

March 12, 2023

Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

10:15am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

• Call to Worship

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

Even in the deserts of our lives,

God is among us.

Come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

• Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: #182 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

• Prayer of Confession

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect.

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus,

who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung,

our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day.

Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives.

We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort.

Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water,

that we might tell the world all you have done for us.

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance,
endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Thanks be to God!

• Congregational Response: #626 - As the Deer

Children's Message: Stephanie Fox

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – Exodus 17: 2-7 (Liturgist, R. J. Mamula)

*The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

Scripture Reading – John 4:7-18

*A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!". The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

• Sounds of Hope: #479 - Ho! All Who Thirst

• Affirmation of Faith (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.

Giving and Offertory

Doxology

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:** #81 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



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.

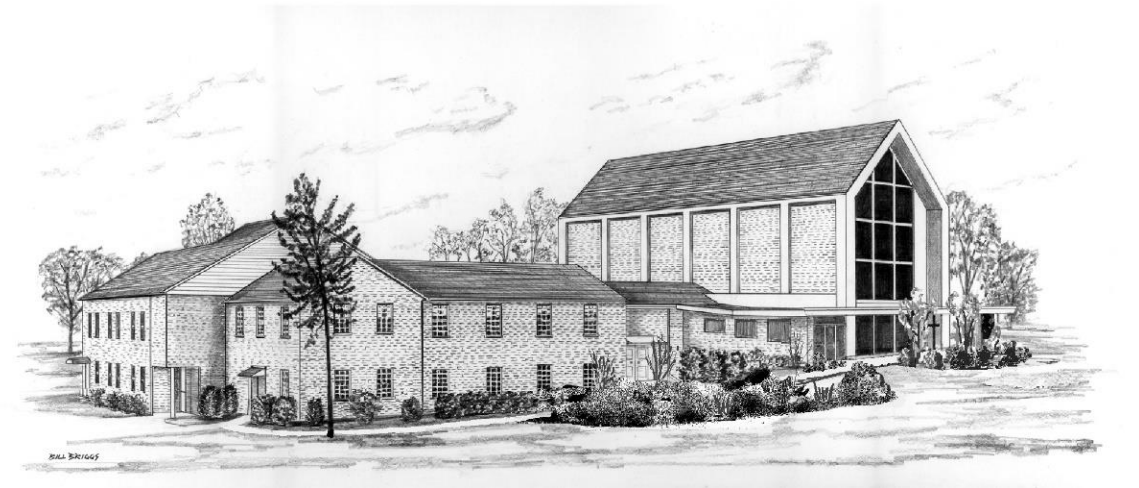
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Benge, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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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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