

January 11, 2026

Order of Worship  
First Sunday After Epiphany

10:15am

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship:** Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #409 – God is Here!

- **Prayer of Confession:**

Trusting in the promise of the gospel, let us make our confession.

**Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away.**

**Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts.**

**Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities.**

**Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.**

Nothing can separate us from God's love. This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

**Children's Message:** Zora Mallory

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Liturgist, Carol Dover

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;*

*I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations...*

*He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.*

*Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,*

*who spread out the earth and what comes from it,*

*who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:*

*I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you;*

*I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,*

*to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,*

*from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

*I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.*

*See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;*

*before they spring forth, I tell you of them..*

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

**Choir Anthem:** This Love of God

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 6:6-11

*On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.*

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

**Meditation:** Pastor Rob McRay

- **Sounds of Hope:** #435 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- **Affirmation of Faith:** Exodus 34:6-7

As our affirmation of faith today, let's recite God's self-description to Moses. We believe this truth about the LORD our God:

**"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."**

### 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: #757** – Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

• **Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**JANUARY**

**TODAY** – Session Meeting following the worship service

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

**January 13** – Dot New Circle, 10am

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

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

**Today's Security Team:** Mary Goodloe, David Smith

**Today's Counters:** Mike Ingram, Debby Barnard

**January Head Usher:** Ann Koonce

**January Acolyte Leader:** Janet Smith

**Today's Acolyte:** Max Smith

**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, Jeni Steele, Leanne Terry, Jim Turner, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

**Special Adult Sunday School Emphasis:** "Eternal Fire and a Loving God: What Does the Bible Really Teach About Hell?" - Sunday morning at 9:00am, **January 18 and 25** (This class will explore what the Bible does and doesn't teach about the eternal destiny of believers and unbelievers. Will God really torture the wicked for all eternity? Does the "soul of man never die"? How are we to understand what the Bible says about hell in the light of what the Bible says about God's love and justice?)

### 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

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*Sharing the Love of Christ*

Gracious God  
Slow to anger  
abounding in love  
and faithfulness.

*Exodus 34:6*

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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