

March 19, 2023

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:15am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- Call to Worship

The Lord looks not at our outward selves,
but seeks to know what is in our hearts.
Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,
that we might live as children of the Most High.

- Invocation

- Sounds of Faith: #649 - Amazing Grace

- Prayer of Confession

Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden,
but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment.
Therefore let us take our sins to Christ.
God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world.
We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget:
you do what is good, not what is expected.
Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles.
Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions.
Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call,
ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.
Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,
and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Thanks be to God!

- Congregational Response: #604 - Lamb of God

Children's Message: Tony Pritchett

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading – Psalm 23 (Liturgist, Mary Goodloe)

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.*

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Scripture Reading – John 9:35-41

*Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- Sounds of Hope: #450 - Be Thou My Vision

- Affirmation of Faith (Based on John 9:1-41)

Let us open our hearts to Jesus, setting aside our fears and our pride. Let us go to him so that we may see most clearly what is true and right in this world. Help us, Lord, to see with the eyes of Jesus. 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:** #451 - Open My Eyes, That I May See
- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



March 29 - Book Group, 1:30pm; Logos, 5:30pm (“Chubby Bunny Videos are Trending”); Special Program – **“I MOVED”**, 7pm (A Passion Cantata featuring the DPC Handbell Choir, Children’s Choir, and Adult Choir, with guest instrumentalists).

Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendars

Palm Sunday, April 2 – Service at 10:15am
Maundy Thursday, April 6 – Dinner at 6pm/Service at 6:45pm
Good Friday, April 7 – Service at 6:30pm
Easter, April 9 – Service at 10:15am
Fifth Sunday Feast, April 30 – 9am

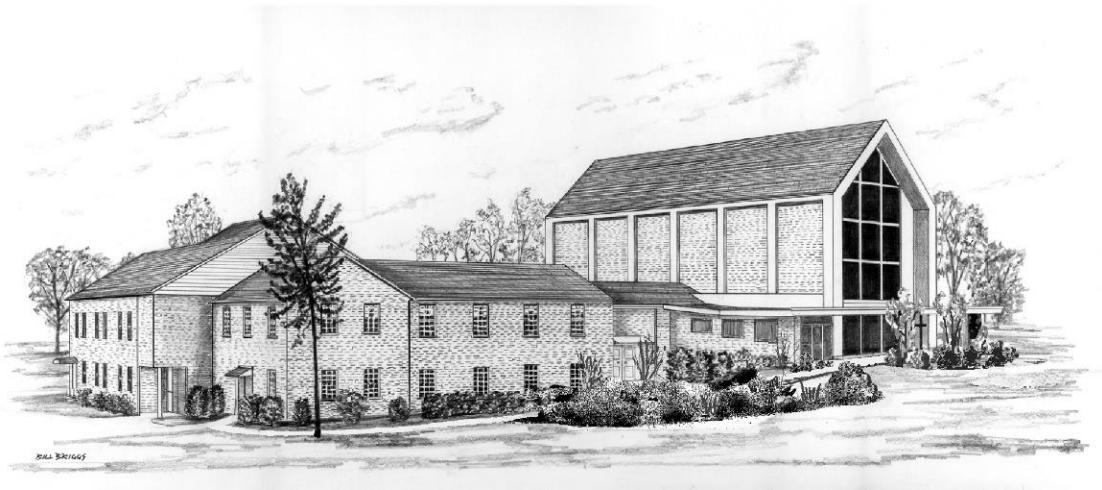
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Benge, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

Three Ways to Give at DPC

1. Plate giving during the offertory portion of our service
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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