

January 4, 2026

Order of Worship  
The Baptism of the Lord

10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

● **Call to Worship:** Psalm 103

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity, who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

● **Invocation**

● **Sounds of Faith:** #156 – Sing of God Made Manifest

**Children’s Message:** Leanne Terry

**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**

**Choir Anthem:** Arise!

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3:1-22, Liturgist, Kathy Smith

*The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance...And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” In reply he said to*

*them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.*

*...I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.*

*...Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation:** Pastor Rob McRay

● **Sounds of Hope:** #425 – Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

● **Prayer of Confession:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

We are saved by grace. It is the gift of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

● **Congregational Response:** #568 - Amen

**Prayer for the Hunger & Help Offering:**

God of glory, may these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. **Amen.**

● **Affirmation of Faith:** Adapted from Ephesians 4

**We affirm that there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Supper**

• **Sounds of Love: #152** – What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

• **Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## JANUARY

**TODAY** – Hunger & Help Offering/PNC Meeting after Worship Service

**January 7, 14, 21, 28** – Book Group via Zoom, 1:30pm

**January 8** – Ladies Fellowship Dinner, 6pm (Meet at the Cheesecake Factory, Opry Mills)

**January 11** – Session Meeting after Worship Service

**January 13** – Dot New Circle, 10am

**January 19** – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm

**January 22** – Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm

**Today's Security Team:** Mike Terry, Jeff Clark

**Today's Counters:** Bob Gessler, Kathleen Crumby

**January Head Usher:** Ann Koonce

**January Communion Prep:** Diane Ingram

**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, Jeni Steele, Leanne Terry, Jim Turner, 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](http://donelsonpres.org) – Click the "Giving" tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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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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