

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Sing We Now Of Christmas, NOEL NOUVELET

- **Call to Worship**

Let us praise the name of the Lord!

God commanded and we were created.

Leaders and followers, old and young, all of God's beloved children,

all people everywhere as with the angels,

let us come and praise the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Invocation

- **Sounds of Faith** – #132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

- **Prayer of Confession**

We trust that God is merciful and receives our prayers with grace.

In humility, let us confess our sin together.

**Holy God, though we have seen your light in Jesus Christ,
we remain self-centered and cling to the sin of the world.**

**We celebrate the birth of our savior,
yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him.**

**We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you;
yet we are content to seek our own comfort and ignore the cries of those in need.**

**By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness,
as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.**

Christ came to the world to save sinners.

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

- **Congregational Response** – #147 The First Nowell (Refrain)

Children's Message – Colette Dorman

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 148:1-6, Liturgist, Dot Loeffler

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

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

Special Music – Jerry & Colette Dorman

Scripture: I Peter 1:1-10

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look! **The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.***

Meditation

- **Sounds of Hope** – #145 What Child Is This, GREENSLEEVES

- **Affirmation of Faith** (From I Peter 1:13-14)

Therefore, we will prepare our minds for action; disciplining ourselves; setting all our hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring us when he is revealed. Like obedient children, we will not be conformed to the desires that we formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called us is holy, we strive to be holy ourselves in all our conduct.

Giving and Offertory – He Is Born! French Carol/Carter

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** – #147 The First Nowell

- **Benediction**

Postlude – Joy To The World, Handel/Carter

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



January 11 – Dot New Circle, 10am

January 12 – Logos, 5:30pm /Agape, 6:30pm – Revelation Study with Paul Casner

January 19 – Logos, 5:30pm/Agape, 6:30pm – Guest Speaker, Trent Hanner (TN State Library & Archives)

January 20 – Men's Dinner, 5:30pm (Location TBD)

January 26 – Logos, 5:30pm/Agape, 6:30pm

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Lenna Aris, Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Beth Chiles, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

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.

December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

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