

### Greeting and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)**

When the world around us seems to be shaking,

**God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

When the life within us is dry and parched,

**God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.**

Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

**and teaches us how to serve.**

### Invocation

- **Sounds of Faith – #193 - Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain**

- **Prayer of Confession**

Let us bring our heavy burdens to the Lord, confessing our sins and opening our hearts to God's grace.

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all.**

**Oh, how we long to be first, O God: to climb every ladder, frame every achievement, get every promotion, and obtain every glory.**

**Oh, how we long to be first, O God, and oh, how we dread being last.**

**Forgive us, O humble Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us.**

**Teach us to reframe our priorities.**

**Teach us to be servants first, and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.**

Sing out the message clear and plain: Christ receives sinful people!

Let us have hope, for in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- **Congregational Response - #568 - Amen**

### Children's Message – Tony Pritchett

### Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3 – Liturgist, RJ Mamula

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

### Special Music – Rose Christian, Soloist

### Scripture: Mark 9:3-37

*They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.*

*Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

### Meditation

- **Sounds of Hope – #738 - O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee**

- **Affirmation of Faith (James 3:16-18)**

**Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Amen!**

### Giving and 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 – #300 - We Are One In The Spirit**

- **Benediction**

## Postlude

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

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Please join us today after the worship service to celebrate with Kyle & Katie Baker and their sweet baby girl! Light refreshments will be served.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

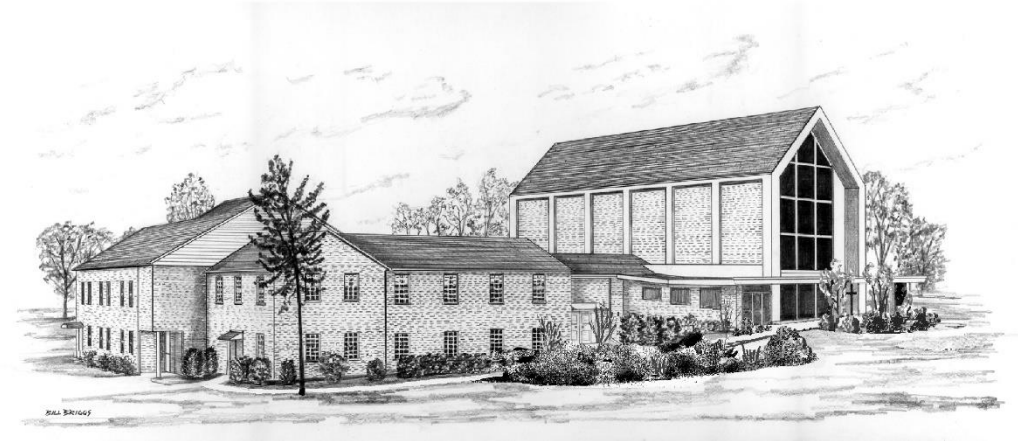
**September 26** – Bluegrass Sunday

**October 12** – Dot New Circle, 10am

**October 21** – Men's Dinner, 5:30pm (place TBD)

# 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.

**September 19, 2021**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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