

February 18, 2024

Order of Worship  
First Sunday in Lent

10:15am

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship**

The praise we come to share is praise of thanksgiving.

**In our worship, we hold God's love close to our hearts.**

We desire to surround ourselves with community.

**As our songs echo, our prayers rise, claiming God as our strength.**

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith: #39 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

- **Prayer of Confession**

Beloved in Christ,

we ask God now to hear the prayers of our hearts as we bring our confessions to God's ear.

**Loving God, in this quiet time of prayer and meditation, we feel our souls stretching, reaching past our sins to be closer to you. Help us to look deep into ourselves, that our Lenten penitence might be about more than something we want to give up or even something new we want to take on.**

**Rid us of the desire to get more, and inspire us to give more.**

**Rid us of our selfish insecurity, and guide us in the way of selflessness.**

**In our brokenness may we find the kind of healing that brings wholeness to others. Amen.**

Jesus walked on the earth and knows the temptations that lead us away from God.

His gift of healing extends even to our transgressions.

His life shows us the transforming power of God's mercy in a world of hurt and pain.

His ceaseless love and grace assure us of our forgiveness.

- **Congregational Response: #604 - Lamb of God**

**Children's Message:** Tony Pritchett

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 9:8-17, Liturgist ~ Carol Dover

*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood,*

*and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

**Choir Anthem:** Lord Jesus, Think on Me

**Scripture Reading:** I Peter 3:18-22

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

**Meditation:** Dr. Paul Casner

- **Affirmation of Faith**

**With your voice you plant the seed of your will in our hearts, where Christ waters it with an unending flow of love and the Spirit tends it as we grow ever stronger in your ways.**

**We pray that, like a seedling, we might reach for the light and stretch our roots deep into the soil of your blessed foundation. Amen.**

- **Sounds of Hope: #738 - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

### Giving and Offertory

- **Doxology**

**Pastoral Prayers, the Lord's Prayer:**

**. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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:** #490 - Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

● **Benediction**

**Postlude**

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



**TODAY** – “Sweets for the Sweet” ~ Spaghetti lunch & dessert auction after the service. All are invited! (\$15/adult, \$10/child, \$35/family maximum) All proceeds go to DPC Youth.  
**February 19** – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm (community event)  
**February 21, 28** – Book Group 1:30pm, Logos 5:30pm, Agape 6pm (sign up for dinner at the back of the sanctuary!), Choir 7:30pm  
**February 22** – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm (Location TBD)  
**February 23** – Jim Fortier Memorial Service, 1pm (Reception to follow)  
**February 24** – DPC Movie Night 5:30pm– Details coming soon!

**Pastoral Care Team:** Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Bengé, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Leanne Terry, 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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*Sharing the Love of Christ*



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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