

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship:**

In this time set apart for worship, the Holy Spirit invites us:

Draw near to God,
who is steady and sure.

Draw near to God,
who welcomes those often overlooked.

Draw near to God,
who draws us together like threads woven in a shared fabric of faith.
Let us worship the Lord.

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** INSERT - Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

- **Prayer of Confession**

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

**Faithful God, you do not promise that following you will be easy,
but you teach us that your way leads to peace, mercy, and welcome for all.**

Forgive us when we let the challenges of faith's journey obscure its benefits.

Even when things get tough, help us to keep a tight grip on your guiding hand. 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: Kathy McCarthy

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Liturgist ~ Carol Dover

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

*“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”*

*But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.*

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: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Scripture Reading: James 3: 13-18; 4:7-10

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace . . .

*. . . Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** #824 – There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

- **Affirmation of Faith:**

The wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. This wisdom brings forth a harvest of righteousness! Let us therefore humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift us up! 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:** #12 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

● **Benediction**

Postlude

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



September 25 – Book Group, 1:30pm

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 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: Randy Smith, RJ Mamula

Today's Counters: Bob Gessler, Laura Piper

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

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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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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