

***Service of the Lord's Day, September 1, 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**

*Elevation*

Theodore Dubois

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 108:1-4

*Leader: My heart is unwavering, O God.*

*I will sing and make music — yes, with my whole being!*

**All: Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake the dawn itself!**

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, among all the peoples;*

*I will make music to you among the nations,*

**because your faithful love is higher than heaven;**

**your faithfulness reaches the clouds.**

† **HYMN #663**

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

Morning Hymn

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

**God of life and light, you have called us to be peacemakers.**

**But we're not always sure we want to do that.**

**Our world has become so polarized,**

**and it is easier to vilify than to do the hard work to bridge the great divide.**

**We have been taught to see compromise as weakness.**

**We have been conditioned to see what we don't understand as wrong or bad.**

**But you, O God, continue to work on us and in.**

**You see possibility where we see deadends.**

**Share your vision with us, Lord, and share your patience.**

**Share your willingness to be known and to get to know.**

**Give us the courage to risk being hurt**

**and the knowledge that we cannot grow without being stretched.**

**Plant in us a wonder for "the other"**

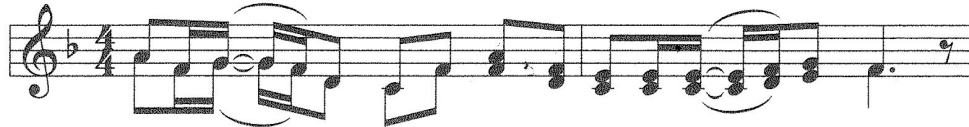
**that our deadend vision might instead see highways of hope and new life.**

*(time for silent reflection)*

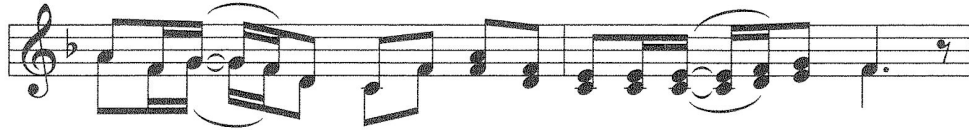
**POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

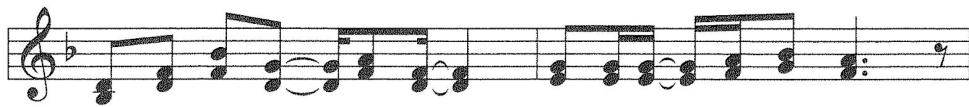
*(Please greet your neighbors with signs and words of peace and reconciliation.)*



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.  
*Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



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## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 8:47-59

p 102 NT

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

### SERMON

“Demonize First, Ask Questions Later”

Rev. Shelli Latham

### † HYMN #722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*  
 (verses 1 & 5)

Canonbury

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
 As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when and where  
 until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

**God created human beings with a need for community  
and with freedom to enter into it  
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience  
and to one another with love and helpfulness.  
We believe that we have been created  
to relate to God and each other  
in freedom and responsibility.  
We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility  
by trying to live without God and other people  
or against God and other people.  
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,  
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.  
Since every human being is made  
for communion with God and others,  
we must treat no one with contempt.  
We are to respect and love all other people  
and ourselves as well.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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**Thank you.** Your gifts paid for incidentals and staff participation in the Montreat Women's Connection.  
Because of you nine DHPC women had the opportunity to learn, connect, and grow together this fall.

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Interested in learning about your ecological footprint?  
Visit [www.footprintcalculator.org](http://www.footprintcalculator.org) and take the quiz.

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### ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Sally DeFord  
and James Loynes

Sam Potts, soloist

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, | I hear the sweet though far off hymn that hails a  
new creation. | Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,  
It finds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior liveth, | What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth, | No storm can shake my inmost calm, who to that Refuge clinging,  
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it, | And day by day this pathway smooths, since first  
I learned to love it, | The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing,  
All things are mine since I am his, How can I keep from singing?

### † 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. 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 #469

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying (*singing, hoping, serving*).**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying (*singing, hoping, serving*).**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open My Eyes

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Built on the Rock*

Roger C. Wilson

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to **Sam Potts** for lending his voice to the worship service today. Sam is a second year masters student in choral conducting at Georgia State University and serves as the Graduate Assistant at DHPC.

Today's **bulletin art** is an unattributed 1876 illustration of a courtroom during the Salem witch trials. The central figure is usually identified as Mary Walcott.

PRAYERS

**pray in condolence**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to friends and family of **Lobenta Johnson**, wife of former DHPC pastor **Rev. James Johnson Jr.**, who died on August 21, 2019 in Columbus GA. A memorial service is planned for August 31, 2019, 10AM, at First Presbyterian Church of Columbus.

## pray for DHPC community

Grace Sauser, Charles Middleton, Lisa Carter

## pray for our family and friends

**Robin and John Pittman**, friends of Tommy Hannah; **Louie Morris Hudson**, friend of Tommy Hannah; **A.B. Edward**, friend of Tommy Hannah; **Luis Bolano**, Tyler Merceron's uncle; **Sharon Schuler**, Elizabeth Acton's mother-in-law; **Ben Acton**, Elizabeth Acton's brother-in-law; **Patrick Flinn**, friend of Margaret Ross; **Sarah and Joseph Looper**, former DHPC members; **Stuart Family**, friends of Vivian Hodo; **Terry Kearns**, husband of JoAnn Kearns, DHPC bookkeeper; **Kevin Harris**, former DHPC sexton; **Linda Mentzer**, daughter and principal caregiver of Grace Sauser; **George Vesely**, friend of the Widemans; **Martha Butts**, friend of Bob Beard; **Ruth Potter**, former DHPC member and elder; **Dr. Robert A Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's father; **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; **Christina Georgiadou**, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, September 1

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Congregational Life, Finance, Mission, Personnel, & Worship Team Meetings*

### Monday, September 2

All Day – *Office Closed for Labor Day*

### Tuesday, September 3

1:30PM – *Property & Administration Team Meeting*

### Wednesday, September 4

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

### Saturday, September 7

9:00AM – *Session Retreat*

### Sunday, September 8

8:30AM – *Community Fellowship Bible Study*

9:45AM – *Sunday School Kick-off & Pastries in the Parlor*

10:15AM – *Choir Warm Up*

11:00AM – *Worship Service*

12:15PM – *Second Sunday Lunch*

## CHOIR RESUMES WEDNESDAY"

### Wednesday, September 4, 7:30PM"

Are you a faithful member of DHPC's talented Chancel Choir? Do you sing in the shower and wonder about sharing your gifts with the DHPC congregation? Whether you have served as a choir member in the past or are interested in testing out a new way of sharing your gifts, the choir will gather to begin preparing for worship on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 PM and will sing in worship on Sunday, September 8. As we enter Fall in a season of music transition, Dr. Terrence (Terre) Johnson, the Chair of Visual and Performing Arts for Clayton State University, will lead as a guest conductor, for three weeks, to give us stable leadership as we determine the Interim Director by the end of September. Come join us!"

## INTOWN FOOD PANTRY"

This week's most needed items are canned meat, canned vegetables (single serve and larger cans), cereal, gallon size Ziploc bags, canned soup, cases of bottled water, and grocery bags. Thank you for supporting our hungry friends and neighbors. "

## FALL KICK-OFF - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8**, which marks the beginning of our fall calendar. It's like New Years in September! All our programs return with fresh ways to connect with God and one another through worship, study, service, and play. Invite a friend as we hit refresh on our faith connections. **Here's what's coming up:**

#### **PASTRIES IN THE PARLOR**

**9:30AM; Parlor**

We've loved this summer's Way Back Lounge so much (for the opportunity to fellowship this summer over coffee, donuts and puzzles) that we've decided to make it a permanent fixture of our Sunday routine. The lounge will move to the front of the Parlor but still have coffee, sweets, and drinks for kids. Grab a goodie to go on the way to your Sunday School class; stick around and chat during our education hour, or drop in to fellowship before worship.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF FOR ALL AGES**

**9:45AM; Parlor**

Though it has been a wonderful summer of rest, the Christian Education team is excited to welcome students of all ages back to Sunday School! We will briefly gather together in the Parlor to hear from this year's teachers about what fun and interesting things the year holds, including the adult Explorations class topics for the fall semester. Children and youth will be dismissed from the Parlor to their classrooms and adults will stay in the Parlor for the first Explorations class. Make plans to join us!

#### **EXPLORATIONS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: ADVOCACY AND CHRISTIANITY**

**9:45AM; Parlor**

What is advocacy and why is it important to us as Christians? How can I become an effective advocate for others? Karin and Eric Dusenbury will share what they learned while attending this year's Ecumenical Advocacy Days gathering in Washington, D.C. There are sure to be plenty of take-home learnings that you can apply to your everyday lives. Join us following the Sunday School kick-off!

#### **FALL WORSHIP SERIES KICKOFF, WITH SPECIAL GUEST, RETURN OF CHOIR, AND RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS**

**11AM; Sanctuary**

For eight weeks this fall, worship will provide the opportunity to explore the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We get a jumpstart with the dynamic preaching of our Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, the Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle. Our Choir also returns from their summer breather to share their musical gifts. And we will give thanks for the generosity of our many volunteers, who make our ministries possible.

#### **FIRST SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH OF THE FALL**

**Following worship; Converse Hall**

Join church friends and family for a tasty meal, fun, and fellowship as we begin our cherished tradition of breaking bread together! Lunch will be served in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. The cost for 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Tuesday, September 10, 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.

## CARL SWEET SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Sunday, September 15, 12:15PM (Sanctuary)**

Once a month the congregation is invited to assist in making sandwiches for Mercy Community Church. Mercy Church, a congregation housed in the terrace level 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. Join us in this effort to feed our brothers and sisters on the streets.

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

**Sunday, September 29, 11AM**

Once again DHPC is joining together to fight hunger through a meal packaging event organized by Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. For the last two years, DHPC members and friends have had a remarkably good time as they joined together to package slightly more than 10,000 meals! We hope you will make plans to join us for this year's event and bring a friend to join you! Registration information will be available in the coming weeks.

## FALL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: UNDER OUR OWN FIG TREE

**Friday, November 8 - Sunday, November 10; Hayesville, NC**

RETREAT- Join us for the DHPC Fall Retreat at the Hinton Center in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains.

REFLECT- Rev. Rachel Matthews leads us in exploring God's call to us to be cultivators and creators and to enjoy God's gifts. How can we live into this call in a consumer world?

RENEW- Fellowship, crafts, hiking, worship, campfire and songs, and more!

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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 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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