

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship:**

God teaches us the way of righteousness,
the way of love, the way of peace.
We glorify God,
gathering to hear God's word.
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enacting God's word in the world.

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #14 - For the Beauty of the Earth

- **Prayer of Confession**

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me!
Righteous God, you lead us by example through your generous love.
But we so often fail to heed your example.
We behave selfishly, thinking of ourselves first and others second. Forgive us, O Lord.
Lead us away from selfish ambition to true communion with our neighbors.
May we be doers of the word, letting our lives reflect the love we have received. Amen.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee.
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me!

- **Congregational Response:** #581 - Glory Be to The Father

Children's Message: Leanne Terry

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Liturgist ~ Mike Terry

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

*The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

*The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: O Living Bread of Heaven

Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

*If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** #717 - For the Life That You Have Given

- **Affirmation of Faith:** The 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**

The Lord's Supper

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:** #32 - I Sing the Mighty Power of God

• **Benediction**

Postlude

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



Today – Hunger & Help Offering to benefit **Morning Star Sanctuary** (a program of **AGAPE Nashville**, that exists to provide refuge for victims of domestic violence and their children)

September 4, 11, 18, 25 – Book Group, 1:30pm

September 6-8 – Fall Retreat at NaCoMe

September 10 – Dot New Circle – Out to Lunch at Las Palmas, Hermitage, 11am

September 12 – **NEW** Women's Fellowship Dinner! Meet at 5:30pm at McNamara's

September 16 – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm (community event – ALL invited)

September 26- Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm (location TBD)

September 29 - All-Church Picnic/Playground dedication (following the Worship Service)

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

Today's Security Team: Robert McCarthy, David Smith

Today's Counters: Kathleen Crumby, Mike Ingram

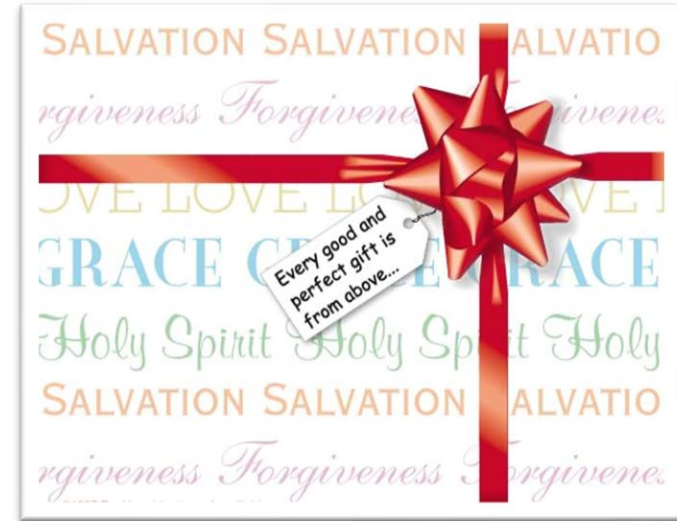
September Head Usher & Communion Preparation: Stephanie Fox

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

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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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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