world. Join us as we walk the labyrinth, create art, and explore different types of prayer.

CALLED TO WORSHIP. SENT TO SERVE

Summer Mission Worship Services: Sunday, July 8 and Sunday, August 5

As Presbyterians, we believe in serving God in both word and deed. We will live into that belief this summer with two unique worship/mission opportunities. On Sunday, July 8, DHPC will partner with Intown Collaborative Ministries for a morning of mission and worship in McIver Hall. And on Sunday, August 5, we will gather in the sanctuary then continue our worship as we move out into the community to serve others. Projects will be available for all ages and abilities and there will be an opportunity to serve that allows participants to stay on the DHPC campus. We hope all will join us! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

MISSION OPPORTUNITY AT ICM PANTRY

Saturday, July 14, 10AM-1:30PM

A small group of 5 to 10 volunteers is needed to staff the Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry. Volunteers will do everything from greet and check-in guests to make coffee to pack to-go bags to sweep floors. Even if you are unable to stay for the entire time, there is still a job for you! If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Anne Townsley or Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

As part of our *Things the Bible Doesn't Say* series, the congregation is invited to share in a congregation-wide read of Kate Bowler's, *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*. Bowler is a young mother, who served as a professor at the school of divinity at Duke. She writes about her exploration of faith amidst the diagnosis for Stage IV colon cancer. The book is warm, witty, gritty, and courageous as she contemplates God and mortality. You are welcome to one or all. An RSVP to Pastor Shelli, at pastorshelli@dhpc.org, will help with planning. Join us for any of these three opportunities to talk about the book:

- Sunday, July 15, 11 AM - Bring your lunch or signup to order from Sweet Auburn BBQ.
- Wednesday, July 25, 7 PM - Online Study
- Sunday, July 29, 6 PM - Cocktails, Mocktails, and Convo on Pastor Shelli's Patio.

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION

August 10-12, 2018

Women from DHPC are invited to take part in the Montreat Women's Connection. Kate Bowler, author of our summer read, *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*, will serve as the keynote speaker. Join us as we pray, play, learn and worship together, in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. The cost to participate is \$189 (before June 29) and \$212 (after June 29). You can find more information on the church bulletin boards and website, or by visiting www.montreat.org/women. Pastor Shelli would be happy to answer any questions you might have at pastorshelli@dhpc.org. Young Adults should talk with Rachel Mathews about scholarships.

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

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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