

March 5, 2023

Order of Worship
Second Sunday in Lent

10:15am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

• Call to Worship

There is so much we do not understand. But this we know for sure:

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God is our keeper and our shade.

Let us lift our eyes to God!

• Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: #482 - Baptized in Water

• Prayer of Confession

Our help does truly come from God.

This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions.

Knowing that, we turn to God for help, trusting in unending grace.

O Lord, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us.

You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words.

**We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch,
we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.**

Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit.

Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

• Congregational Response: #604 - Lamb of God

Children's Message: Zora Mallory

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading - Genesis 12:1-4a (Liturgist, Bob Gessler)

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Special Music

Scripture Reading – John 3:1-17

*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

• Sounds of Hope: #462 - I Love to Tell the Story

• Affirmation of Faith (Inspired by John 3)

Through the love of God in Jesus Christ, we are born again. We are born for a new world where we breathe not physical air, but the love of the cross of Christ. In this love we find nourishment for eternal life. May God be praised! Amen.

Giving and Offertory

Doxology

The Lord’s Supper

Pastoral Prayer 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.

- **Sounds of Love:** #634 - To God Be the Glory

- **Benediction**

Postlude

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.



March 8 - Book Group, 1:30pm; Logos, 5:30pm (“Kindness is Trending”); Agape, 6pm *****If you’d like to attend the Agape Meal, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office by Noon tomorrow.***

March 14 – Dot New Circle, 10am

March 15 & 22 – Spring Break – No Book Group, Logos or Agape

March 16 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, Location TBD

March 29 - Book Group, 1:30pm; Logos, 5:30pm (“Chubby Bunny Videos are Trending”); Agape, 6pm.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Eleanor Babcock. Gone but not forgotten, The Babcock & Miles families.

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Benge, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the “Giving” tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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