



Service of the Lord's Day, January 10, 2021

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.*

GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

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

PRELUDE

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

C. Hubert Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus journeyed into the wilderness.

**All: In the wildernesses of our own lives,
we know Christ has been there too.**

Jesus sunk beneath the water, entombed by Jordan.

**As he burst forth, fresh air in his lungs,
he promises we will rise to join him.**

The Spirit descended and the heavens rang out:

“You are my child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

That claim echoes for us too.

We are loved. We are claimed.

In awe and in gratitude, we arise to worship.

HYMN #401

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming; | now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings | brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; | gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; | we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. | We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, | called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; | gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; | give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; | here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, | call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; | give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion | lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

God of fresh starts, you promise us new life in you. Every time we see the baptismal font, we see the signs of that new life. Sometimes, though, we equate new life with eternal salvation — something that happens to us when we cross from our earthly life to your eternal realm. We often forget that our new lives start now and that they lay claim on the ways that we live every day. Help us, O God, to embrace the fresh starts you promise, by giving ourselves over to you in service, worship, and works of justice. May your Spirit nudge us to bold acts of love, as we live our new lives today.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Acts 19:1-7](#)

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

REFLECTION

“Rinse and Repeat”

Rev. Shelli Latham

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Remember God's gift of baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS — Consider supporting our ministries through an [online gift](#), or mail a check to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306.

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Thank you. As we step into a new year, we give thanks for the resilience and flexibility of this congregation. Thank you for your continued support and engagement and for trusting that the Spirit can move in new and unexpected ways. Thank you for sharing your own gifts by volunteering to lead Zoom worship, teaching online classes, stepping up to write tips on dismantling systemic racism, decorating outdoor Christmas trees, delivering care packages, and making phone calls. May we continue to be the church whatever 2021 holds.

Earth Stewardship Invitation: Ease up on the pedal. Slowing down from 75 to 65 miles per hour will drop your highway gas consumption by about 15 percent.

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ANTHEM

Take Me to the Water

African-American Spiritual

Take me to the water. | Take me to the water.

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. | I love Jesus.

I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He's my saviour. | He's my saviour.

He's my saviour, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. | Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; | tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, | call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, | sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, | mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; | hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, | safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, | wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, | interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor | daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, | bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, | prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; | seal it for thy courts above.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Appassionato

Norman Landis

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WORSHIP NOTES

Because of Covid, our recorded service was filmed while the siege on the U.S. Capitol was taking place. Because of our inability to respond as robustly as we would like to the tremendous pain and anger gripping our country, we have scheduled a supplemental **Worship Service of National Healing and Wholeness** on Sunday, January 10, at 11 AM, via Zoom. We invite you to join us for this time of prayer. Pastor Shelli will also provide individual prayer time in one of the breakout rooms for anyone who is interested in a time of solo prayer.

The bulletin photo is by Denis Linine **from** Pexels. Our scripture on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday speaks of the connection of the Holy Spirit to our response to baptism. The Wild Goose is an ancient symbol of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community

Robert Welborn had hip replacement surgery on January 4th, and hoped to be released Wednesday. He has a good bit of pain currently, but is up and walking.

Porter Remington, former long-time DHPC Organist/Music Director had successful robotic heart surgery on Dec 10th and appreciates prayers for a full recovery.

Martha Moore is adjusting well to her new home at the Phoenix, an assisted living facility in Cumming, GA. She continues to have OT/PT and visiting nurse checks. She has a new phone number (470-875-3566), but mail should continue to be sent to her daughter Beth Yoder at 2694 Middlecreek Way, Cumming, GA 30041.

Wilma Ralls was hit by a car and has significant physical therapy ahead for multiple broken bones. Cards may be sent to her at Manor Care Rehab Center, 4360 Johnson Ferry Place, Room 245, Marietta, GA 30068.

Genie Talbott is recovering from a bad asthma and bronchitis attack. She is on steroids, which are helping. She was able visit her sister Elissa, who recently had surgery. She appreciates the prayers!

Jane Boyd Lee has completed her PT, her back is doing much better and is less painful now.

Charles Middleton has ongoing chronic health issues, but is doing reasonably well at this time.

Lisa Carter is having ongoing pain with her knees, and appreciates prayers for healing.

Steve Thaxton was admitted to Emory Decatur Hospital for treatment of his ongoing cellulitis in his legs.

Miriam Herrera is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

pray for our family and friends

Norma Jean Johnson, friend of Robert Welborn, **Harris Family**, friends of Robert Welborn, **Kathleen Boyd**, friend of Robert Welborn, **Elissa Tatton**, Genie Talbott's sister, **Maureen O'Harra**, Katie Vigilante's mother, **George Reeves**, former DHPC member, **Michael Woodside**, son of Helen Woodside, **Michael West**, friend of May Dewees, **Carolyn Smith**, friend of May Dewees, **Madelyn Magruder**, friend of Jane Martin, **Barbara Magnan**, Cathie Magnan-Power's mother, **Carol Vigilante**, David Vigilante's mother,

Lee Sewell, friend of May and Ron DeWees, **Lora Butler**, friend of Jane Weir, **Robert and Doris Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's mother and father, **Lins Grawert**, sister of Bruce Grawert, **Sara Torres**, friend of Adam Ralls, **Rev. Brice Graves**, friend of Susan Hagood, **Colton, Summer and Matthew Cooper**, friends of Lauren Merceron, **George Ports**, friend of Lauren Merceron, **Kathy Moore**, friend of the Armstrongs, **Betsy Weir**, Jane Weir's sister **Luis Bolano**, Tyler Merceron's uncle, **Kevin Harris**, former DHPC sexton, **Ruth Potter**, former DHPC member and elder, **Allie Busby**, Renee Weese's mother, **Kells Weatherby and family**, Jane Weir's nephew, **Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 AM – *Pre-Recorded Online Worship*
- 10:00 AM – *Virtual Children's Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Service of National Healing and Wholeness and Roundtable*
- 12:30 PM – *Mission Team Meeting*
Personnel Team Meeting

Monday, January 11

- 9:00 AM – *Virtual Staff Meeting*
- 10:00 AM – *Virtual Worship Planning Meeting*
- 1:00PM – *Christian Education Team Meeting*
- 4:30 PM – *Anti-Racism Protests at Emory Presbyterian*

Tuesday, January 12

- 10:30 AM – *Online Presbyterian Women's Day Circle Meeting*
- 1:30PM – *Property and Administration Team Meeting*
- 7:30 PM – *Online Presbyterian Women's Night Circle Meeting*

Wednesday, January 13

- 4:30 PM – *Anti-Racism Protests at Emory Presbyterian*
- 5:00 PM – *Handbell Choir Rehearsal in Converse Hall*
- 7:00 PM – *Virtual Choir Rehearsal*
Virtual Middle School Youth Fellowship

Sunday, January 17

- 9:00 AM – *Pre-Recorded Online Worship*
- 11:00 AM – *Live Online Fellowship & Worship*
- 12:30 PM – *Virtual Stated Session Meeting*

WORSHIP SERVICE OF NATIONAL HEALING AND WHOLENESS & ROUNDTABLE

Sunday, January 10, 11AM; Zoom

In light of this week's events at the U.S. Capitol, we are adjusting our Sunday morning offerings to include **Worship Service of National Healing and Wholeness**. We invite you to join us for this time of prayer and acts of healing and commitment to peace. Pastor Shelli will also provide individual prayer time in one of the breakout rooms for anyone who is interested in a time of solo prayer. The service will last 30-40 minutes, followed by Roundtable, with time for greetings at the end. Candles and oil (cooking oil, baby oil, etc.) will be used in the service, and you may wish to have them available to participate.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MORNING AND EVENING CIRCLES

Second Tuesday, January 12, 10:30AM/7:30PM; Zoom

The Presbyterian Women of DHPC meet the second Tuesday of the month. PW is not meeting in person due to Covid, but will meet via Zoom. All women of the church are invited to join us for a time of Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Contact May DeWees (madewees@juno.com) with any questions and to get the Zoom link!

WORSHIP & ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 24, 2020, 11AM; Zoom

The session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 24, at 11 AM. The meeting will be embedded in a worship service that allows us to look back at God's presence over the past year and to look forward to walking with God in 2021. The business for the meeting includes: receipt of the annual report, presentation of the 2021 budget, approval of Pastor Shelli's terms of call, and report from the nominating committee and election of elders.

LIVE ONLINE FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

First, Third, & Fifth Sundays of the Month (January 3, 17, & 31), 11 AM; Zoom

Join us on odd-numbered Sundays for live worship together via Zoom. We will have a time of fellowship, followed by a brief worship service. On the first Sunday of the month, please come with your bread and juice (or wine) for communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together with your DHPC family. Sign in information for computers and smartphones is available [here](#). To call in, dial 1-646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 330 367 764#.

LIVE ONLINE FELLOWSHIP AND ROUNDTABLE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month, 11 AM; Zoom

Note: There will be no Roundtable on January 24 as we will have worship and our annual meeting. More info TBA.

Join us every even-numbered Sunday for a time to check-in, pray, reflect, and learn. We gather in small groups for our call to worship and then chat, worship, and spend time in fellowship with one another. The second portion of our class is a study on the week's scripture led by Pete McGuire. Sign in information for computers and smartphones is available [here](#). To call in, dial 1-646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 330 367 764#.

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

First, Third, and Fifth Sundays of the Month, 10AM; Zoom

Every odd numbered Sunday our elementary age children are encouraged to gather with Pastor Elizabeth and members of the CE team. We will spend our time together sharing about our week, learning about a Bible story, crafting, and laughing. All children are welcome! Contact Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) to learn how to join us!

VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Second, Fourth, and Fifth Wednesdays, 7 PM; Zoom (Resumes January 13)

Middle school youth are invited to join Pastor Elizabeth for a weekly online check-in. Each week's conversation is unique and entertaining! Contact Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) to join us.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

As Covid drags on the need for assistance is high and ICM can't fill that need without our help. At the top of the most wanted list are canned meat, canned soup, shelf stable milk, canned and pop-top veggies, Uncrustables, cookie oil, and peanut butter. The complete list of wanted items is in the DHPC weekly newsletter. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION TEAM

The Mission Team wishes to express our gratitude to the congregation for your support of our Advent offerings. We know a number of you participated in the Advent Drive for Mercy Church, shopped the online Alternative Gift Market, and/or gave an offering to the Christmas Joy Offering. Your commitment to caring for our vulnerable neighbors during these difficult times is very much appreciated.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY

Christmas joy was spread abundantly thanks to DHPC's wonderful Presbyterian Women. In early December the mother of a family of six (four children) reached out to DHPC because the family was facing financial difficulties due to lost work and illness. She was unsure how she was going to pull off a joyous Christmas. Well, the PWs heard the call for help and answered big time! Each child received several pieces of clothing, as well as a few fun gifts off their wish list. Also, the family received a grocery store gift card to pay for their Christmas dinner. The day after Christmas the mother reached out to Pastor Elizabeth and said the "day was magical" and it was "like living in a dream." Thank you, PWs, for your faithfulness and generosity!

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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.

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT DHPC

1. Make a donation with your smartphone!

Text "DHPC Offering \$____ (the amount you want to give)" to 73256 to give using your text messaging. You can also use the drop down menu to select another fund. Standard text message rates do apply.

2. Give online. [Click this link to give online.](#) You may make a one-time gift or set up recurring payments.

3. Mail a check to the church at 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE; Atlanta, GA 30306.

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