

August 23, 2026

Order of Worship
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

• **Call to Worship:** (Adapted from Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

God's praise endures forever.

• **Invocation**

• **Sounds of Faith:** #182 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

• **Prayer of Confession:** Liturgist, Jeni Steele

**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.

God has forgiven us in his steadfast love and mercy.

Thanks be to God!

• **Congregational Response:** #581 - Glory Be to the Father

Children's Message: Betty Polk

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: From Proverbs 2

*My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding,
if you indeed cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures—
then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;*

*he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones.*

*Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path,
for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
prudence will watch over you, and understanding will guard you.*

Therefore walk in the way of the good, and keep to the paths of the just.

*For the upright will abide in the land, and the innocent will remain in it,
but the wicked will be cut off from the earth.*

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

Choir Anthem: Walk Worthy, Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:6-17

*Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on
those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them, for once you were darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that
is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful
works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do
secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is
light. Therefore it says,*

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time,
because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”*

*The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: “What Jesus Called the Weightier Matters: Walk Humbly”, Rob McRay

• **Sounds of Hope:** #377 - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

• **Affirmation of Faith:** From John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without
him not one thing came into being.**

**What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. And the Word became flesh
and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only son, full
of grace and truth..**

Giving and Offertory

• **Doxology**

Pastoral Prayers, The Lord’s Prayer: Jim Turner
. . . **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:** #744 - Arise! Your Light Has Come
- Benediction**

Postlude

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



Today – Donuts & Coffee 10am, Goodbye/Wedding Reception for Jeni & Ben following worship
August 26 – NO book group today!
August 27 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm. Meet at Gondola House, 4613 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage
August 30 – 5th Sunday Feast, 9am (Everyone is invited to this fellowship time - please bring a breakfast item to share); Installation of New Elders, 10:15am.

Today’s Security Team: Dennis Crumby, Randy Smith
Today’s Counters: Kathleen Crumby, Carolyn Lantz
August Head Usher: Ann Koonce

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

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2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the “Giving” tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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