

April 5, 2026

Order of Worship
Easter

10:15am

Gathering Music: Near the Cross ~ Laura Piper, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: The Trumpet Shall Sound ~ Paul Roark, soloist; Laura Piper, trumpet

• Call to Worship:

On this day, we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death.

And together we declare the good news of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

God exalted Jesus and gave him the name that is above every other name,

**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

And so with countless saints over the ages, we exchange the Easter greeting:

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

• Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: #232 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

• Prayer of Confession: Liturgist, Mike Terry

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us.

**There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy
of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us.**

**You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are,
in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe.**

Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you.

We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

Alleluia!

• Congregational Response: "Because He Lives"

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living,

Just because He lives!

Children's Message: Pastor Rob McRay

Pastoral Prayers, The Lord's Prayer: Ruth White

... 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

Giving and Offertory

• Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:55-24:5

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

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

Choir Anthem: Empty Now

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him...

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight... That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Meditation: Pastor Rob McRay

• Sounds of Hope: Jesus Strong and Kind (see insert)

The Lord's Supper: Dick Moore

- **Affirmation of Faith:** Adapted from I Corinthians 15:3-11
The apostles handed on to us as of first importance what we have believed:
That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to witnesses. So they proclaimed and so we believe.
- **Sounds of Love:** Christ Arose (see insert)
- **Choral Benediction:** The Hallelujah Chorus

Postlude

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



TODAY – Easter egg Hunt for children following the AM service, directory photos taken in PJ New Hall following the service. Please check the directory provided. Initial by your name if all information is correct. Make any necessary changes directly on the sheet.

April 8, 15, 22, 30 – Book Club, 1:30pm

April 9 – Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6pm (Meet at Salento Italia, 329 Donelson Pike).

April 14 – Dot New Circle, 10am

April 20 – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm

April 23 – Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm

Today's Security Team: Jeff Clark, Randy Smith

Today's Counters: Mike Ingram, Carolyn Lantz

April Head Usher: Carol Dover

April Communion Prep: Leanne Terry

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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