



***Service of the Lord's Day, June 24, 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 "O Land of Rest"*

Charles Callahan

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Morning Has Broken*

In-Town Down Home Dulcimer Players

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.*

**All: What have we to fear?**

*In the darkness and terror, God is with us.*

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

*Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.*

**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us!**

**Let us worship God!**

## † HYMN 615

*Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

**God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name.**

(time for silent reflection)

## POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,**

**Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor**

and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed  
 and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick  
 and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts,  
 forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified,  
 suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.  
 We promise you our friendship and prayers  
 as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.  
 By the power of the Holy Spirit  
 may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love  
 and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

### † 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

<sup>4</sup>  
 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

<sup>7</sup>  
 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

Mark 4:35-41

p 39 NT

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Traveling Mercies” Rev. Elizabeth Soileau Acton

#### † HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

In-Town Down Home Dulcimer Players

Swing low, sweet chariot: Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home,  
Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, Coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me, Coming for to carry me home.

*Refrain*

Sometimes I'm up, and sometimes I'm down, (Coming for to carry me home)  
But still my soul is heavenly bound. (Coming for to carry me home.)

*Refrain*

If you get there before I do, (Coming for to carry me home)  
Tell all my friends I'm coming too. (Coming for to carry me home)

*Refrain*

#### † 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

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

In-Town Down Home Dulcimer Players

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### † HYMN 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

#### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

Theodore Dubois

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### WORSHIP NOTES

**Today is the 135th anniversary of the founding of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church.** We give thanks to God for the ministry of this sacred place through the years and the ministry that is yet to come.

Thank you to our the **In-Town Down Home Dulcimer Players** (Jane von Seggern, Rudine Davis and May DeWees) for sharing their music with us this morning. Your music has enriched our worship and we are grateful for your presence.

## PRAYERS

### pray for our dhpc community

**Letia Henson, J Wade, Bryan Gartman, Carl Sweet, Ivey Lois Hubert, Charles Middleton, Jess Hatton, Lisa Carter**

### pray for our family and friends

**Steve Wright**, J Wade's brother-in-law; **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; **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

### pray for our world

Holy God, Jesus loves me, this I know...and all of the children being held in detention centers near the southern border of our country. Where is the Good Samaritan who can make the situation right again for families whose children have been removed from them upon arrival to our land? Your beloved son, Jesus, asked to have the children brought to him. He loved the downtrodden, the strangers, the widows showing us the way to treat the other. When did we forget these important messages, no, your commandment, to love one another?

We pray for the families, whose lives will forever be impacted by the treatment they are receiving at the hands of Americans. Surround them with your love while helping us find a way to stop this horrific state of affairs. Let us love one another as you love each of us.

Stop the tears and the broken hearts we pray. Amen.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### **Sunday, June 24**

10:00AM – *Worship Service*

11:15AM – *Reception Honoring Rachel Mathews*

### **Sunday, July 1**

9:00AM – *Faith Talk*

9:30AM – *Coffee Half-Hour*

10:00AM – *Sabbath Sunday: God, Country, And World Worship Service*

11:15AM – *Christian Education Team Meeting*

11:15AM – *Mission Team Meeting*

## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR RACHEL MATHEWS

### **Today Sunday, June 24, Following Worship**

All members and friends of DHPC are invited to gather in the rear of the sanctuary for cake and punch in honor of Rachel Mathews, DHPC's Director of Young Adult & Parent Nurture. Today is Rachel's last day on the staff of DHPC and we give thanks for her ministry with us over the last two years.

## **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 through 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 through 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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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!

## **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](mailto: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**

Last Saturday the Pantry served 98 families! With that many people coming in need of food, supplies are now low. Our guests have limited incomes, if any, which means that their food often lacks good nutrition. The Food Pantry tries to help meet this need, but is currently low on canned meat and tuna. The Atlanta Community Food Bank, from which the Pantry can buy food at a low cost, is also out of canned chicken. But YOU brought cans of chicken and Vienna sausage plus other foods with protein! Thank You! Please know that all the donations you bring improve the lives of our guests – even the used grocery bags!

### **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**

### **SANDWICHES FOR MERCY CHURCH**

**Sunday, July 15, 11:15AM; Sanctuary**

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! No sign up is needed. Just gather in the rear of the sanctuary following worship. Contact Anne Townsley with any questions.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 sign up 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](http://www.montreat.org/women). Pastor Shelli would be happy to answer any questions you might have at [pastorshelli@dhpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastorshelli@dhpc.org)) or Rachel Mathews ([rmathews@dhpc.org](mailto: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.



## **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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### *Elders Emeriti:*

Cecile McRae Hooks, Charles C. Knox,  
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