

Order of Worship
January 2, 2022 **2nd Sunday of Christmas** **10:15 AM**

Gathering Music - “Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow”, Arr. Mark Hayes
Betty Polk & Brooks Parker, duet

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”, DPC Handbell Choir

● **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us.

Invocation

● **Sounds of Faith** – #150 - As With Gladness, Men of Old

● **Prayer of Confession**

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

In humility, let us confess our sin together.

Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic.

We trade your goodness for ashes.

We trade your peace for control.

We trade your promise for certainty.

Gather us to you and return us to your abundant mercy;

may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls

Christ came to the world to save sinners.

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

● **Congregational Response** - #113 - Angels We Have Heard On High (refrain only)

Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Children’s Message – Martha Gessler

Special Music - “The Shepherd’s Farewell”, Paul Roark, soloist

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-8– Liturgist, Bob Gessler

*For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Special Music - “Jacob’s Star”, Rose Christian, soloist

Scripture: John 1:1-18

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 overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Meditation

● **Sounds of Hope** – #152 - What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

● **Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles Creed)**

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 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.

Giving and Offertory - "Little Drummer Boy", DPC Handbell Choir

The Lord's Supper

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** - #151 - We Three Kings Of Orient Are

• **Benediction**

Postlude - "Go Tell It On The Mountain", DPC Handbell Choir

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

We want to offer our gratitude for the congregation's extremely generous Christmas gifts to us. What a kind and most thoughtful gift you all gave to each of us! We so appreciate your generosity and treasure the opportunity we have to serve such a giving and encouraging congregation. Please know how much we appreciate your gift and each of you! God bless you all,

The Staff, Donelson Presbyterian Church

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 Arris, Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Beth Chiles, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Betty Pope, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

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