



Service of the Lord's Day, January 27, 2019

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

Arcangelo Corelli

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Isaiah 43:1-7

Leader: “Do not fear,” says the Lord, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.”

All: **For the Lord is our God, the Holy one of Israel, our Savior.**

“Because you are precious in my sight,” says our God, “And honored, and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you.”

Yes! God has redeemed us and called us by name, because we belong to God.

From east and west and north and south, God is calling the children home.
Let us worship God!

† **HYMN #401**

Gather Us In

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Patient and forgiving God, we are incredibly stubborn. Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet we are often so preoccupied with ourselves, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, O God. Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-centeredness, our hesitation to draw near, our reluctance to heed your call. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all that stands in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Help us remember your claim on us and to live anew as children of the Light. (time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

RENEWAL OF PROMISES

*Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:
left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?*

*Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,
but one choice informs all the others:*

Who will be our God?

Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?

*Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones
and potholes and detours?*

*Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek
the comfort of eternity?*

Only One. The One and Only.

Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

We will.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

We will.

*Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources
to the One who first gifted them?*

We will.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

We will.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE #339** **Lift Every Voice and Sing** Lift Every Voice
(verse 1)

**Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.**

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p 60 NT

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

SERMON "Faces of Our Faith: John the Baptist" Rev. Shelli Latham

† **HYMN** *John Was Preaching in the Desert* Tune: Nettleton
Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**John was preaching in the desert | calling people to repent.
When they heard his word of judgment | many wondered what it meant.
John said, "Someone who is greater | comes with fire and Spirit, too.
See! I baptize you with water | he will make your whole life new."**

**Jesus went down to the Jordan | to be baptized on that day.
All at once, the heavens opened | as he paused to humbly pray.
Then a voice came down from heaven | with the Spirit, like a dove.
At those waters, God affirmed him | God's beloved, sent to love.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

John B. Foley, S.J.

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy load and light: come to the Lord, the Lord.

† 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 #392

Jesus, We Are Here

Jesus, Tawa Pano

**Je-sus, we are here; Je-sus we are here;
Je-sus we are here; we are here for you.**

2. Savior, . . .

3. Teacher, . . .

4. Spirit, . . .

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

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WORSHIP NOTES

WINTER WORSHIP SERIES: FACES OF OUR FAITH

Sundays, January 20 - March 3

There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. Last fall, we explored 7 bold stories of often overlooked characters from the Old Testament. This winter - through story, sermon, visual art, and journaling - we invite you to dig into the worlds of characters from the New Testament, entering their stories with curiosity and openness to what they might teach us.

Get ready to learn about Anna, John the Baptist, Zacchaeus, Bartimaeus; Mary, Joanna, and Susana; and Matthew. Journals for the series are available outside the church office and at the entrances to the sanctuary.

The bulletin art is the Baptism of the Lord, as captured in focused detail of a fresco in the Church of Vladimir Mother of God, Sretensky Monastery, Moscow.

Today's Renewal of Baptismal Promises is adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson on her blog, *Freshly Squeezed Liturgy*.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Helen Woodside, Bobby Howlett, Rev Marilyn Washburn, Ivey Lois Hubert, Charles Middleton, Lisa Carter, Stella Hurst

pray for our family and friends

Martha Butts, friend of Bob Beard; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Townsley-Kidd-Szymczak**, Anne Townsley's family; **Dorothy Nichols**, mother of Steve Nichols; **Gene Gettler**, friend of Margaret Ross; **Brandon Hathaway**, member of our community; **Edna Young**, friend of the Widemans; **Ruth Potter**, friend of the McFarlands; **Dr. Robert A Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's father; **Linda Singer**, friend of Robert Welborn; **The Leonard family**, friends of Robert Welborn; **Bob McKinnon**, former longtime DHPC member; **Barbara Bushnell**, Jane Weir's sister; **Maureen O'Harra**, Katie Vigilante's mother; **Allie Busby**, Renee Weese's mother; **Kells Weatherby and family**, Jane Weir's nephew; **Meg Straley**, friend of Linda Davis; **Helen O Green and Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sisters; **Birdell Odom Hughes**, Cynthia Middleton's mother; **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

We will forever be thankful, Lord, for all of the prayers you have answered over time. We currently find ourselves in a difficult position and could use your help. There are a multitude of problems here on our beautiful blue planet, which are compounded by poor communication and the lack of compromise. We pray for every government employee whose wallet is being pinched by the government shutdown and for members of congress who are refusing to see the pain being caused by this unnecessary shutdown. We pray for empathy in the hearts and minds of everyone refusing to sit down at the table to work out a solution to this situation. At the same time, we are thankful for everyone who is stepping up to provide groceries, rent, and childcare for those in need.

Lord, we ask your blessing for a huge swath of our country blanketed by snow and ice during the series of winter storms on the move across the country. May those who continue to deny the climate change, though seemingly difficult to miss, open their eyes to what is happening.

We pray for all of our brothers and sisters, suffering in so many forms this winter, in the name of your Most Holy Son, Jesus. Amen

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 27

11:00AM – *Worship Service and Congregational Meeting*

12:15PM – *Confirmation Lunch*

Wednesday, January 30

6:15PM – *Handbell Rehearsal*

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, January 31

7:00PM – *White Fragility Online Book Study*

Sunday, February 3

8:30AM – *Community Fellowship Bible Study*

9:45AM – *Sunday School for All Ages*

Adult Explorations Sunday School Class

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*

11:00AM – *Worship Service and Souper Bowl of Caring Offering*

12:15PM – *Christian Education, Mission, Worship, and Personnel Team
Ministry Meetings*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday, January 27, Following Worship

The Session has called the annual congregational meeting for this Sunday following worship for the following purposes: (1) receive the Session's 2018 annual report, (2) receive the 2019 budget, and (3) consider proposed changes to the pastor's terms of call. Please plan to attend.

PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA'S ADVOCACY TRAINING EVENT

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30-8PM; First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia invites you to their annual Advocacy Training event! This year's training will give you an opportunity to learn from the experts how to talk to legislators about the issues important to you. No matter your level of experience, this event is sure to leave you feeling equipped to be an effective advocate in your community. You will have an opportunity to use your new skills Wednesday, February 6th, at Day at the Capitol! To register or for more information, visit www.p4bg.org.

EXPLORATIONS CLASS: DEATH AND DYING; PEACE AND POSSIBILITIES, PART 1:

Sunday, February 3, 9:45AM; Parlor

Facing our own mortality or the mortality of those closest to us is not always easy. However, having thoughtful, intentional conversations with ourselves and our loved ones about death and dying will help ease the pain and discomfort of acutely stressful moments. Dr. Lisa Oliver, a death, dying, and bereavement educator and certified grief counselor, will help participants explore what it means to die well and help take a bit of the mystery out of the dying process. Join us for this important time together!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING

Sunday, February 3, 11AM

Since 1990, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. DHPC youth and children will collect a Souper Bowl of Caring offering following worship next Sunday. Contributions will go to the ICM food pantry to help feed the hungry in our area. Food pantries around the country are particularly busy as a result of the government shutdown. Your support of the Souper Bowl will help those who struggle with hunger on a regular basis as well as those who are experiencing hunger for the first time. Thank you for your support!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

Due to the cold weather and the uncertainty surrounding the partial government shutdown, there is growing need amongst Pantry guests. Donations are especially appreciated right now. All food is welcomed from cereal (hot and cold) to veggies, fruit, and cocoa (you even brought Godiva hot cocoa!) and cider. Donations of meat, which is expensive, coffee and cider, cold weather staples, are particularly great! Thank you for keeping our Pantry guests in mind when doing your grocery shopping.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you comfortable with a computer, enjoy greeting guests and answering the phone? The church is in need of volunteers that can help out with regular weekly duties between the hours of 9:00AM and

12:00PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. We also need individuals who would be willing to perform basic office tasks when Danielle Wilson, our Office & Facilities Manager, takes vacations. If you are interested in signing up, please email dwilson@dhpc.org.

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.

WE LOVE OUR STAFF! THANK OFFERING

The Personnel Ministry Team is excited to host the annual staff appreciation event Valentine's week. This is an opportunity to say thank you for the creativity and energy that those who work for DHPC pour into caring for our congregation every day. You are invited to contribute. To participate in the Staff Thank Offering, you may make a payment online or by check with the memo: Staff Offering. Cash may be given to Linda Davis, church Treasurer. Please make your offering by Wednesday, February 6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: RACE AND RECONCILIATION PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, March 23 - Sunday, March 24

The Mission Ministry Team is excited to invite friends and members of DHPC 9th grade and older to participate in an overnight pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL. The trip will be centered around visits to The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Participants will be given light reading in advance of the trip concerning the issues of slavery, lynching, mass incarceration, and American race relations. In addition to visiting the two sites, participants will gather for fellowship, reflection, and worship. Cost for this trip is \$82/person and covers a dual-occupancy hotel room, Sunday morning breakfast, and admission into the two sites. Meals will be paid for individually. Scholarship funds are available and cost should not prohibit participation. The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 3. For more information, contact Pastor Elizabeth.

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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). She'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. 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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