



## ***Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018***

*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.***

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

**BRASS CAROL**                      *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*                      arr. Jack Gale

**ANTHEM**                                      *So Gentle the Donkey*                                      John Barnard

So gentle the donkey that carries a maiden, | And gentle the carpenter leading them down.  
We'll follow the donkey, the sheep and the oxen | Who show us the way to a King and a crown.

So silent the oxen surveying their manger, | And silent the mother of highest renown.  
We'll follow the donkey, the sheep and the oxen | Who show us the way to a King and a crown.

So humble the sheep on the Bethlehem hillside, | And humble the shepherds who run through the town.  
We'll follow the donkey, the sheep and the oxen | Who show us the way to a King and a crown.

Then dance with the shepherds and sing with the angels, | The noise of our praises all others shall  
drown.

We'll follow the donkey, the sheep and the oxen | Who show us the way to a King and a crown.

**BRASS CAROL**                      *Silent Night/Away in a Manger*                      arr. John Gage

**ANTHEM**                                      *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*                                      arr. Donald Moore

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
And they say that his name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, | He come from the glorious kingdom. | Oh yes, believer.

The Angels sang when the baby was born,  
And they say that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, | He come from the glorious kingdom. | Oh yes, believer.

The wise men saw where the baby was born,  
And they say that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, | He come from the glorious kingdom.

**BRASS CAROL**                      *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*                      arr. Eddie Fargason

**ANTHEM***Angel's Carol*

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the Angel voices | Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?  
 Have you seen the star shining out so brightly | As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven To the humble shepherds who have waited long?  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo! | Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, | Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;  
 He is come in joy like the sun at morning | Filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary; | In a simple stable we have seen his birth:  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo! | Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth'.

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, | Like a bright star shining in the skies above;  
 He will bring new hope to the waiting nations | When he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; | Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo! | Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

**BRASS CAROL***Joy to the World*

arr. Jack Gale

**ANTHEM***Psallite*

Michael Praetorius

Psallite, unigenito  
 Christo Dei Filio,  
 Redemptori Domino, puerulo, inacenti in praesepio.

Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein;  
 Alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein,  
 und singen ihm fein,

Psallite, unigenito  
 Christo Deo Filio,  
 Redemptori Domino, puerulo, inacenti in praesepio.

Sing your psalms to Christ,  
 the only begotten Son of God,  
 Sing your psalms to the Redeemer.

A small Child lies in the manger.  
 All the blessed angels serve Him  
 and sing to Him.

Sing your psalms to Christ,  
 the only begotten Son of God,  
 Sing your psalms to the Redeemer.

**BRASS CAROL***Go Tell it On the Mountain*

arr. Ovid Young

**ANTHEM**

*Here's a Pretty Little Baby*  
 Hilary Passo & Sam Potts, soloists

arr. Andre Thomas

Here's a pretty little baby! | Look in the manger! | Behold, believe and be baptized!

Wise men riding, | Behold, believe and be baptized!

Bright star shining, | Behold, believe and be baptized!

Name is Jesus, | Behold, believe and be baptized!

Here's a pretty little baby! | Look in the manger! | Behold, believe and be baptized!

## GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

**PRELUDE**

*Drummer Boy/Pat-A-Pan*

Diane Bish

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.*

**All: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Teresa Edmisten  
The Innkeeper

† **CAROL #133**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Adeste Fideles

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

*God of miracles and wonder,  
we give thanks for the example of those who crowded round the manger.*

**We thank you for an innkeeper who opened the door,  
even though it was a nuisance;**

**for the shepherds who dropped everything to come and see  
and the angels who spread the word.**

*We thank you for a new mother and father,  
open to having their world rocked  
that you might grow into the one who saves us.*

*But we know that we don't always follow these examples.*

**We don't always welcome you into  
the busyness  
and joy**

**and pain of our lives.**

*We often fail to look up*

*towards the signs of your presence in our midst.*

**We let our fears get in the way**

**of helping you on your quest for love to win.**

*Settle our anxious hearts, O God.*

**Stir in us a sense of wonder**

**that we might not look away from your presence.**

*Make us more courageous*

*in our love and obedience of you*

*and our love and service of neighbor.*

**May we welcome you this Christmas, O Christ,**

**and every day.**

(time for silent reflection)

## **POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

### **† RESPONSE OF PRAISE #113** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verse 1)

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo - - - ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - ri-a in excelsis Deo!**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 2:8-20

p 58 NT

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

"A Christmess Miracle"

Rev. Shelli Latham

### **† CAROL #121**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

St. Louis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*The First Nowell*

arr. Paul Halley

The first Nowell the angel did say | Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, | On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell | Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star, | Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light, | And so it continued both day and night.  
(Refrain)

And by the light of that same star | Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent, | And to follow the star wherever it went.  
(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest, | O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay | Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
(Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three | Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence | Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
(Refrain)

Then let us all with one accord | Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, | And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
(Refrain)

#### † DOXOLOGY #119

#### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Verses 1 & 3)**

**Mendelssohn**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

## † 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

*O Holy Night*  
Michelle Jarrell, soprano

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, | It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining. | Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, | For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! | O night divine! O night when Christ was born,  
O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another; | His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother. | And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, | Let all within us praise His Holy name.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! | O night divine! O night when Christ was born,  
O night divine!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### † SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST #122

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

Stille Nacht

You are invited to light your candle from the candle of your neighbor, passing the light of Christ. Please hold lit candles upright and tilt unlit candles.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
alleluia to our king;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

#### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### † CAROL #134

*Joy to the World*  
(verses 1, 4)

Antioch

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! | Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, | and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, | and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, | and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness | and wonders of his love  
and wonders of his love, | and wonders, wonders of his love.**

#### POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*

Cliff Frierson

## WORSHIP NOTES

### **Baby's First Christmas: A Photo Album of the Nativity**

Like a carefully compiled baby scrapbook, this year's Advent worship series captured snapshots of those who first gathered around Jesus in his early days. Each week a character from Christ's birth narrative arrived to light the Advent Candle, as we explored their contributions to the greatest story ever told. Over the course of this season of preparation, we encountered: Mary/Mother, Father/Joseph, Shepherds, and Angels. This evening as we light the Christ Candle, we invite in an unexpected character, the Innkeeper, who provided unconventional welcome in Jesus' first days and lights the candle, reminding us of the time the Christ Child was too young and vulnerable to care for himself.

**Thank you to this evening's Instrumentalists:** Bailey Knight, Jonathan Kochik, Trey Meeks, Christian Stephanos, Todd Wood

**Today's bulletin art** is "El Nino Rey" by Obed Gomez. The native Puerto Rican now resides in Florida. Before he begins to paint, he lays his hands on the canvas and asks God to inspire him through a work that will impact the viewer. [www.obedtheartist.com](http://www.obedtheartist.com). Used with permission.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### **Monday, December 24**

5:00PM – *Choral and Brass Music Prelude*

5:30PM – *Christmas Eve Worship Service*

### **Tuesday, December 25**

All Day – *Office Closed on Christmas Day*

### **Sunday, December 30**

8:30AM – *Community Fellowship Bible Study*

9:45AM – *Adult Bible Roundtable*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

## HOLIDAY CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 30**

There will be no Sunday school for children and youth on Sunday, December 30. The adult Roundtable class will meet at 9:45am. All are welcome in worship at 11AM.

## ADVENT DRIVE FOR MY SISTER'S HOUSE

### **December 2 - 25**

The Mission Team is sponsoring a drive to collect items for babies and toddlers who visit My Sister's House, a shelter for mothers and their children. High need items are diapers and Pull-ups of all sizes, baby wipes, baby food and formula, bottles, and sippy cups. Beginning December 2, donations may be placed in collection boxes located in the narthex and in the coffee area. Please add an item or two to your shopping list for this beautiful Advent drive. Questions? Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)).

## **INTOWN FOOD PANTRY**

The Pantry was bustling last Saturday with 107 guests! Next Saturday they plan to serve a hearty breakfast of cheese and sausage grits, a Christmas season treat. The Pantry wants to have enough canned meat to give 3 cans to each guest every Saturday morning. Last Sunday you brought a large quantity of vienna sausages which will likely enable the Pantry meet their goal. Thanks to all of the good food and hot drink packets you bring, more people will eat well during Christmas week. Thank you!

## **ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET: THANK YOU**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the mission team's Alternative Gift Market! Over \$2500 was raised for four local organizations and programs of the PC(USA). Your loved ones will surely be delighted with the special Christmas gifts. Special thank you to Jennifer Beck for a remarkable job organizing and running the market!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ONLINE BOOK STUDY: *WHITE FRAGILITY***

**Thursdays, January 10 - 31, 7PM**

Online book studies aren't just for young adults! Join us online on Thursday evenings to engage in discussion about Robin DiAngelo's book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. DiAngelo tackles head-on how white people can and should confront their own implicit biases and invites all people to consider how we might live more compassionate lives in a world that desperately needs it. Sign-up is required by January 7. Sound interesting? Want to RSVP? Have questions? Email Emily at [emorrell@dhpc.org](mailto:emorrell@dhpc.org).

### **PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA TO SERVE AT FOOD BANK**

**January 12, 9 AM - 12 PM**

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is seeking volunteers to join in a morning of service at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. This is a great opportunity to get an up-close view of the massive undertaking it is to operate the ACFB, an organization that provides food to area nonprofits that feed the hungry, including DHPC's partner Intown Collaborative Ministries. For more information about how to sign-up to volunteer, contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org))

### **EXPLORATIONS ADULT CLASS: LIVING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD**

**Sunday, January 13, 9:45AM; Parlor**

Our first Explorations class for the new year meets the second Sunday in January. Pete McGuire will lead a fascinating class on what it means to live in a post-Christian world. Not even sure what post-Christian means? Great - this class is perfect for you! Join us!

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS**

**Sunday, January 13, 9:45AM**

The Christian Education team is excited to offer a Confirmation class for all high schoolers interested in learning more about what it means to join the church and what exactly we say we believe when we join the church. Youth and their parents should plan to be at the first class on January 13 in the youth room. Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) with any questions.

## **SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Sunday, January 13, 12:15PM**

Join church friends and family for a tasty meal, fun, and fellowship at January's Second Sunday Lunch! Lunch will be served in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. The cost for lunch is now \$10 per adult and \$5/child. Please note that cost should never preclude anyone from participating in any church activity. All are welcome and no RSVPs needed.

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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)). 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.



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