

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Words of Welcome**

Good shepherd, seek us out,
and bring us again to your fold.
Smile upon us with your favor,
that we may dwell in your house
all the days of our lives,
and praise your name forever. Amen.

- **Sounds of Faith - #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

- **Prayer of Confession**

Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 1

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem - New Heaven, New Earth

And I saw a new heaven and a new Earth
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away
And I saw a new Jerusalem coming down from God on high
Behold, I make all things new

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying
"Behold, the temple of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them"
And they shall be his people and He will be their God
And God himself shall be with them

God shall wipe away every tear
There will be no more death, no more sorrow or crying
And there will be no more pain

And to him who is thirsty will I give water
Freely given from the fountain of life
And he that overcometh shall inherit all these things
I will be his God, and he will be my son

Scripture: Isaiah 65 1-5, 17-25

*I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long, to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'
These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.*

*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well.*

*Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Scripture: John 17:6-11

*"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.
The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God***

Meditation – Memory, The Ground of Hope.....Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler

● **Sounds of Hope - #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

● **Affirmation of Faith**

(Inspired by Philippians 4:7)

Let us give our hearts to God, loving others as he has loved us in Christ. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 - #187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

● **Benediction**

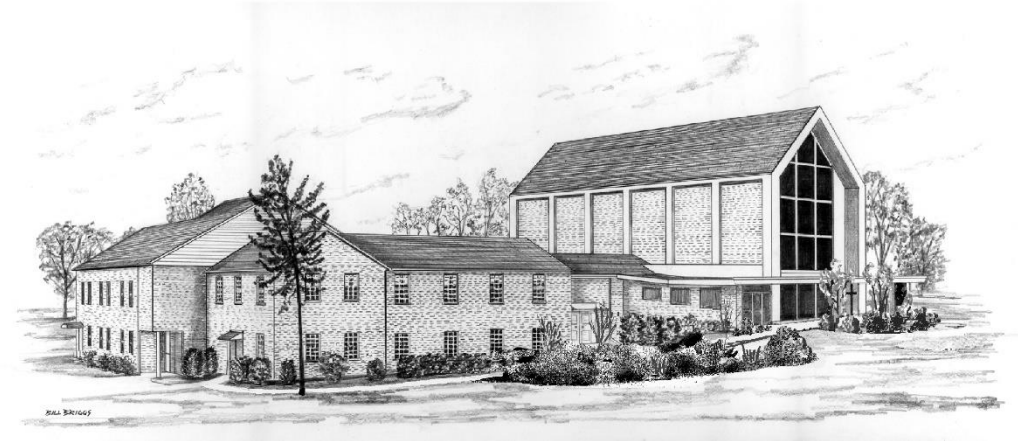
● **Postlude**

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

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Donelson Presbyterian Church

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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