

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship**

God, stretching to the heavens—

**God, lofty like the clouds—**

God, mighty like the mountains—

**God, immense like the great deep—**

your salvation is expansive and generous, touching people and creatures alike.

**We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love.**

### Invocation

- **Sounds of Faith** – #13 – The Mighty God With Power Speaks

- **Prayer of Confession**

We trust that God is merciful and receives our prayers with grace. In humility, let us confess our sin together.

**Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people,**

**but our good intentions run out and we come up empty.**

**For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One.**

**Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks,**

**that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation**

**may know your justice and love**

Christ came to the world to save sinners.

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

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

### Children's Message

 – Betty Polk

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 - Liturgist, Melanie Caskey

*What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;  
there is nothing new under the sun.*

*Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?*

*It has already been, in the ages before us.*

*The people of long ago are not remembered,*

*nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them..*

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

### Special Music

 – Thy Will – Carol Battle, soloist

**Scripture:** Romans 8:28-37

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

*As it is written,*

*"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."*

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.***

### Meditation

 – Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope** – Have Thine Own Way, Lord (see insert)

- **Affirmation of Faith**

**Our life's journey is part of a much larger journey, the journey of the human race, that takes place in the hands of God. Only God understands the journey in its fullness. Yet, thanks to Jesus Christ, we may trust that God will work through the journey for the good of all people. God is with us in our journey and will carry us through! May God be praised. 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** – #700 – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

- **Benediction**

### Postlude

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



JANUARY

**January 19** – Book Club (see last week's Weekly Word for all the details), 1:30pm via Zoom

**January 19** – Logos, 5:30pm/Agape, 6:30pm – Revelation Study with Paul Casner

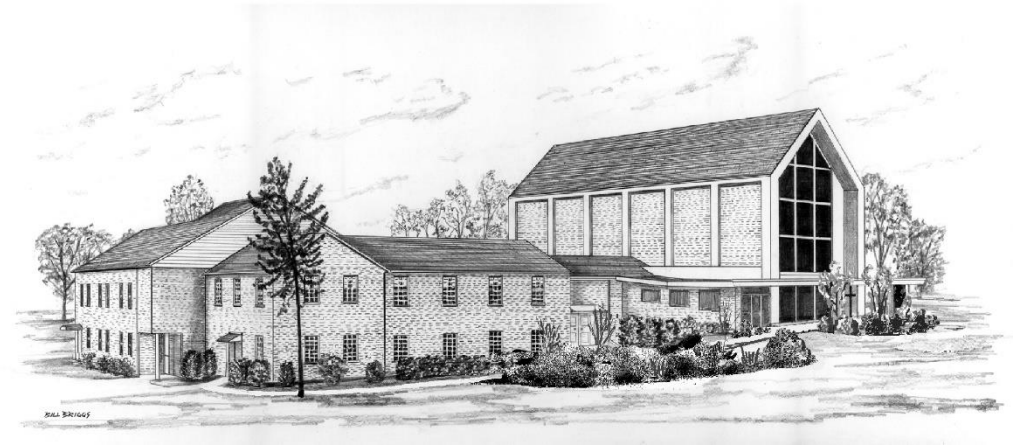
**January 26** – Logos, 5:30pm/Agape, 6:30pm – Revelation Study with Paul Casner

(Please note that the January 20th "Men's Dinner" has been cancelled)

**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.

**January 16, 2022**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

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