Order of Worship Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

10:15am

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### Prelude

#### • Call to Worship

It is such a blessing to gather together in God's name!

We enter this time of worship joyfully, assured of God's mercies.

Celebrating these blessings to come, we bring our love to God.

Let us worship together!

Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: INSERT - Wherever He Leads I'll Go

• 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.

O Lord, our faith is so weak. We fail to put our beliefs into practice.

We fail to trust in your promises. We fail to come to you in prayer.

Forgive us of our sin and strengthen our failing hearts.

Help us to take your hand and follow where you would lead us. Amen.

Jesus 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.

His ceaseless love and grace assure us of our forgiveness.

• Congregational Response: #604 - Lamb of God

Children's Message: Dr. Paul Casner

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17, Liturgist ~ Randy Mallory

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come

from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you . . . God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-35

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.** 

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

• Sounds of Hope: INSERT - We Will Feast in The House of Zion

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus showed us that strength comes from the courage to be weak, and victory comes through self-denial. Let us trust what Jesus taught us, and live lives of humble love. Amen.

## **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: #726 - Will You Come and Follow Me

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

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



**February 28** – Book Group 1:30pm, Logos 5:30pm, Agape 6pm (sign up for dinner at the back of the sanctuary!), Choir 7:30pm

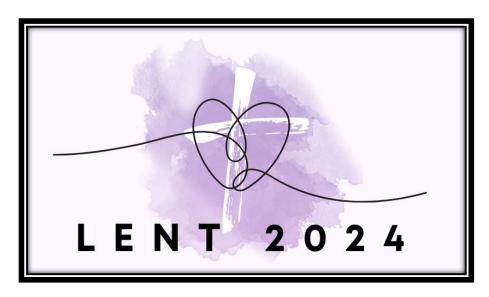
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Benge, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Leanne Terry, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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- 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

# **Donelson Presbyterian Church**

# 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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