

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship:**

We have been gathered in this place for this time,
that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.
On this day and each one to come,
**may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts,
and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.**

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #174 – Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

- **Prayer of Confession**

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me!
Holy God, your wisdom cries out in the streets and your grace whispers in the wind.
You speak to us in many ways.
Help us to hear you in the laughter of a child and in weary sighs too deep for words.
As you speak to us, let us speak of you!
Forgive us for failing to share what we believe with our words and our whole lives. Amen.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee.
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me!

- **Congregational Response:** #583 – Glory to God

Children's Message: Zora Mallory

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33, Liturgist ~ Randy Mallory
Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

*Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,*

*I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.*

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

*Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.*

*For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster." The Word
of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: Did You Think to Pray?

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no
mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into
the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though
they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder
wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great
exploits.*

*How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among
our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is
itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed
and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of
deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the
likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought
not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a
fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.
The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** INSERT – There Is a Fountain

- **Affirmation of Faith:**

**Let us open our hearts to Jesus, allowing him to sit on the throne of our hearts. May he
rule our thoughts and our words. May our speech be uplifting, speaking the truth in love.
May our tongues be a spring of refreshment for all. 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: #546 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- Benediction

Postlude

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



September 18, 25 – Book Group, 1:30pm

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

September 26 - Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm – Meet at Las Palmas, Hermitage

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

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share (main dish, drinks, utensils provided)

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Bengé, 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: Mary Goodloe, David Smith

Today's Counters: Carolyn Lantz, Stephanie Fox

September Head Usher: Stephanie Fox

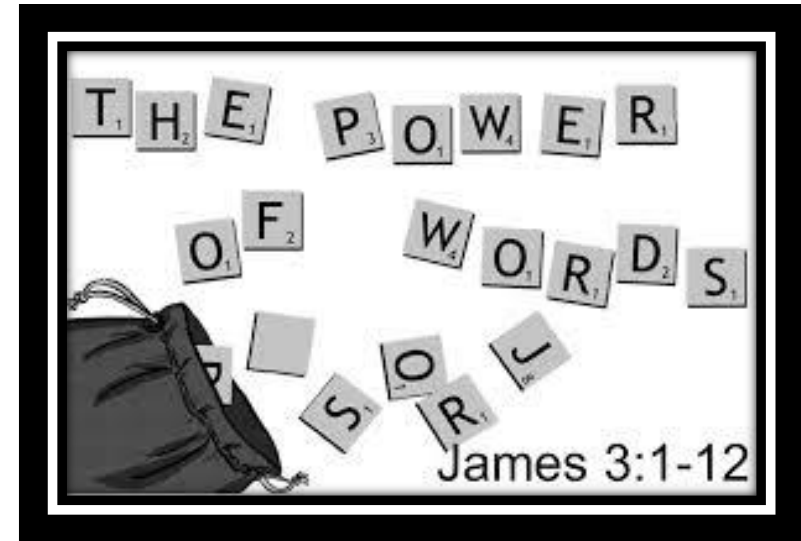
Three Ways to Give at DPC

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

****The flowers in our sanctuary today are given by Tommie Swift in memory of his dear wife, Janet.**

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.

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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