First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 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  My Soul Waits in Silence  Michael Shea

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP  from Isaiah 44:21-23

  Leader:  God said: Remember these things:
           I formed you; you are my servant! I won’t forget you.
           I swept away your rebellions like a cloud and your sins like fog.
           Return to me, because I have redeemed you.

  All:  Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has acted.
         Shout, O depths of the earth!
         Break forth into singing, O mountains,
         O forest, and every tree in it!
         For the Lord has redeemed God’s children
         And will be glorified in them.

† HYMN #475  Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  Nettleton

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

O God, who makes all things new,
new stars, new dust, new life;
take my heart,
every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in me.

I need your newness, God,
the rough parts of me made smooth;
the stagnant, stirred;
the stuck, freed;
the unkind, forgiven.

And then, by the power of your Spirit,
I need to be turned toward Love again.

(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 #165  The Glory of These Forty Days  Erhalt Uns, Herr

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

(WE’RE ALL GOD’S) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON  John 11:11-44  p 104 NT

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

SERMON  “Faces on the Crossroads: Lazarus”  Rev. Shelli Latham

† HYMN #800  Sometimes a Light Surprises  Salley Gardens
(verse 1)

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM  

I am the Resurrection and the Life

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
And whosoever liveth and believe in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
† 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.
Lent is 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).
Thank you to our guest organist, Judi Caldwell. Judi is a member of Shallowford Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir and accompanies the children’s choirs. She also serves as a substitute organist and pianist.

This morning’s bulletin art is Vincent Van Gogh’s *Raising of Lazarus*, May 1890.

**Unison Prayer of Brokenness** is by Pamela C. Hawkins, in *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent*.

Children are invited to the PrayGround: The multi-colored mat at the back of the sanctuary is for our young disciples to learn to participate in worship. Each child’s age and development will shape how they best learn to worship through access to play. An attentive parent or worship buddy will best help our youngest worshippers to learn and grow. We encourage you to consider these guidelines: **Ages 0-3** - Just let them play. Being present in the sanctuary is a great start to learning about worship. **Ages 4-6** - Encourage participation in standing, singing simple songs, passing the peace, and looking at related stories in the children’s Bibles. **Ages 7-10** - Parents or a worship buddy can help older children follow along in the bulletin (reading prayers, standing and sitting, singing, walking forward for communion, etc.). We encourage children this age to participate in worship alongside the congregation and use the PrayGround for the sermon portion of worship, if needed. **All ages** - The All God’s Children’s Message is a time for intergenerational collective learning. This is a great opportunity for all children to learn alongside our adults and to help teach them something too.

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**PRAYERS**

**prayers of thanksgiving**
The gratitude of the congregation is extended to **Anne Townsley**, who has dutifully written the Prayer for the World for the several years. As Anne moves to concentrate on other areas of service, we give thanks for her commitment to DHPC’s ministry of prayer.

**pray in condolence**
The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Bob McKinnon**, who died on February 17. Bob was a former member and elder of DHPC. His funeral will be at Shallowford Presbyterian on Saturday, March 30 at 3PM.

**pray for our dhpc community**
**Carl Sweet, Bobby Howlett, Charles Middleton, Lisa Carter, Rev Marilyn Washburn**

**pray for our family and friends**
JOIN US THIS LENT

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.

LENT WORSHIP: FACES ON THE CROSSROADS
Sundays, March 10 - April 7, 11 AM
Join us as through song, scripture and prayer we examine our faith journey through encounters with Bible characters Jesus met on his final journey to and through Jerusalem, towards the cross.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BANKS
On Easter Sunday DHPC will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This offering allows Presbyterians to join in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Part of this offering is received via change collected in the OGHS fish banks, which will be distributed in worship. Please put your bank somewhere prominent to remind you to drop a few coins in your bank throughout Lent. Then, return your bank to DHPC on Sunday, April 21. Thank you for your support!

PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY
Sunday, April 14, 11AM
Worship begins with pomp and a parade with palms and transitions to a retelling of the Passion (crucifixion) narrative, through art, song and reflection on Jesus’ Seven Last Words.

SAVE THE DATES FOR HOLY WEEK
Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Reflection, Monday-Friday, April 15-19 - Self-guided meditation, worship stations, labyrinth. Monday-Thursday (9 AM - 3 PM), Good Friday (7 AM - 7 PM)
Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Two Potluck worship opportunities with communion. Brunch (noon) and supper (6:30 PM)
Easter Sunrise Service, April 21, 6:30 AM - Community sunrise service with song, scripture, communion, pastries and sunrise faux-mosas.
Drop-in Pancake Breakfast, April 21, 9 AM - Pancakes and fellowship before and after the butterfly release
Butterfly Release in the Garden, April 21, 9:45 AM - Joyful song and prayer with a release of butterflies and flowering of the cross
Easter Celebration, April 21, 10 AM - More pancakes, fellowship, children’s egg hunt and mission project following the butterfly release
WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 10
11:00AM – Worship Service
12:15PM – Second Sunday Lunch

Monday, March 11
7:00PM – Equipping Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 12
10:30AM – Presbyterian Women Day Circle
7:15PM – Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Wednesday, March 13
6:15PM – Handbell Rehearsal
Yoga Prayer
7:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 15
2:00PM – Phoenix Flies Tour of the Sanctuary and Organ Crawl

Sunday, March 17
8:30AM – Community Fellowship Bible Study
9:30AM – Adult Bible Roundtable Sunday School Class
9:45AM – Sunday School for All Ages
10:15AM – Choir Warm Up
11:00AM – Worship Service
12:15PM – Sandwich Ministry
12:30PM – Baby Shower for Lauren Merceron
3:00PM – Phoenix Flies Tour of the Sanctuary and Organ Crawl

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH
Today, 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.

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.

ATLANTA MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES
Sunday, March 17, 7AM (start time)
Make sure to plan extra travel time to worship on March 17. The Publix Atlanta Marathon will cause road closures in the area surrounding DHPC. For a map of road closures, please visit the Atlanta Track Club’s website.
BABY SHOWER FOR LAUREN MERCERON  
**Sunday, March 17, 12:30PM *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).

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  
This past Saturday our Pantry guests received a real treat! Mac, the Pantry security guard and professional caterer, put on a cook-out for our guests. Chicken was donated by Church’s and Focus Brands along with some nice side dishes. A good time was had by all. There was also, of course, your donated coffee, tea, meat, rice, and fruit cups for guests to take with them when they left, carrying them in donated grocery bags. It was a good day! Thank you for your support!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION OFFERING OF LETTERS  
**Sunday, March 17, 12:15PM**  
Following worship next week, DHPC will continue our support of the March for Our Lives organizers with an offering of letters supporting a bill that mandates background checks be performed on all gun sales, including firearm purchases made privately, whether it be online or at gun shows. This bill has passed the House of Representatives and is heading to the Senate. DHPC’s letters will join with other letters collected and be hand-delivered to the Senate by student organizers. Contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) with any questions.

SANDWICHES FOR MERCY  
**Sunday, March 17, 12:15PM (Sanctuary)**  
Once a month the congregation is invited to gather in the rear of the sanctuary 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. Contact Anne Townsley (anne.townsley314@gmail.com) with any questions.
BOOK CLUB APRIL MEETING
Monday, March 18, 7pm
All who love to read interesting, challenging, and fun books are encouraged to join the monthly meeting of the Miller Book Club. This month’s book is *Circle* by Madeline Miller. All are welcome. Please contact Letia Henson with questions or for meeting location. See you there!

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH
Sunday, March 24, Following worship
All Young Adults are invited to gather for lunch on the town as we welcome in Spring. We’ll walk together (or drive, depending on the weather) to a nearby lunch spot. Join us for fellowship, food, and good conversation before you start your week! Meet at the back of the sanctuary following worship. Questions? (Or restaurant recommendations!) Email Emily at emorrell@dhpc.org.

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.

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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