Service for the Lord’s Day, April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Ich ruf' zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

  Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation.
  All: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

  By your strength you established the mountains; you are dressed in power.
  You calm the roaring seas; calm the roaring waves,
  calm the noise of the nations.

  Those who dwell on the far edges stand in awe of your acts.
  You make the gateways of morning and evening sing for joy.

† HYMN #216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

  Restore us, O Living God, by the breath of your Spirit.
  We are wilted and weary on this journey toward Easter,
  anxious for Restoration to come once and for all.

  Hear our voices crying out amidst the ashes,
  where we hide to wait for a new day. Ah, but let us not
  be bound to the earth by our weariness and tears,
  but rather swirled about and lifted up by
  the wonder of your life within us!

  Revive us, O Lord!
  There are palms to wave and crosses to carry and Easter eggs to find!
  There is praise to give and work to be done and surprising life to nurture!
  No matter our tired bones, you are not finished.
  By your goodness and grace, we are not finished!
  (time for silent reflection)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  

The 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.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

† SONG OF PREPARATION  

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand; precious Lord, lead me home.

(WE’RE ALL GOD’S) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE LESSON
Luke 5:12-16

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

SERMON
“Spiritual Discipline: Solitude”
Rev. Shelli Latham

† HYMN #819
Be Still, My Soul
Finlandia

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM
Geistliches Lied
Chancel Choir

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
mit Traur, 
Sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
So sei vergnügt mein Wille.

Do not let yourself be depressed
by sadness,
be calm, however God may dispose
be content with it, my will.

Was willst du heute sorgen
auf Morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für;
Der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Why worry today
about tomorrow?
There is One who controls everything;
He will give you your share too.

Sei nur in allem Handel
ohn’ Wandel,
Steh feste; Was Gott beschleusst,
das ist und heisst das Beste.
Amen.

Be constant in everything
you undertake,
Stand firm; What God ordains
is and is known to be best.
Amen.

† DOXOLOGY #630
Fairest Lord Jesus
Crusaders’ Hymn

Beautiful Savior, ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

† 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 #177 You Are Mine

“My song is love unknown. I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #209 My Song Is Love Unknown

(verses 1, 2 & 5)

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Herzlich tut mich verlangen Johannes Brahms
WORSHIP NOTES

Today’s bulletin art is *Olive Trees with yellow sky and sun*, Vincent van Gogh (1883-1890).

The call to worship was written by Rachel Hackenberg and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

Lent marks the 40 days of preparation for Easter. It is time set aside for prayer, reflection, and recommitment to God, honoring the sacrifice of Jesus’ crucifixion and the redemption won in Christ’s resurrection. Our Lenten theme, *Core Strength: 40 Days of Spiritual Fitness*, offers practical tools for fortifying your spiritual discipline. In worship and practices throughout the week, we will explore the spiritual practices of Fasting (March 5), Sabbath (March 12), Service (March 19), Prayer (March 26), Silence & Solitude (April 2).

PRAYERS

pray for our dhpc community
Lisa Carter; Kathleen Clayton; Nancy Edenfield; Jesse Hatton, Jr.; Bobby Howlett; Ivey Lois Hubert; Elizabeth Mabry; Bo Mays; Charles Middleton; Carl Sweet; Genie Talbott, Yolanda Tamsen.

pray for our family and friends
Davis Acton, Elizabeth Soileau Acton’s son; Ann W. Antley, Robert Welborn’s sister; Éamon Martin Beaudette and family, infant son of Katie Vigilante’s friends; Bonnie McMillan Brown, Tommy Hannah’s close friend; Christina Georgiadou, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families; Nick Miller, Bill Smith’s great-nephew; Jessie Hudson Hubbell, former member; Birdell Odom-Hughes, Cynthia Middleton’s mother; Caroline Ohnsman, Helen Woodside’s friend; Mary-Lib Pennock, Cliff Frierson’s cousin; Melanie, Jimmy and Christian Rogers, family of Helen Woodside’s cousin; Michele Rouse, Cynthia Middleton’s sister; Ruby Sermeño, Miriam Herrera’s sister; Meredith Shahpazian, friend of Betty and Linda Davis; Joan Davis Smith, sister of Betty and Linda Davis; Chelsea Walker, Letia Henson’s daughter; Cindy Wheatley, Jane Martin’s friend; Mimi Williams, Coby Armstrong’s mother; Bryan Wilson, Mary Jane Hannah’s brother

pray for our world
Heavenly Father, we thank you for your attention to detail. We know that not everything in our life is perfect and still you love each and every one of us anyway. We have diverse gifts and, somehow, they work together for us as a whole. As long as we continue to use our gifts we can accomplish much ... together. For these gifts and your attention, we thank you.

We pray for clean water and air for all living beings and for rain to grow the produce brought to our tables by farmers. We ask your blessings for all who dedicate their lives to ending
worldwide hunger, that their goal will someday be reached. May we ever be mindful of those who do not have food, clean water, and shelter.

Forgive us, O God, for our failings. We sometimes forget to love our neighbor, to appreciate all that is good in our lives, to stay in constant communication with you, to work for the peace we all desire. May we learn to truly be a forgiving people.

Remind us to step out of the daily franticness of our lives so that we may regain, refresh, and strengthen our faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, April 2
11:00AM - Worship Service
12:00PM - Sandwich Ministry
12:15PM - Finance & Mission Ministry Team Meetings

Tuesday, April 4
6:30PM - Personnel Team Meeting
7:30PM - Congregational Life Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 5
6:15PM - Handbell Rehearsal
7:30PM - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 7
6:30PM - OIKOS College Ministry

Saturday, April 8
9:30AM - Fernbank Forest Nature Hike

Sunday, April 9
9:30AM - Bible Roundtable Sunday School Class
9:45AM - Sunday School Classes
10:15AM - Choir Warm Up
10:30AM - OIKOS College Ministry
11:00AM - Palm/Passion Sunday Worship
12:15PM - Second Sunday Lunch
12:30PM - Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting
12:45PM - Youth Group

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Today, Sunday, April 2, Following Worship

Our Poncey Highland neighborhood is shifting rapidly and there are fewer and fewer places for hungry and homeless people to gather and find food. Mercy Community Church is committed to making sure food is provided every day, and we are committing to help. On the first and third Sundays of the month we will make 250 sandwiches for the Mercy Community. Stick around after today’s worship to help. We’ll be in the sanctuary near the snack table. This is a fun, easy way to share our time and treasure.
IN-HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Palm Sunday, April 9, 12:30pm
By taking communion to and visiting with DHPC’s homebound members we extend the Lord’s table and mysteriously encounter the source of our grace and hope during the reorienting experience of Lent. In-home communion visits are a powerful reminder that homebound are not alone and that God’s grace and hope is calling out to us all. Teams of two will stop at the home of one homebound member, spend some time visiting, and read a short worship service which will be provided. Elders and volunteers are needed to fill these two-person teams. Please email Rachel Mathews (rmathews@dhpc.org) to sign up!

EASTER EGG HUNT (DONATIONS NEEDED)
Sunday, April 16, 10AM
DHPC children, families, and friends, as well as community members, are invited to join us Easter morning for an egg hunt on the front lawn. After the egg hunt there will be games, music, and snacks in the parlor! Join us! ● If you would like to support the fun of egg hunting, please help us by donating bags of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to put in the eggs. Bags of candy can be brought to the church office through the morning of April 9.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Contact Barrett Payne, Youth Director, (bpayne@dhpc.org) for more information about youth events.
Sunday, April 9, 12PM: Conversation, Lunch, and Egg Stuffing
Following worship the youth will gather for lunch and conversation about our 3/26/17 trip. We will then transition into Egg Hunting Preparation and stuff eggs for Easter Sunday’s Egg Hunt. Come see what fun treats will be inside the eggs for the children of DHPC. Youth might even be able to slip a piece of candy or two into a pocket. Join us!
Sunday, April 16, 9:45AM: Children’s Easter Celebration Prep
The youth will gather at the church on Easter morning to hide eggs, setup games in the parlor, and celebrate Easter with our church family. If you would like to host or design a game, let Barrett know.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY
Urgent needs for the Pantry are listed outside the stairwell to Converse Hall. Please check the list. The Pantry served over 90 families on March 25th which was wonderful! However, they've run out of a few things...but you supplied them on March 26th! You brought 24 cans of Vienna sausage, which was on the list of needs. Wow! Also on their list were canned foods: chicken, spam, veggies, and fruit, which you brought! Plus, Pantry workers were pleased to see so many easy open foods. Thanks! ● Each week the Pantry coordinator sends a weekly email update. In addition to Pantry news, it lists their current needs, food and otherwise. If you would like to be on that email list, please contact Jane Boyd Lee. You'll get the news in advance and can get a jump on your weekly grocery shopping!
FERNBANK FOREST NATURE HIKE  
**Saturday, April 8, 9:30AM**
All DHPC members and friends are invited to welcome in spring as we spend the morning enjoying God’s creations! Join us as we meet in the museum lobby between 9:30 and 9:45am. Participants will need to either be Fernbank members or purchase a museum ticket to enter the forest. Unfortunately, we do not have free tickets this time. You will want to have comfortable clothes, including shoes with good tread, insect repellent, a hat, if you are a hat person, sunscreen, and water. You don't want to miss any of the fun! Contact Anne Townsley with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH  
**Sunday, April 9, 12:15PM**
Join church friends and family for fun and fellowship at April’s Second Sunday Luncheon! Lunch will be served in Converse Hall immediately following the worship service. The cost for lunch is $8 per person for visitors and members with reservations or $10 for members without reservations ($5/children). Please RSVP by Thursday, April 6 at 8pm by indicating your reservation in the blue friendship pad, calling the church office, signing up online, or completing the RSVP in the bulletin the first Sunday of each month. Online payment is also available. Make plans to join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
**Tuesday, April 11, 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.

INTOWN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY ARTS AND EATS FUNDRAISER  
**Sunday, April 30, 4-7PM; Atlanta History Center**
The 5th Annual Arts & Eats ICM fundraiser is coming next month. There will be a live and silent auction, open bar, games, prizes, wall of wine, great food, and all for two great causes: Intown and the Snack in a Backpack program, which work to end hunger and homelessness for children and families in our neighborhoods. Don't miss out on this exciting event. To buy tickets and find out more about this year's event visit [https://intowncm.org/artsandeats/](https://intowncm.org/artsandeats/).

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. During the Sunday School hour, we offer a supervised nursery for all infants and toddlers. Older small children are welcome in the nursery, Room 115, during worship.
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.

HOLY WEEK AT DRUID HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday, April 9, 11AM, Sanctuary
Worship begins with celebration and the waving of palms as we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will also explore Jesus’ passion (which comes from the Latin meaning “suffering/enduring”). Through art, music (particularly spirituals), and readings of the Stations of the Cross, we will follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, through his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Children and youth are encouraged to gather in the back of the sanctuary to prepare to process with palms. Join us!

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK AND WORSHIP
April 6, beginning at 6:30, Parlor
Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night of his arrest. Please bring a dish to share as we gather together for dinner and fellowship. Email Nancy Merl (artnres@gmail.com) what dish you will be bringing. Nancy will help to make sure all food groups are represented. And remember, you’re wanted even if you can't bring a dish! (Members of Mercy Community Church will join us as well, so you might bring just a little extra.) Worship will follow, also in the parlor, and will begin at approximately 7:30 PM.

MERCY CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY URBAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday, April 14, 11am, Freedom Park (behind Moe’s)
Mercy Community Church invites the DHPC community to an urban Good Friday Way of the Cross. Participants will read the passion narrative and journey together through the streets, connecting moments from Jesus’ passion with the suffering of our homeless sisters and brothers. We will have a picnic lunch at 11am and begin the walk at noon, both in Freedom Park (behind Moe's). Our time will be filled with Scripture reading, songs, prayers, and reflection.
GOOD FRIDAY ONLINE WORSHIP
You are invited to worship in your own space and time, via our service posted at www.dhpc.org. This worship experience includes scripture, prayers, and reflection to center your heart on the sacrifice of our savior.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE
You are invited to bring fresh flowers on Sunday morning to decorate the Easter cross, which will sit on our front lawn and announce the resurrection of our Living Savior to all who pass on Ponce. Stop by before worship or during the 10 AM hour.

EASTER GARDEN SERVICE, 9:15 AM, GERTRUDE’S GARDEN
Brief service of worship, including music, resurrection reflection, and communion.

EGG HUNT, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE, 10 AM, PARLOR AND LAWN
Join us for a time of fellowship, story and service. We’ll gather in the parlor for an Easter story and special Easter pastries. Children (0-5th grade) will enjoy an egg hunt and games. All are invited to decorate the Easter cross and participate in our Sandwich Ministry. (What a perfect way to celebrate Jesus’s life by sharing our joy and our bread?)

EASTER WORSHIP, 11 AM, SANCTUARY
Worship witnessing to hope in Christ’s resurrection, including special music, with brass, and communion.
EASTER DEDICATIONS
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Each year at Easter members and friends of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church have the opportunity to contribute funds for two special purposes. First, funds go toward the purchase of fresh, colorful flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Second, donations are used to purchase supplies for our new “Sandwich Ministry”. As part of the Sandwich Ministry, DHPC, in partnership with Mercy Community Church, will provide 125 sandwiches each week and offer reliable daily nutrition for hungry people in the Poncey Highland neighborhood.

Contributions may be made in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones whose names will be in our Easter Sunday bulletin. To make a donation, please complete the form below. Put your form with payment in the offering plate or, if time allows, mail to the church office. Please do not include any other church-related monies with this check. Make your check payable to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, and note on the memorandum line “Easter Dedication.” In order for your gift to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, all forms and checks must be received in the church office by Monday, April 10th. Ask an usher if you need more than one form.

EASTER DEDICATION FORM

In Memory of: ____________________________________________________________
please print the name as you would like it to appear

In Honor of: ______________________________________________________________
please print the name as you would like it to appear

Given by: _________________________________________________________________
please print the name as you would like it to appear

Name and phone number of donor: ___________________________________________