



Service of the Lord's Day, July 1, 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

“America the Beautiful”

Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 33

Leader: Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!

**All: Sing songs and hymns of praise;
celebrate together in God’s presence!**
*For the word of the Lord holds true forever,
and everything he does is worthy of our trust.*

**Let all the earth stand in awe of our God,
for he spoke, and the world came into being;
he breathed, and the heavens were born.**

*God shatters the plans of the nations,
and frustrates all their schemes.*

**But the plans of our Maker stand firm forever;
his intentions are unshakeable.**

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
whose people are known by his name.*

**Let your unfailing love surround us, O God,
for our hope is in you alone.**

† **HYMN #340**

This Is My Song

Finlandia

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

*As residents of the United States, both beautiful and broken, let us repent the individual
and corporate evil that has afflicted.*

**Loving God, Friend and Savior, we confess the sins which have infected and
blighted our lifestyle, and alienated us from each other and from you.**

**We repent the racism, sometimes open, sometimes shadowed, which has
increased the loneliness and misery of minority groups.**

We confess our reluctance to understand or alleviate the pain of indigenous people; we repent the massacres which took place over hundreds of years of our history and present-day injustices which treat Native American lands and people as dispensable.

We repent embracing and perpetuating the lie that white lives are of greater worth than brown and black lives.

We confess that our history of slavery has left systems and philosophies in place which perpetuate inequality, resulting in legal, educational, economic, and justice systems that continue to elevate white people, while inflicting pain upon and wringing out opportunity from brown and black communities.

We repent our ignorant, and at times willful, abuse of the land and its creatures, and our despoiling of the soil, air and water.

We confess the destruction of forests, depletion of the ozone layer, extinction of unique animals, and pollution of river systems.

We repent our fear and our longing for security which results in bigger walls, bigger bombs, and the invention of bumpstocks.

We confess that we are reluctant to make ourselves vulnerable. We cling to the 2nd amendment like an idol. And while turning spears into pruning hooks is a nice image, we'd just as soon keep our national defense arsenal in place, just in case.

We repent that we forget we come from along line of immigrants, a wandering people that you accompanied on the journey from oppression to freedom.

We confess our complicity in an immigration system which turns victims of war, genocide, economic insufficiency, and abuse away at our borders and which incarcerates families as the hardline message: "You are not welcome here."

We repent our apathy, and sometimes scorn, towards the unemployed and the unemployable.

We confess the sin of condemning youth to frustration and futility, or discarding loyal employees in their fifties. We confess a legal system that favours the rich and a church culture which favours the respectable.

We repent our neglect of prayer, Scripture, social justice, evangelism, and our reluctance to make friends among the disreputable, for Christ's sake.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

(time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

*God rules over both political and religious institutions.
We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God.*

**We must not equate the Christian faith
with any nation's way of life
or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations.**

*We hold Christians are to be law-abiding citizens
unless the state commands them to disobey God,
or claims authority that belongs only to God.*

**We believe God sends us to work with others
to correct the growing disparity
between rich and poor nations,
to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced,
to make the operation of courts and penal institutions
more just and humane.**

*We are charged to root out prejudice and racism
from our hearts and institutions.*

**We are commissioned to stand with people
of all ages, races, and classes
as they struggle for dignity and respect
and the chance to exercise power for the common good.**

† 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

p 167 OT

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Sabbath: God and Country

(As the bell rings, please return to your seat.)

† HYMN

Draw the Welcome Circle Wider

Beach Spring

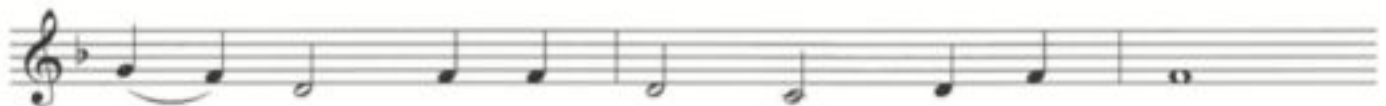
Text: Mary Louise Bringle



1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
3. All are re - fu - gees to - geth - er; all are
4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way, in a



each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
wan - d'ers, wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -



fill and all the wea - ry find their rest.
fare, while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:



Draw the wel - come cir - cle wi - der, Ga - ther friends and stran - gers in.



Formed of ho - ly breath and star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Adagio”

Cesar Franck

† DOXOLOGY #607

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† 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

“Adagio”

Cesar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #338

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

Tune: Materna

Words: Miriam Therese Winter

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,
and more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
a sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom of our tears,
the courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.
America! America! God grant that we may be
a nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.

How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea
that dream of peace, nonviolence, all people living free.
Americas! Americas! God grant that we may be
a hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sing to His Name!

Gilbert Martin

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's **Unison Prayer of Brokenness** was adapted from Bruce Prewer's *Prayers for the 21st Century*, Litany of Repentance for the country of Australia.

The hymn, ***Draw the Welcome Circle Wider***, was commissioned by the Steering Committee of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the PCUSA's 223rd General Assembly (2018) which took place June 15-23, in St. Louis, Missouri.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

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

pray for our family and friends

Tiffany Davis, daughter of Lisa Carter; **Kristina Garcia**, friend of Susan Rutherford; **Ben Lester Jr.**, friend of Robert Welborn; **Steve Wright**, J Wade's brother-in-law; **Collin & Tyler Szymczak and Frannie Kidd**, grandsons and daughter of Anne Townsley; **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

Most Holy Spirit, send your breath of peace and civility through us. There is anxiety, in the air and in our bodies, in need of dissipation. We could use a breathing lesson from you to remind us that the tension we are feeling will be relieved.

We pray that the refugee children being detained at the southern border are being cared for in a loving way, that all their needs are being met, and above all, that they will soon be reunited with their parents.

Open the hearts and minds of governmental leaders, that they may re-learn the art of honest discourse and the ability to 'agree to disagree', while working out solutions for the strife in our country.

These prayers come to you from our hearts, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, July 1

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

11:15AM – *Christian Education Team Meeting*

11:15AM – *Mission Team Meeting*

11:15AM – *Congregational Life Team Meeting*

Tuesday, July 3

12:00PM – *Property & Administration Team Meeting*

Wednesday, July 4

All Day – *Office Closed for Independence Day*

Sunday, July 8

9:00AM – *Faith Talk*

9:30AM – *Coffee Half-Hour*

10:00AM – *Worship Service - Called to Worship: Sent to Serve in McIver Hall*

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE TO 10AM

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. (Note: On August 8 coffee will be in the Parlor.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP. SENT TO SERVE.

Sunday, July 8; McIver Hall

Summer Mission Worship Service with Intown Collaborative Ministries

As Presbyterians, we believe in serving God in both word and deed. We will live into that belief this summer with a unique worship/mission opportunity. On Sunday, July 8, DHPC will partner with Intown Collaborative Ministries for a morning of mission and worship in McIver Hall. Projects will be available for all ages and abilities and will range from cleaning the alley next to McIver to making "Welcome Home" cards for newly housed ICM clients. Those who wish to are encouraged to bring a seat cushion as we will be worshipping in folding chairs. Please leave the parking spots near McIver for those with mobility limitations. We hope all will join us! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

FIRST SUMMER BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, July 15, Noon; Parlor

Join us for the first Book Club opportunity for *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 11, to Pastor Shelli, at pastorshelli@dhpc.org. Bring your own lunch or email your Sweet Auburn BBQ order to Pastor Shelli and bring \$10.

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.

SEEKING WEDDING COORDINATORS

The DHPC Wedding Guild is in need of Wedding Coordinators to work with couples getting married at DHPC. Duties consist of scheduling a site visit to go over layout, coordinating the sound tech and organist to make sure they are able to meet with the couples, and being the church representative

during the rehearsal and wedding day. This is a paid position and training is provided. If interested, please email Danielle Wilson dwilson@dhpc.org. Thank you!

SEEKING ELDER NOMINATIONS

Our Book of Order tell us that "congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit . . . They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life." The Nominating Committee (Robert Welborn, Jennifer Beck, and Susan Hagood) is tasked with presenting a slate of elders before the congregation, for the 2020 class of Elders. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate a member of the church to serve for a two year term, please speak to one of our nominating committee members or email nominating@dhpc.org and include the name and a couple of sentences about why you believe that person may be called to lead DHPC to strengthen its faith and life.

DHPC POLO SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Our DHPC customized polo shirts are in, and are available for pickup. Please see Rhea Hannah, our Volunteer Receptionist, who has them in the front office.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

Last Saturday there must have been many hungry people in our area because 90 families, representing 187 people, came to the Pantry for food. Thanks to folks such as yourselves, they were given the food needed to sustain them. Meat or high protein foods were at the top of the Pantry's needs. You responded to that need by bringing a total of 16 cans of Vienna sausage, canned chicken (three cheers!) plus Spam, Compleats, cans of Chef Boyardee, and the ever-popular jars of peanut butter. Thank you for all the food you bring to those who are hungry but are without the means to buy the food you provide.

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.

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).

WORSHIP SERIES: *THINGS THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY*

Sundays, July 15-August 12

In our upcoming worship series, we will explore platitudes, cliches, and half-truths that are misattributed to the Bible. Join us as we discuss concepts like "Everything happens for a reason," "God never gives you more than you can handle," and "God helps those who help themselves." Contact Pastor Shelli (pastorshelli@dhpc.org) with any questions.

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 sign up to order from Sweet Auburn BBQ. (RSVP by Wednesday, July 11)
- Wednesday, July 25, 7 PM - Online Study. (RSVP by Sunday, July 22)
- Sunday, July 29, 6 PM - Cocktails, Mocktails, and Convo on Pastor Shelli's Patio. (RSVP by Sunday, July 22)

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Summer Mission Worship Service: Sunday, August 5; 10AM

As Presbyterians, we believe in serving God in both word and deed. We will live into that belief this summer with a unique worship/mission opportunity. On Sunday, August 5, we will gather in the sanctuary at 10AM for worship. We will 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. Final details are forthcoming, but be on the look-out for an opportunity to pre-register for your service site. When you do, you'll get a free DHPC shirt to wear on the 8th! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

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.

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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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