

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship:**

We gather in this place  
**asking God to guide us.**

Lord, revive our souls,

**that we might lift each other up.**

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**that we might love others as you have loved us.**

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #667 - When Morning Gilds the Skies

- **Prayer of Confession**

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

**Loving God,**

**give us wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth.**

**Forgive us when we neglect your work, failing to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**We humbly pray that you will empower us for your service.**

**May we all join in telling the world of your work among us.**

**And when necessary, let us use words. 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:** Dr. Paul Casner

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, Liturgist ~ R.J. Mamula

*So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you.*

*And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people,*

*to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen . . . Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

**Choir Anthem:** Awake, My Heart

**Scripture Reading:** James 5:13-20

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.*

*My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

**Meditation:** Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** #465 - What A Friend We Have in Jesus

- **Affirmation of Faith:**

**Let us confess our sins to one another, and let us pray for each other. The power of prayer is great, for it is the power of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Prayer deepens our trust in God, and gives us the kind of courage that we see in Esther. 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:** #804 - Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

• **Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

**TODAY** – Everyone is invited to the **all-church picnic and playground dedication** following our worship service today!



**October 8** – Dot New Circle, 10am

**October 9, 16, 23, 30** – Book Group, 1:30pm

**October 10** – Ladies' Fellowship Dinner, 6pm (Meet at E Milano's Pizza House, 150 Donelson Pike)

**October 16, 23, 30** – Logos (5:30pm) & Agape (6pm)

**October 21** – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm ~ Community Event (all invited)

**October 24** – Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm, location TBD

**October 26** – Trunk or Treat, 4-7pm

**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:** Dennis Crumby, Jeff Clark

**Today's Counters:** Kathleen Crumby, Kathy McCarthy

**October Head Usher and Communion Preparation:** Janet Smith

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed by the Session in memory of Karen Minor.*

### 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.

## September 29, 2024

*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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