

March 8, 2026

Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

10:15am

and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

• Call to Worship:

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!
We are the people of God's pasture;
we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.
We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

• Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: #301 - Let Us Build a House

• Prayer of Confession: Liturgist, Bob Gessler

**God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts.
You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge,
and yet we hide them under a bushel.
We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given.
Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to you. Amen.**
God has destined us for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us so that we may live with him.
Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!

• Congregational Response: #604 - Lamb of God

Giving and Offertory

• Doxology

• Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. In the power of the risen Christ

Children's Message: Betty Polk

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be...Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'"

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

Choir Anthem: Once Upon a Tree

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

*Then Jesus said to the disciples, "...I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."*

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

Meditation: Pastor Rob McRay

• Sounds of Hope: #351 - All Who Love and Serve Your City

Hunger and Help Offering

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: #298** - Lord, You Give the Great Commission

• **Benediction**

Postlude

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



TODAY - Hunger & Help Offering to benefit W.O.W./Joint PNC & Session Mtg after worship

March 11 – Service of Prayer & Lament, 6pm

March 11, 18, 25 – Book Group via Zoom, 1:30pm

March 12 – Women’s Fellowship Dinner, 6pm (Meet at Charter Senior Living Clubhouse, rear of the building, 4131 Andrew Jackson Parkway, Hermitage. Food, dessert & drinks will be brought over from Edleys BBQ - \$20/person)

March 16 – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm

March 18 – Hymn Sing & Potluck, 6pm

March 26 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, Los Tres Amigos, 4119 Lebanon Pike, 5:30pm

HOLY WEEK

March 29 – 5th Sunday Feast, 9am/Palm Sunday/H & H Offering to benefit the “One Great Hour of Sharing”

April 2 –Maundy Thursday – Soup & Salad Supper, 6pm/Passover Presentation, 6:30pm (**sign up** at the rear of the sanctuary or email the church office)

April 3 – Good Friday, Drama & Music Presentation, 6:30pm

April 5 - EASTER

Today’s Security Team: Malee Cherry, Alan Koonce

Today’s Counters: Ellen Zink, Richard Lantz

March Head Usher: Zora Mallory

March Acolyte Leader: Ann Koonce

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs – Joy Roark and Jim Turner; Members – Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jeni Steele, Leanne Terry, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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



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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