



Service of the Lord's Day, March 3, 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

Union Seminary

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

inspired by Psalm 91

Leader: Even as we tiptoe towards ashes and Lent,

All: we rest in the shelter of the Most High;
we abide in the shadow of the Almighty;
we find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.
We trust that the angels of God
the words of God
the people of God
the hands of God
will somehow bear us up.
And so we come to call on God,
who has promised to answer.

† **HYMN #43**

On Eagle's Wings

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

All loving God, we long to be near to you.
Sometimes we want it so badly, we try to elbow others out of the way,
drawing lines of who we think should be inside and outside
your circle of grace.
Forgive us when we think that in order for us to be *in* others have to be *out*.
Forgive us when our attempts at gatekeeping,
over who is worthy enough to call themselves your servant,
lead us to devalue one another,
cause us to make your church unsafe for the vulnerable,
and push others away from the relationship with you,
which we yearn for so much.

Remind us

that your church was built to draw outsiders in,
that your followers were called to be inviters,
and that you greet each of your beloved children
with the grace and love we so cherish and desire
but could never earn. (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 #339 **Lift Every Voice and Sing** Lift Every Voice
(verse 1)

**Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with 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

(WE'RE ALL GOD'S) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

p 47 NT

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faces of Our Faith: James and John”

Rev. Shelli Latham

† HYMN #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
(verses 1 & 2)

The Servant Song

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade
by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect,
through a collection of people**

we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor.

**We grieve the ways in which we create division
between people whom Christ has created for community.**

**We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities
along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.**

**We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses
that reinforce our biases,**

joining the community that reflects

God's grace,

Christ's kingdom,

and the Spirit's action.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

One with God Before Creation

Randall Sensmeier

One with God before creation, bringing stars and suns to birth.
Christ, you cast aside your glory; as a servant walked the earth.

Let your mind, O Christ be in us, forming us in all our ways.
Let your light and love surround us, guarding, guiding all our days.
(Refrain)

Emptied now of gain and glory, one with our humanity.
All our pain and grief embracing by your love so full and free.
Refrain

God has raised you up in glory, you defeated death and shame.
Help us sing with awe and longing, praise and honor to your name.
Refrain

Jesus Christ, your name in splendor dims the light of star and sun.
May the church reflect your glory, while the centuries onward run.
Refrain

† **DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

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

† **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 #507

Come to the Table of Grace

Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

4. Come to the table of hope...

5. Come to the table of joy...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN #301**

All Are Welcome

Two Oaks

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Darwall

Healey Willan

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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; Matthew, James and John.

This morning's bulletin art depicts a group of European tourists who were volunteering at Imire: Rhino and Wildlife Conservation in Zimbabwe. A fellow volunteer Marcus Söderlund, snapped the photo of the women oblivious to the bull elephant who had crept in behind them as they looked through their cameras.

The call to worship was written by Joanna Harader and posted on the blog: Spacious Faith.

Our Affirmation of Faith comes from the Sarasota Statement, which was written in 2017 through a partnership between NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation, as a confessional statement in response to the current state of the church and world. NEXT Church is a network of PCUSA leaders, who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile and which purposefully engages in robust conversation about the theology, culture and practice of ministry.

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PRAYERS

pray in condolence

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **J. Franklin Clark** who died February 19, 2019. J. was organist and choir director at DHPC from 2004-2008. His service was February 23rd in the chapel of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Lauren Huff Mercer** and her family on the death of her grandmother **Emmy Huff**, who died last Friday.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Toisha Brown** and her family on the death of her grandmother **Annie Barnes**.

pray for our dhpc community

Carl Sweet, Bobby Howlett, Charles Middleton, Lisa Carter, Rev Marilyn Washburn

pray for our family and friends

George Vesely, friend of the Widemans; **Maurice Lattimore**, case worker at ICM; **Neal Kime**, client of ICM; **Martha Butts**, friend of Bob Beard; **Chelsea Walker**, Letia Henson's daughter; **Dorothy Nichols**, mother of Steve Nichols; **Brandon Hathaway**, member of our community; **Ruth Potter**, former DHPC member and elder; **Dr. Robert A Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's father; **Linda Singer**, friend 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; **Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Birdell Odom Hughes**, Cynthia Middleton's mother; **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, on this day, we pray for those whose lives are impacted by mental illness. Issues of mental health are neither well understood nor cared about by many; as a result we are impacted by it in many ways. We thank you for all who are not depressed, anxious, or more. Some families with a member exhibiting symptoms, which may be overlooked or denied until it is too late to intervene, need to take a good look at their situation and seek assistance. We pray for the families who don't know what to do. We pray that legislators in all states will work to make insurance available to those suffering from mental illness and that a diagnosis can be quickly made.

In some cases, mental illness causes homelessness, inability to hold a job, or bankruptcy for the families who cannot afford to help with the expense of the medications, and heartache for these families. We pray for laws which will prevent those who are seriously mentally ill from purchasing firearms or ammunition; and laws requiring pharmaceutical companies to cease the practice of overcharging for required "meds". Mental illness is a serious illness, like any other and should be treated as such. There is no reason to see mental illness in any other light and its patients, your children, should be viewed with empathy and compassion. Holy God, we pray for each and every one of your children with a serious chronic illness, in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 3

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:30P – *Christian Education, Congregational Life, Finance, Mission, Personnel, and Worship Team Meetings*

Tuesday, March 5

12:30P – *Property & Administration Team Meeting*

Wednesday, March 6

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:00PM – *Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Lutheran Church*

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins

8:30AM – *Community Fellowship Bible Study*

9:30AM – *Adult Bible Roundtable Sunday School Class*

9:45AM – *Second Sunday Service for Children & Youth
Confirmation for Youth*

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

Lent is the the 40- day season of preparation, which begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the celebration of Christ's resurrection. It is a time for us to reflect, to ready our hearts, and to be purposeful about drawing near to Christ whose love for us was borne out in great sacrifice and power.

Each Sunday, we will explore the lenten theme: **Faces on the Crossroad**. Throughout this year, we've been digging into stories of bold and untold characters in scripture. This Lent, we will walk alongside Jesus, in his final earthly days, as he journeys through Jerusalem toward the cross and then onward from the empty tomb. Join us as we meet: *Lazarus* (raised from the dead), *Mary* (who anointed Jesus' feet), *Peter* (who denied Jesus 3 times), *the Penitent Thief of the Cross* (crucified beside Jesus), and *Joseph of Arimathea* (a wealthy man who procured Jesus' tomb).

COMMUNITY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 6, 7PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1410 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta

Members and friends of area churches will mark the beginning of Lent with a service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion. Our choir will join with choirs from our neighborhood churches. The service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. Participating churches are DHPC, Church at Ponce and Highland, Mercy Community Church, Neighborhood Church, and St. John's Lutheran. The offering which is received will benefit Mercy Community Church.

THE POETRY OF LENT: A LENTEN COMPANION TO MARY OLIVER'S *DEVOTIONS*

Every journey needs a guide - and what better guide to the 40 days of Lent than the beloved poet, Mary Oliver? Winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, Oliver is widely celebrated as an accessible, insightful observer of the natural world, the life of faith, and the interplay between the two.

Imagine a six-week journey with Oliver at your side, illuminating ancient passages of scripture; provoking bite-sized meditations on key Lenten themes; and pointing toward everyday practices for individuals, families, and congregations. Copies of the devotional can be found on the tables leading into the sanctuary or by asking an usher or member of the pastoral staff.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, March 10, 12:15PM

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

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: RACE AND RECONCILIATION PILGRIMAGE

Registration Deadline: Today, Sunday, March 3

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. Cost for this trip is \$82/person plus meals. Scholarship funds are available. You may register by contacting Pastor Elizabeth.

THANK YOU FROM THE DHPC STAFF

The staff of DHPC would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel committee and the congregation for their contributions to the staff appreciation event a few weeks ago. It was a wonderful

opportunity to gather and spend time together, and we are humbled by your generosity. We are grateful for your support and for the opportunity to work with all of you. It is a delight to be called to serve this congregation. Thank you!

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

You took the Pantry at its word. They said they needed Vienna sausages...you brought Vienna sausages!!! Guests ask for them specifically. Folks in this community truly do share with each other, but how nice it is to have your own can! Even better: you didn't stop with Viennas! You bought salmon, single serve chicken and tuna salad, Spam, plus peanut butter and crackers, which are good for snacks or for a meal. "We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God." You answered that call. Glory be to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30AM/7:15PM

Presbyterian Women meets the second Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to come to either the day or night circle for a time of prayer, Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Please contact Helen Woodside with any questions.

BABY SHOWER FOR LAUREN MERCERON

Sunday, March 17, 12:15PM **Please note the date change!**

All members and friends of DHPC are invited to come celebrate a future DHPC family member! The young adults are hosting a drop-in baby shower for Lauren Merceron in the Parlor. We hope you will join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Lauren and Tyler's baby. Gifts are not required, but for those who are interested the Mercerons are registered on Amazon. For more information, contact Director of Young Adult Ministries, Emily Morrell (emorrell@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). 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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