

**Order of Worship  
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**

**April 1, 2018**

**10:15 AM**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**.....  
*Hunger & Help Offering- this month's offering is designated to Raise the Roof Academy.*

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

The Paschal candle symbolizes the eternal light of the risen Christ and the resurrection we hope for as His followers. It burns through the Easter season as well as during funerals and baptisms. The cross is flanked by the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, which remind us that God is our beginning and our end in the life Christ has gained for us.

Leader: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Introit – My Eternal King**.....Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee;  
not because I hope for heav'n thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spears,  
And manifold disgrace,

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,  
Should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,  
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me,  
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,  
And in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God,  
And my Eternal King.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**• Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
People: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
Leader: This is the good news by which we are saved:  
People: **On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.**  
All: **Let us worship God!**

**• Invocation**

**• Hymn of Praise-- #232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**.....EASTER HYMN

**• Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

People: **God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold on to former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life that you promise. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**• Choral Response – Glory To You**.....John Rutter

Glory to You, Lord God of our Fathers;  
You are worthy of praise; glory to You.  
Glory to You for the radiance of Your holy name;  
We will praise You and highly exalt You forever.

Glory to You in the splendor of Your temple;  
On the throne of Your majesty, glory to You.  
Glory to You, seated between the cherubim;  
We will praise You and highly exalt You forever!

Glory to You, beholding the depths;  
In the high vault of heaven, glory to You,  
Glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
We will praise you and highly exalt You forever.  
Glory to You!

**SHARE GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**..... Betsy Hail

**Today's passages**.....speak of the power of the resurrection of Christ.

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9** .....p.652  
The Word of the Lord • **Thanks be to God**

**Anthem – The Power of the Cross**.....Getty/Townsend

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtains torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.  
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

This the power of the cross: Son of God, Christ was slain for us.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!  
This the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.  
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**Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-18** .....p.114  
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**Meditation**.....

• **Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (traditional)**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

• **Hymn -- #250 In the Bulb There is a Flower**.....**PROMISE**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

• **Doxology -- # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**.....**OLD HUNDRETH**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**The Lord's Supper (all elements are gluten-free)**  
Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion and return by the side aisles

**LEAVE READY TO SERVE GOD**

• **Hymn of Commitment – He Lives**.....see insert

• **Benediction**

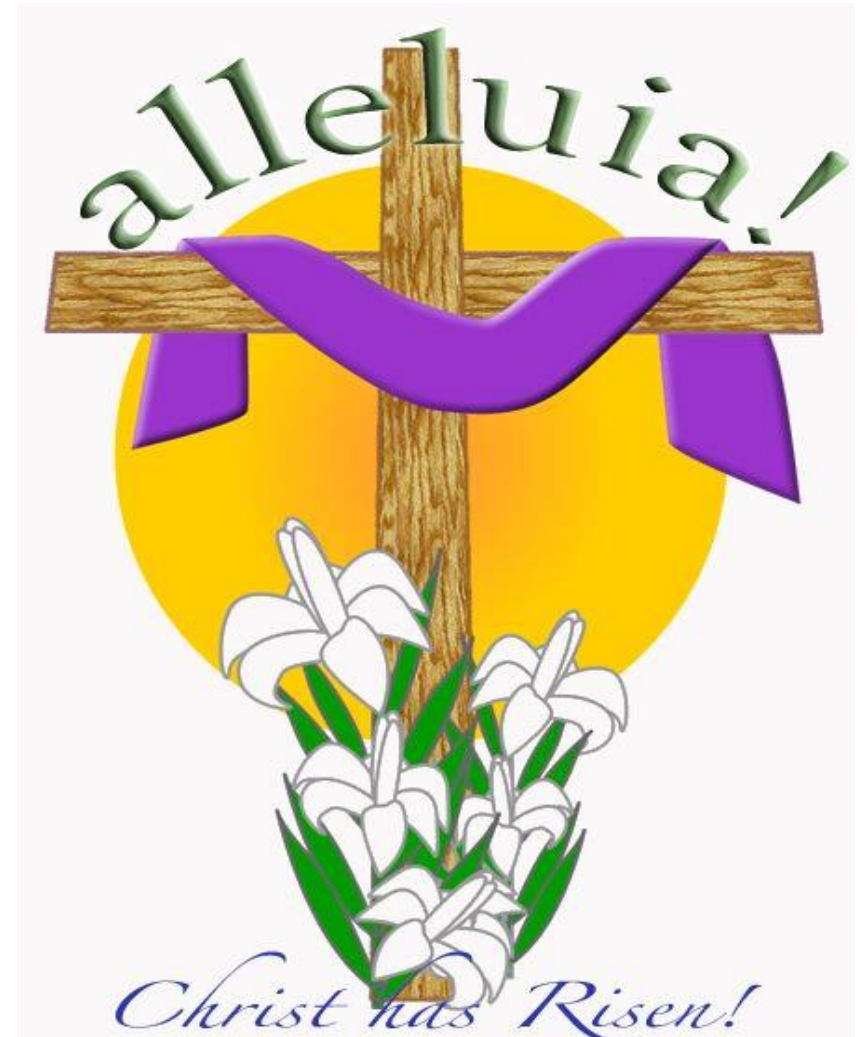
**The Hallelujah Chorus**.....G.F. Handel

• **Postlude - Hornpipe**.....G.F. Handel

The (•) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able.

# Donelson Presbyterian Church

*Sharing the Love of Christ*



April 1, 2018  
Easter

**TODAY AT DPC**

**Worship Leaders:** Paul Casner, Dot Loeffler, Betsy Hail

**Childcare Providers today are:**

**Preschool:** Samantha Bryson

**Helpers:** Katherine Koonce & Ann Koonce

**Head Usher:** Martha Gessler

**Sound/Video:** Tony Pritchett/Donna Pritchett

**Communion Set-up:** Martha Gessler

**Acolytes:** Ethan Hail & Kenneth Hail

**Leader:** Zora Mallory

**Pastoral Care Team:**

**Leaders** – Judy Bass, Debby Barnard

**Ministers** – Amy Blanton, Melanie Caskey, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Grace Lewis,  
Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

*The Paschal candle and floral arrangement are given with love by Brooks & Chelsea Parker in honor and appreciation of the Donelson Presbyterian Church Choir for the light they bring to the life of our church year-round.*

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*The flower arrangement today is given to the glory of God with love from the Donelson Presbyterian Church Worship Committee.*

**April Calendar**

**Sunday, April 1 – Easter**

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Worship-Intinction

**Wednesday, April 4**

No LOGOS and AGAPE

**Sunday, April 8**

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Worship

Liturgist: Amy Allen

CM: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare: Cristin Hambidge  
and Liz Shirley-Odum

**Tuesday, April 10**

10:00 Dot New Circle

Lesson #3

**Wednesday, April 11**

5:00 LOGOS

6:00 AGAPE

7:30 Choir

**Saturday, April 14**

7:30 a.m. - Noon

Church Clean-up Day

**Sunday, April 15 – Bluegrass Sunday**

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Worship

4:30 Committees

6:00 Session

**Wednesday, April 18**

5:00 LOGOS

6:00 AGAPE

7:30 Choir

**Thursday, April 19**

5:30 Men's Group

Location: Sam's Sports Grill  
2001 Lakeshore Dr.  
Old Hickory

**Sunday, April 22**

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Worship

**Wednesday, April 25**

5:00 LOGOS

6:00 AGAPE

7:30 Choir

**Saturday, April 28-rain date**

7:30 a.m. - Noon

Church Clean-up Day

**Sunday, April 29**

9:00 Fifth Sunday Feast  
and Red Cross Blood Drive

10:15 Worship

**NO LOGOS AND AGAPE – April 4**

**Future meeting dates:**

April 11, 18, 25

May 2

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